Umbrella Cockatoo

Scientific Name: *Cacatua alba*

Common Name(s): Umbrella Cockatoo, Great White Cockatoo

Origin: Indonesian islands

Length: 18 - 20 inches

Wing Span: 18 - 24 inches

Weight: 500 - 800 grams

Body Color: Primarily white with long wide crest feathers that resemble an umbrella when raised. The underside of the wings and tail is also frequently tinged with yellow. They have black beaks and dark-grey feet.

Life Span: 60+ years

Diet:

Wild: Seeds, nuts, fruits, berries, insects, and larvae.

Captive: Pellets, nuts, fruit, vegetables, seeds, treats.

Personality: Umbrellas are very social, needing a lot of interaction. They are intelligent, they can learn tricks and be trained. They can imitate human speech, but generally they are not good talkers. Like most cockatoos Umbrella Cockatoos make very loving pets that need lots of attention. They can be quite loud and they are very dusty birds. If neglected, they are prone to screaming and feather destruction. 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: $1500 - $1700

Breeder: $900 - $1200

Adoption: $500