

## Bring On The Bling

**See how shiny and colorful toys mesmerize birds of all sizes**

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Ever watch your bird become enthralled with the sparkle of a shiny, new toy, or catch it admiring its reflection in a hanging mirror? Companion birds are fascinated by their surroundings, so provide them a stimulating environment — one that mirrors (no pun intended) their sparkling personalities.

Shiny stain-less steel and acrylic toys, mirrors and bells aren't exactly rampant in the jungle or arid habits many of our parrots originate from, so why do these items catch birds' attention? Readers and bird club members reveal the lure birdie bling.

Many birds go for the real bling, bling. Christiana Mac Knight of California has a hyacinth macaw named Arthur with expensive taste. "He's so attracted to shiny object that whenever anyone holds him I ask them to remove all their jewelry."

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