

## Birds USA: The Tao Of Bird Ownership

### Experienced bird people offer advice for newcomers

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Learn to let the little things go.

“One day Cody, our Eclectus, decided to investigate the patio petunias while he was in his harness, enjoying the sunshine on the porch with us. We were talking and didn’t notice he cut off the heads of every one of them in a matter of five minutes tops! You got to be able to let the little things go. It was funny — but we had to replant! “

– Chris Andrews, Michigan

“So your bird screams! Would you get rid of your own child for this? Deal with it and enjoy the many joys our fids bring us.”

– Tim Lacy, Indiana

“Birds don’t always know what you are talking about. If they do something you don’t like, just remove them from the situation. You can’t hold grudges either, birds can sense your mood and they will act the same way you are, you just have to learn to let things go.”

– Briana French, Minnesota

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