

CITES Updates

Species protection status remains unchanged for parrots.

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Cockatiels remain off the CITES list of most threatened species.

The Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora recently released updates to its Appendices of endangered species. Held in Doha, Qatar, in March 2010, the 15th meeting CITES adopted amendments to Appendices I, II and III.

The changes reflect requests by nations to add or remove native species to the Appendices. They will go into effect on June 23. No changes to Psittiformes species were proposed or created.

The Appendices of the convention list species by levels or types of protection from over-exploitation. Appendix I contains the most endangered; Appendix II and III list species that are less threatened.

CITES lists most Psittiformes in Appendix II, however, Appendix I contains 53 species. Psittiformes not listed in the Appendices are budgies, cockatiels, peach-faced lovebirds and ring-necked parakeets.

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