

Just My Size

With subtle charm, medium-sized mini macaws, Poicephalus and Pionus parrots take over hearts and homes

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Medium-sized parrots offer a little bit of everything: comedy, acrobats, talking ability, loyalty, and relatively little noise. Three of the most popular and diverse groups of medium parrots include mini macaws and Pionus and Poicephalus parrots. Owners of these birds rave about their charm.

Mad For Mini Macaws

If you're attracted to the personality and fun of large macaws but want something a little smaller — and less noisy — a mini macaw might make a good option. Although these smaller cousins might not be as showy as the larger macaws, they have every bit as much character and appeal. "They are so much fun," said Carmen Stuart of Brightwood Aviaries. "They'll run up to you and pull your pants leg, then do a somersault and do it all over again."

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