**African Grey Parrot**

**Native to:** Central Africa From Dry Savannah Forest to Rain Forest

**Predators:**  Snakes, Lizards, other birds, medium predatory mammals, humans

**Food:** Fruits, Seeds, Nuts, Leaves,

**Facts:**

* They are a medium sized parrot weighing in at a little less than 1lb in weight and measuring about 13 to 15 inches in length.
* African Greys are the smartest of the parrot family they have an intelligence equivalent to a 8 year old human child and learn a vocabulary of almost 300 words or phrases and can solve problems using cognitive problem solving capabilities.
* They are darker color parrot because they spend much of their time in the wild foraging for food on the bottom of the forest floors where they live. They darker colors are excellent camouflage for this natural behavior.
* African Grey parrots lay from 3 to 5 eggs in the wild around the end of dry season in the wild they take up to 30 days to incubate the eggs.
* They are one of the most well studied species of bird in captivity for intelligence and cognitive reasoning studies.
* Due to extensive harvesting of the birds in wild for the pet trade over the last 30 years and major loss of their natural habitats the African Grey Parrot as of 2016 is listed as an endangered species in the wild.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Dark Color Feathers for Camouflage.
* Mimicking other animal sounds

**Reproduction:**

* Have a clutch size from 3 to 5 chicks and mate yearly at the end of the dry season.

**Lifespan:** Between 40 to 60 yrs

**Handling Tips:**

Jobu will generally step up for any person that asks him. Just make sure you are aware of the surrounding and sounds occurring in the area you are holding him.