

## Add Up The Flock

**Do your homework and calculate your costs before getting another bird**

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When you already share your home with one or more birds and are considering adding another, make sure you are financially prepared for a new addition. Research what type of bird suits you and your existing pets, and then budget accordingly. Adding a new budgie may not cause a ripple, but the purchase and maintenance of a large bird will have an impact. Before you make the commitment to a new bird, do the math.

Prices for birds often fluctuate depending on availability, time of year and geographic area. In states with numerous breeding facilities, prices may be lower than in states where shipping is figured into the price.

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