**Sulfur Crested Cockatoo**

*Includes Greater, Triton, Lesser and other subspecies

**Scientific Name:** Cacatua galerita galerita (GSC), Cacatua galerita triton (triton), Cacatua galerita eleonora (MSC), Cacatua sulphurea sulphurea (LSC), Cacatua sulphurea citrinocristata (citron)

**Common Name(s):** Greater Sulfur-crested Cockatoo, Triton Cockatoo, Elenora Cockatoo, Medium Sulfur Crested Cockatoo, Citron Cockatoo

**Origin:** GSC - New Guinea, East coast of Australia, LSC - Sulawesi, Buton Island, Indonesia

**Length:** 16 - 20 inches

**Wing Span:** 18 - 24 inches

**Weight:** 500 - 1000 grams

**Body Color:** They are primarily white with a yellow or "sulfur" colored crest on the top of their head. The underside of the wings and tail is also frequently tinged with yellow. The LSC have a heavier, wider, and less protruding beak, their crest is usually narrower, and the bare skin around their eyes is much whiter.

**Life Span:** 60+ years

**Diet:**

- **Wild:** Seeds, nuts, fruits, berries insects, and larvae.
- **Captive:** Pellets, nuts, fruit, vegetables, seeds, treats.

**Personality:** This bird is a very delightful and sweet tempered. Affection is readily accepted and returned in kind. They are a pet that not only appreciates interaction but requires it. They make good companions but are prone to screaming and feather destruction if neglected or bored. This species is not recommended as a first bird.

**Bite Potential:** Serious, beak pressure approaches that of the large macaws but with a sharper lower beak.

**Sexing:** The iris of the females' eyes may develop a brownish color, the males' eyes will remain black, but to be certain DNA or endoscopy is required.

**Cage Size:** Minimum 40 x 30 x 69 inches. Bar spacing 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches.

**Cost:**

- **Pet Store:** $1300 - $2400
- **Breeder:** $800 - $2000
- **Adoption:** $475 - $750