

## Bird Term of the Day: Perch

**Definitions of words used by pet bird enthusiasts with the pet bird slant.**

Courtesy of Marie Cimaglia, New York  
Red-bellied parrot Polly perches prettily.

Perch/perching: (verb) Standing, sitting or resting on an elevated place. Pet birds spend most of their time perching so are prone to foot health problems, such as arthritis or bumblefoot, if they must stand on the exact same perching area all the time without other options. When pet birds perch, their toes curl around the perching area without touching each other in a full circle. The perching area that a pet bird uses is typically called a perch.

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