

# Black Pine Animal Park

## Animal Facts

Breed: GOFFIN'S COCKATOO

Names / Sex / Age:

Fred	M	11
Pierre	M	27

Previous Home: Fred was in multiple private homes before being adopted by Black Pine. Pierre was also a house pet that required a new home when his owner passed away and family were unable to keep him.

Native to: Indonesia

Weight: Up to about one pound.

Life Expectancy: 65 years or more.

Status: Threatened

Diet: Seeds, nuts, berries, fruit, insects. At Black Pine, fruit, veggies, nuts, seeds, and commercially prepared parrot maintenance pellets.

Facts:

- Like all cockatoos, has a crest of feathers on its head it can raise and lower
- When raised, the crest looks a little like a horn, while when lowered the feathers blend in with it's head and neck
- This species is the smallest of all cockatoos
- Generally, these birds are very quiet
- They can learn to mimic sounds
- They are considered "needy" birds and can be very loud when not given attention

Personal History:

Fred was rescued by a caring family from conditions where he was not well cared for. In the summer of 2005 he was permanently placed at Black Pine by this caring family who had given him temporary shelter. They continue to send money to help provide for Fred and ensure he received new toys and lots of attention. Fred, also called "Freddie", is unpredictable and untrusting of people. It takes a lot of time to build his trust so even tending to his cage is risky for new keepers.

Fred also plucks his own feathers. This behavior is common in all large birds, including cockatoos, and develops as a nervous habit when there is not enough enrichment to keep the bird entertained and stimulated. This is an unfortunate result of keeping a bird like this captive without proper care. Once this habit starts, there is nothing to do to stop it.

Pierre came to the park in early 2007 after his owner passed away and family members were not able to keep the bird. When family members noticed Pierre was beginning to pluck out his feathers they realized he was bored and required more attention then they could provide. By

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being housed next door to Fred, and near so many other birds, the stimulus has prevented him from continuing to pluck.

In 2009 the wall separating Fred and Pierre was opened up so they could be together. The introduction went very well and now the birds can be seen preening each other and hanging out together.