

GET YOUR BIRD BACK!

WHAT TO DO WHEN A PARROT IS LOST



BIRD ESCAPE! FIRST RESPONSE

If your bird has just flown away, do the following in this order

1. **LOOK:** Keep your eye on your bird for as long as you can.
2. **CALL:** Call out to your bird loudly as he is flying.
3. If you have lost site of him, go back and grab your cell phone (and Parrot Escape Kit if you have one.)
4. Walk or run in the direction you last saw him.
5. **LISTEN:** Stop and listen occasionally for him vocalizing.
6. Keep your search within roughly a one mile radius for the first few hours.
7. Look for wild birds mobbing, vocalizing or behaving in ways that suggest an intruder.
8. If possible call for assistance from friends or family.
9. Ask someone to put another bird (preferably one your bird likes) in a small cage and bring it to where you last saw the bird.
10. If you have them with you, start passing out your lost bird flyers and cards.

Step 1-7 should all be happening within the first hour. Steps 8-10 can begin roughly at hour two or later. If you run into people during your search do hand them flyers or cards. However your main focus at this point should be trying to find the bird while he is still close by. Notifying as many people as possible can happen a bit later if necessary, or could be done by friends or family. Your priority is to keep your eyes and ears open for your bird. These first few hours are critical in locating your bird and being out there searching is the most important task.

If at step 2 you do have site of your bird, but do not have what you need to help you get your bird back. You have a few options. If you have your phone, call for some assistance. Either you or a friend can watch the bird while you gather your kit. If you do not have your phone, see if a neighbor will let you borrow theirs, or help with bird watching duties. The most important thing at this point is to not lose sight of the bird.

