

## To do list

- ❑ Offer a reward but don't specify amount
- ❑ Use social media- Facebook/get friends and relatives to share
- ❑ Contact lost and found sites-local/regional/national  
[www.parrotalert.com/](http://www.parrotalert.com/)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/LostandfoundparrotsUK/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LostandfoundparrotsUK/)
- ❑ Contact SSPCA
- ❑ Contact Police
- ❑ Contact local radio station
- ❑ Contact any buildings that your bird may have gone to- shops/centres/golf courses/parks/schools
- ❑ Contact local dog walkers
- ❑ Contact local vets
- ❑ Make up leaflets and distribute
- ❑ Above all DO NOT GIVE UP

## Recovered your lost parrot

- We recommend you take it to see an avian vet asap. It could have been injured, bitten by another animal, dehydrated so it is important that the bird is properly health assessed
- It would be wise considering microchipping your parrot too.



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# Lost parrots guide

## Lost your Parrot

- Did you see where it went? Time? Nearest area? Nearest building?
- If daytime, search high and low. Get friends/relatives to help. If night time the bird will not move but the search must restart at first light
- Take a cat carrier and water/nuts with you
- Make sure your phone is fully charged.
- Play parrot noises on the phone
- Never give out ring/microchip details
- Use the to do list

[www.parrottrustscotland.org.uk](http://www.parrottrustscotland.org.uk)

 [www.facebook.com/ParrotTrustScotland](http://www.facebook.com/ParrotTrustScotland)

### If you find your bird

Keep calm. It will be scared. It may not automatically fly to you. Let it see you, shout its name. This could take time so be prepared for that. Sit down at an angle so it can see you (birds fly down at an angle). Eat food, try and coax it down. Be aware that using ladders/fire brigade can make it fly away as it will be scared of the noise.

### What to do if you find a parrot or pet bird

Catch the bird without spooking it – approach slowly and carefully, offer food and water, speak quietly and make no sudden movements. Not all birds will be used to strangers approaching them with their hands and some may be more comfortable stepping onto your arm. Place the bird somewhere safe (enclosed and indoors) as soon as possible. You may need to use a towel to catch the bird if they are frightened, by placing this over them gently, then wrapping the bird up until safely indoors.

Check for any obvious injuries or bleeding wounds. Even if the bird appears OK, they will need a health check to look for any injuries or evidence of dehydration or infection. Check for the presence of a ring on the legs and if possible read the number on the ring. Ideally, take the bird to a veterinarian as soon as possible. They will be able to scan the bird for a microchip.

Do not give out the details of a ring or microchip unless the person knows the details which matches the bird you have found. If you do not have an avian vet nearby, you can call the SSPCA for help with a stray bird. SSPCA officers will be able to help catch the parrot if you are unable to do this.

Fresh food and water should be offered immediately. Access to water should be unlimited. If you do not have parrot food (such as pellets or seed mixture) available then offer fresh fruit – berries, apples, banana and vegetables such as peppers are often a favourite and will entice many parrots. Small amounts of toast or bread can be offered as well as porridge made with water.

To help find the owner of the stray parrot, post on social media with the date and location the parrot was found. You can share a photo of the bird but if it has any defining features (such as a missing toe) try to avoid these being published as this may be the only way for the owner to prove ownership. If the bird has a ring, leave this out of the photo. Post on facebook, instagram, twitter as much as possible and ensure they are public so other followers can share. Contact the SSPCA to advise them of the lost parrot as they will have records of any missing parrots in the area. Contact your local vets as well as avian vets as the owner may have reported the parrot missing. Post a 'found' advert in a local newspaper.