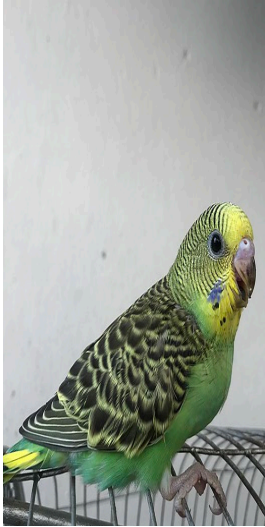


NM 4-H Indoor Birds Greentop

400.B-33 R-18



Objectives: To educate 4-H members about indoor birds. You will learn about the characteristics, differences, anatomy, environments, diseases, identification, and behavior of indoor birds. The project is designed to teach you about how to care for a bird in your home, as it focuses on cage management, nutrition, and expenses associated with owning a pet bird.

Materials Included in this project:

- Indoor Birds Project Manual 100.B-32
- NM 4-H Indoor Birds Project Greentop 400.B-33 (R-18)
- Pet Record Form 300.L-5

Suggested tips for successful project completion:

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before you begin.
- Review needed materials: Pet bird, cage, food, water, gravel, cuttlebone, bird toys.
- Choose the areas about birds in which you wish to study.
- Keep records of the expenses associated with having a bird.
- Keep a log or diary of the activities you participate in which are related to those areas. This will make it easier to complete your record sheet at the end of the 4-H year.
- Attend Project meetings and workshops
- Deliver a demonstration or illustrated talk on your project.
- Complete the record form, and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.

Learning Activities/Topics:

- The anatomy of birds and how they are different from other animals.
- Learn about breeds of pet birds.
- Learn about common bird diseases.
- Show your bird at a local/county fair bird or pet show
- Learn about reproduction of birds •
- Learn to tame your pet bird
- Construct a poster or photo journal of your bird, parts of a bird, cage management, or bird diseases to exhibit at a fair, or achievement day.

Additional info can be found from:

- County Extension Agent
- Club or Project Leader
- Local Pets Store
- Internet
- Library

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