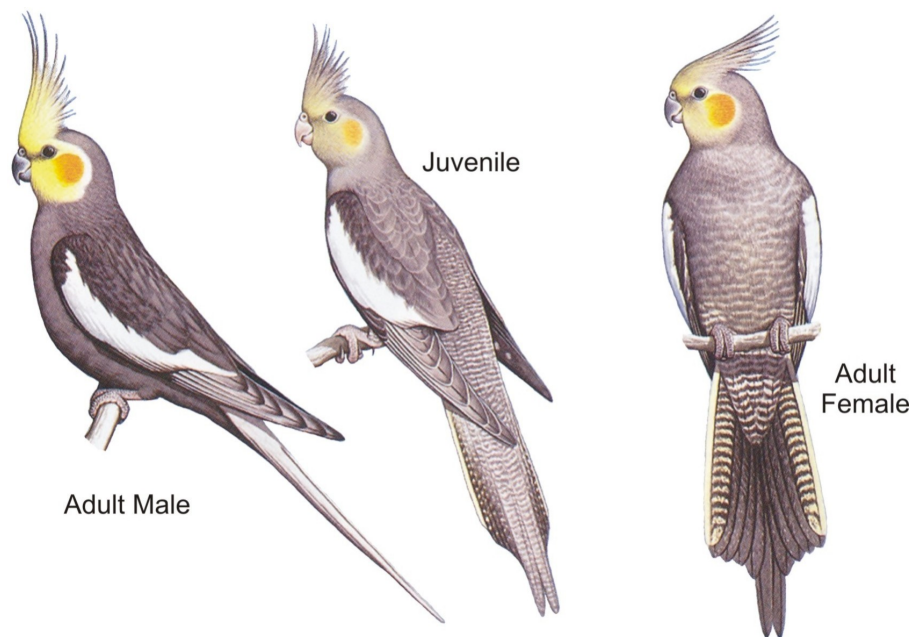


Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*

Species No.: 274 Band size: 24 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	164 – 181 mm	162 -175 mm
Tail:	143 – 178 mm	136 – 166 mm
Weight:	70 – 102 g	78 – 100 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	dark blue-grey, dark grey or grey, often paler grey at base;	horn-grey, bluish horn or whitish-grey tinged brown;
Cere:	grey or dark blue-grey;	dark grey;
Iris:	black, black-brown, dark brown or hazel;	light greyish-brown, pale grey or dark grey-brown;
Orbital ring:	light grey, grey or light blue-grey;	grey;
Legs & feet:	brownish grey, grey or dark grey, or dark blue-grey;	dark grey;
Plumage:	see below;	very similar to adult female, but paler;

Immatures acquire full adult plumage in a complete moult coinciding with post-breeding moult of adults. Thus all adult plumaged birds are aged (1+).

Sexing:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Forehead & crown:	pale yellow;	cream to light grey-brown often with suffusion of pale yellow;
Crest feathers:	dark grey with pale yellow edges;	light grey-brown with pale yellow wash;
Cheek & ear coverts:	pale yellow with large orange patch over ear coverts;	similar to male but more diffuse or indistinct;
Mantle & scapulars:	usually dark brown;	initially dark brown fading to brown;
Back, rump & upper tail coverts:	light grey-brown to brownish-grey;	dark brown to brown with white to yellowish-white narrow bars;
Breast, belly & flanks:	dark grey-brown;	brown, fading to light brown;
Undertail-coverts:	black-brown with no barring;	brown to light grey-brown with barring;

Both sexes incubate.