

Bronze Winged Pionus Profile

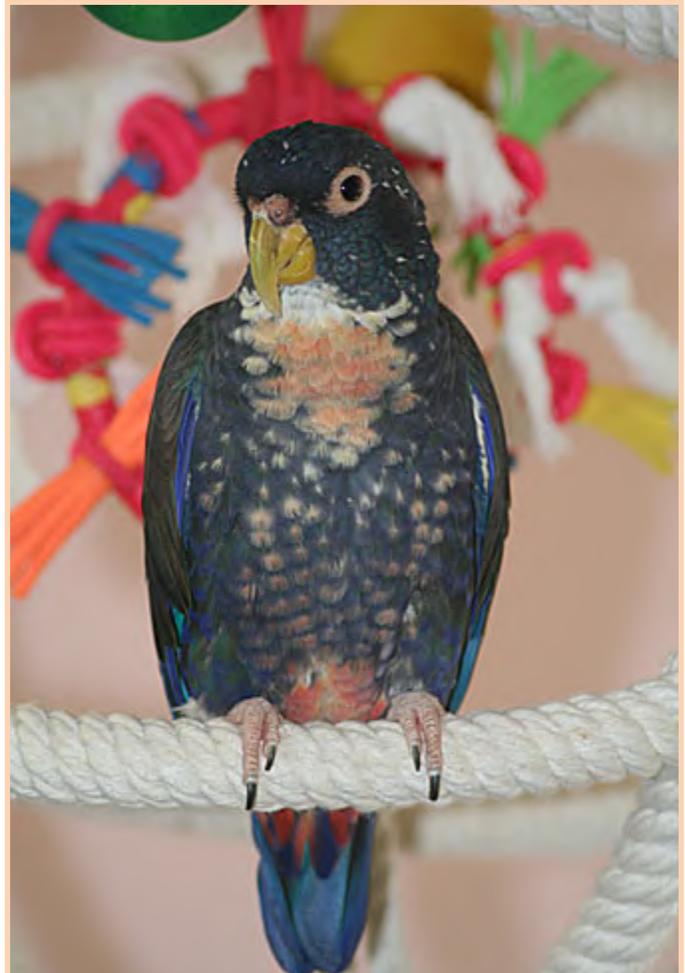
The Bronze Wings general appearance is a subtle violet-blue, first impression in low lighting is dull looking, the most beautiful colors appear in the sun light, and this species has many colors that you don't notice at first glance. The Bronze Winged is sweet as all the other species of Pionus. They are pet quality and they talk about like the Maximilian. They have become more popular over the past 5 years due to their colors and availability, although needing to be bred more, they are not that plentiful. The Bronze Wings are a little shy and bashful. They are the hardest to breed in the Pionus family next to the Dusky Pionus.

The Bronze Winged Pionus makes a great pet companion. The Bronze Wing loves to play with toys and you will often see them hanging upside down more so than other Pionus.

You may find that some Bronze Wings have a light skin tone colored eye ring and some have a peachy to orange like color. Some say it is a maturity thing but not all mature Bronze wings have the peachy colored eye rings. Some say it may show darker during breeding season. The specie type of Bronze Wing may have more to do with it than anything. You will see too that the peachy coloring on the upper chest will vary too from one Bronze Wing to another. The top of the wings has a bronze look which is not always evident unless in good lighting. There are many colors in the Bronze Wing Pionus.



Bronze Winged Pionus: "Zazula"
Owner: Jason of Las Vegas, Nevada



Bronze Winged Pionus: "Rainbow"
Owner: Liz of Ontario, Canada

Adult Weight ranges from 220 to 245 grams. All birds vary in weight; you should weigh your bird weekly.

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Technical Descriptions



Description: violet-blue; head and nape bronze-brown, feathers broadly edged dark violet-grey; chin white; throat dull pink; back, rump and shoulder feathers dark bronze-green with blue edging; breast and abdomen dark green broadly edged with dark violet-blue; under tail-coverts red; wing-coverts bronze-brown; primary-coverts and primaries purple-blue; tail dark blue, outer feathers with red base; bill yellowish horn-color; skin to periophthalmic ring dull to dark pink; iris brown; feet flesh-colored.

Off springs: with greenish head and back, breast and abdomen feathers with dark green edging.

Length: 29 cm (11.5 ins) (wing 190 - 205 mm or 7.5 - 8.1 ins)

Distribution: Andes of Colombia (except Nariño) and furthest northwest Venezuela.

Habitat: forest of tropical and sub-tropical zones between 500 m (1,500 ft) and 2000 m (6,000 ft); occasionally higher or lower; regular visitor to cleared and partially deforested areas. **Status:** common in localities.

<< Bronze Winged Pionus: "Nietz" - Owner: Kim of Lexington, Kentucky

Habits: in pairs or small groups outside breeding season; flies swiftly and often for great distances; noisy during flight; call shrill.

Natural diet: seeds; probably also fruits, berries and flowers of trees.

Breeding behavior: breeding season from April; nests in hollows in dead trees; egg measures 29,3 x 23,7 mm (1.15 x 0.93 ins).

Aviculture: quiet to medium-noisy; not particularly hard chewer; nonetheless provide fresh branches regularly; shy and reticent; occasionally susceptible to stress; during acclimatization also susceptible to cold and fungal infection; occasionally male plucks female; particularly on head.

Accommodation: aviary min. 2,5 x 1 x 2 m (7.5 x 3 x 6 ft); minimum temperature in winter 5°C (41°F).

Diet: various fruit and vegetables; good, varied seed mix; sprouted seed in spring and early summer; fresh branches with buds; regular mineral supplements; rearing food or dog chow, quark (cottage or soft cheese) before and during breeding.

Breeding in aviculture: regularly achieved; breeding begins April; 4 to 5 eggs; incubation starts after second egg laid; incubation 26 days; fledging period 60 days; nest box 25 x 25 x 50 cm (10 x 10 x 20 ins).