

## Bird Term Of The Day: Uropygial Gland

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

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Parrots use the oil from their uropygial gland when they groom.

Uropygial gland: (noun) A gland at the underside base of certain avian species' tails that produces secretions birds use to preen feathers and keep them water proofed. The secretions also contain vitamin D precursors. Although found in most parrots, Amazon parrots do not have an uropygial gland.

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