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The purpose of this article is to give you general taming tips to members of the BBC forum based on their experience and also from my own personal experience taming my budgie and Merlin (who came from a private home).

### **Before you decide you want to tame your budgie consider a couple different factors.**

Hand raised baby budgies are easier to tame  
Pet store budgies will need more patience and time, plus assessing their age group  
Older budgies will need more patience and time  
Abused or rescued budgies that have been untamed for a long time are not fully tame but with patience you can build a trusting relationship

Think about this and decide what you want out of taming your budgie? There are different degrees of tame budgies.

Do you want a budgie that is “glued” to you and that always giving kisses and giving him 100% attention.

Do you want a budgie that talks?

Or are you looking for companions that will step-up when you come to the cage doors

Do you want a budgie that you can let out who can entertain you or with you all the time?

When you are working on taming a budgie there is **no** one size should be met. All budgies are different. For example, a budgie already tame and is the perfect companion or you may have a budgie that hasn't had any human interaction except for people. A baby budgie in a pet store might soon become "wild" if nothing happens.

When you first bring your budgie home let your new budgie go through the taming process. This is what I personally did when I got my first budgie. Before he arrived I made sure his cage was secure and I put him in the cage I kept him in a quiet room with no other birds for a few days. I also kept his cage covered on all three sides to make him feel the safest. After 2 days I slowly started to bring the cage completely uncovered. This took about a week. Some budgies form a relationship with humans, for others it could take more time until he becomes more comfortable with his surroundings. It's a little everyday. We suggest that you keep your budgie in the cage until he is comfortable in his own cage first. Once it is best to wait until he has learnt how to step-up. It's best to have hands out of the cage unless you are working on taming him and water because your big hand is very scary for the budgie and predator they don't know whether to trust you or not.

**One common mistake** people make is that they feed the budgie away and the bird lets you stroke him that he likes it, then the budgie backs up, freezes or starts to pant, your budgie is not tame.

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because they don't move this is acceptance of you to your bird begins to trust you will he let you scratch his usually move it around just as preening birds that pre perfect spot. Stroking their back and stomach areas a touched and if you can stroke their belly or back on a they are most likely just frozen scared.

**How long will it take to tame my budgie?** Unders weeks, months and even years; it really depends on t adopt an older scared bird you may find, sadly, that y bird. So before you purchase or adopt a rescued budg decision. This should not deter you way from adopting owning a pet it is your responsibility to give your pet a news is that even very wildest budgie, with patience a if you are consistent on a daily basis; though the degr

**Should I clip or not clip to tame my budgie?** This read [To clip or not to clip?](#) about the pros and cons. I and reading up on wing clipping that taming your bud than a budgie with unclipped wings. Both my birds we then I let them grow out. The difference in the attitude clipped is like night and day at times. Once your bird i grow out although many people keep their birds clipp but for taming purposes you will find it is easier to tan you but for the bird as well. Chasing a flighted bird ar stressful for the bird and you and, in all reality, is not into a window or a wall and may get injured.

[First Steps of Training:](#)

**Building Trust:** This is the first step when you are w to know that you will not hurt it in any way. The best v budgie daily. Many articles say 15 minutes a day is all untrue. I always advise members to spend as much ti your budgie. The more you work with your budgie, on trust with your new friend. This time can be spent all i into shorter periods throughout the day. When your b feeling.

There are many different ways you can form a trustin to them all the time when they are in and out of their smaller cage and I could move it I would take him from always by us. Do not push training if you find they are immediately. They are simply not ready.

**Food as a Training Tool:** Food is a huge motivator, such as millet sprays it speeds up the bond. If your bu that is OK, they don't know if you are giving them poi with them, and are around them, the more they will r take a nibble. It takes time! Don't expect them to aut that snatch food, they must trust you first. Always fee Many times you will see pictures of people feeding bu actually harmful for the bird. Human saliva has bacter

**Learning to Step Up:** The step-up command is the r teach your budgie. Teaching your bird to step-up will l the room when it is time to go back in their cage, or if danger, or for doing a visual examination of your bird

Remember your hand is huge compared to a budgie s at first. The majority of budgies love millet this is a w use millet as a training treat in the beginning. You ma your hand initially. If your budgie is really scared of y between the cage bars. Your budgie will feel safer and millet. Once your budgie feels comfortable eating the bars you can then open up the door and slowly offer it



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great place to be. They are close to you, it is comfortable house with you. Before you teach your budgies to sit on your shoulder sure they are comfortable stepping-up and also being on your shoulder. Once you get them to sit on your shoulder you will find your budgie step-up and then simply put your finger in front of the budgie. The budgie will do 1 of 3 things. One he will hop on, two he will sit on your finger. If he jumps on your shoulder reward him, if he sits on your finger reward him and then when he reaches for it gently help him sit on your finger. If he jumps on your shoulder reward him, if he sits on your finger reward him and then when he reaches for it gently help him sit on your finger. I found once I taught both my birds to sit on my shoulder they automatically jumped up on my shoulder when I stepped up to my shoulder and you can talk to him without him being fearful. If he is ready to fly then you can start moving around the room for good behavior. If he flies off, try again. Remember 10-15 minutes long and if you find he is stressing out stop training for a while. A word of caution that you make sure doors are closed and that you remember your bird is on your shoulder when you go outside. There has been many a bird that has escaped and they forgot and walked outside.

**Training my budgie to sit on my head:** It is recommended that budgies be perched higher than eye level to their owners. This gives them a sense of feeling dominant. Dominancy in a bird can create bad behavior. Their highest perch should be eye level to you. It is not recommended to like your bird to sit on your head. Word of precaution is to not train on owner's heads and their owner doesn't realize they are on their head and walk outside and off goes the bird. So if you decide to train on your head just remember he is there.

**Training my budgie to talk:** You will find a lot of people that claim that they will teach your bird how to talk. You can't teach a budgie to talk. I left it and Pretty did talk. All I did was talk to him daily and over first thing in the morning, whenever I stopped talking I simply talked to him all the time. I found that first they will talk then if they are meant to talk they will start garbling when you are trying to talk but you are not sure if they are talking or not. When they start talking they will pick up more and more at a fast pace. Pretty was saying "pretty bird", "pretty pooty", "stink bird" and other of different rhymes that were silly but he picked them up. If another bird will my bird stop talking? My experience is that they never started back up. He would still mimic the whistling. On a rare occasion if your bird has a strong bond with you, they will not stop talking and even teach the other budgies to talk.

**Will my budgie ever talk and do males talk better than females?** Both males and females will pick up talking better, but because males are more dominant they mean that he will talk. If you are getting a budgie because you don't adopt a bird because there is more to a bird than just talking. Budgies have been known to talk. In the wild male budgies sing most of the songs, whistling etc...females are known to talk but not, a budgie is a wonderful companion.

**Working with a older or more skittish budgie:** When you may find many articles that state that birds over time become skittish budgies are impossible to tame. This is untrue. The key with any bird is first and far most the most important thing is that you have gained the birds trust the rest will come into play. If the bird is scared, may strike back and bite out of fear, run from you. If you have trust first. Use the steps above to gain your bird's trust. If you have more but with patience and time you will find that you can work with your bird. One thing to keep in mind is that all birds are different so if you are looking for the super tame budgie adopt a budgie that you but in a rare occasion you may find that extra special budgie.

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