

Sexing Cockatiels

When you only have one bird it can be confusing as to which sex it is. Many owners have had quite a shock when the bird they have been calling Harry for a couple of years suddenly starts laying eggs. In fact it is very hard to sex young Cockatiels. Some old wives tale that aren't true include males having brighter cheek patches **FALSE**, spots, lack of spots on the feathers under the wings means it's a male **FALSE**. A breeder may be able to confirm the sex of a bird for you depending on the genetics of the particular bird. If this is not possible the only sure way is to observe their behaviour to distinguish cock from hens