Welcome Center

Important Functions and Navigation Tips

Useful links in the The main Menu:

Board Terms, Conditions and Rules – Please become familiar with them
Blogs – You can create your very own blog. There also lots of blogs to read though too
Shout box – say "hi" or chat to other members. Competition announcements are also made in the shout box so keep an eye out for the latest news.
Budgie FAQ – A very important area to get lots of information in relation to your budgies health, nutrition and care.
Members – search for members and view their profiles
Search – Searches the entire BBC forum.
Help – Helpful help topics and information of how to use the special features of the forum.

Personal Menu:

Logged is as: username (log Out) - click on your username to view your profile.
My Controls – Edit all your personal information and personalise the way you view the forums.
View New Posts - View the topics that are currently active since your last visit.
My Friends – View members who are on your friends list
 # New Messages – Click here to open your personal messenger.

Viewing forums/ View new posts

When you browse the different forums or click "view new posts" you will see lists of the different topics displayed. An example shown in image below.

Each folder colour/type has a different meaning for each topic. These are as follows

Topics that you have posted a reply to have folder icons that looks like one of these

Quick links and easier navigation.

Click this icon to jump to the newest post/s since you last read the topic – if you haven't read the topic before, it will take you to the first post.

This symbol shows next to a topic title when there is more than one page of replies. You can click on the numbers to jump directly to that page.

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This symbol shows how many pages a particular topic has. This one has 26 pages. You can click on the numbers to jump to pages 1,2,3 or 26. If you want to view page 16 for example click on the icon circled below.

That brings up a box that you can enter the page number you with to view.

Alternatively you can also jump to any page once reading a topic using the link circled in the below image

Topic Viewing Options

At the top of each topic there is a "Options" link (circled in image below)

When you click on "options" it displays a menu of the available options for this topic.

Track this Topic - Forum subscriptions will notify when new topics have been made and topic subscriptions notify when a reply has been made.
Email this topic – Opens a personal message containing a link to the topic, ready to send to your chosen recipients.
Print this topic – Allows you to print the topic
Download this topic – gives you a different ways you can save a copy of the topic to your computer
Subscribe to this forum – similar to tracking the topic, but forum subscriptions will notify when new topics have been made and topic subscriptions notify when a reply has been made.

The display modes are:

Switch to: Outline – Displays only the first post in full, then all replies thereafter are only a brief outline. An example of this view pictured below.

Switch to: Standard – Returns view to normal again.
Switch to: Linear+ - Displays the first post for the topic at the top of each page of replies. All replies are shown in full in this view mode.

In-topic Member quick links

Next to each reply you see the members name, rank, avatar, and some brief details about him/her. An example shown below.

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Click on the members name (circled above) to view quick links to this member (shown below)

Using this menu you can:

View Member Profile – takes you to their detailed profile page
Add/Remove Friend – click to add/remove the member as your friend
Send Message – opens a personal message addressed to the member
Find Members Topics – Displays all the topics the member has created in all the forums.
Find Members Posts – Displays all the posts the member has made on all the forums.

Hiding categories in the main forum list.

If there are particular topics you are not interested in (for example "Show Budgerigars") you can hide it by clicking on the little "-" icon circled below

It will turn that category into a minimized form shown below
You can then click on the little "+" circled below to restore the category.

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