

Ornithology - Day 66

1. Most wild parrots are highly _____.

- a) colorful
- c) social

- b) nervous
- d) excitable

2. What do they use their vocalizations for besides mating and territorial displays?

3. What is the function of 'contact calls?' _____

4. What are two physical features that parrots have which allow them to make a greater variety of sounds than songbirds?

a) _____

b) _____

5. Parrot brains contain interconnected regions that allow them to hear, remember, produce, and modify complex sounds. Songbirds have only one area like this. Most parrots seem to have _____.

6. Do parrots understand what they are saying? _____

Answers

1. c) social
2. answers may vary, including coordinating group movements or forming social bonds
3. interacting and staying in contact when other members of the group are out of sight
4. a) flexible, powerful tongues
b) flexible jaw joints
5. answers may vary: two, more, an additional one
6. answers may vary but some parrots seem to use their words in an appropriate context, so at least some parrots seem to understand what they are saying and when to use specific words and phrases