

## Small & In Charge

**How wild instincts affect your parrotlet's behavior.**

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The most commonly kept species, Pacific parrotlets, originate in dry, desert-like regions located at the base of the Andean mountains. The area is well-known for its harsh conditions and competition for food and nesting space. It also has numerous predators that prey upon parrotlets. For the tiny 4-inch-long parrotlet, developing the skills necessary to survive in these rugged conditions has proved to be one of Nature's success stories.

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