

## Dusky Pionus Profile

The Dusky Pionus Specie is harder to find in aviculture and is bred by few breeders at this time, but eventually they will be easier to find as time goes on. I have had the Dusky Pionus now for about 4 to 5 years now and still I have not had any success with the pairs. They tend to fight and argue causing a separation period, this is my experience and what's more one male kills females so with that said; the male can no longer be paired with a female or a male. Finding the right compatible male and female is the key factor. Now I see why there are few Dusky Pionus in today's pet trade.



There are numerous people that keep the Dusky Pionus as pets throughout the United States. Dusky owners seem to love their personality. They can talk some about the same as the other Pionus species. The Dusky personality is inquisitive and observing.

The Dusky coloration on the front can vary from one to another I've noticed. Some have more of the dull pink than others. The top of their body on wings and down the tail is a slate bluish gray and but what makes them strikingly beautiful is their pink like mauve color down the front of their chest to the underside of their tail. The underneath side of their wings have a pretty deep blue as the under tail section does as well. The Duskyies are about the same size as the White Capped

Pionus. One unique thing you see on the Dusky that you do not see on any of the other Pionus specie is on the cere of their nose are tiny little red feathers and upon a quick glance your first thought is they are bleeding.

The Dusky pictured to the right is named "Quinn" and her owner Dianne of Kansas says she is a feisty girl! Quinn loves her toys and is playful but not willing to share. Kei shown below is much like Quinn, playful and loves to explore. Kei loves his toys and his owner Allison loves to keep him busy!



Adult Weight ranges from 190 to 225 grams. All birds vary in weight; you should weigh your bird weekly.

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### *Technical Descriptions*



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