ARE QUAKER PARROTS LEGAL IN MY STATE?

All of the following information is from the Quaker Parakeet Society website.

Legal, Illegal & Restricted States Listing

Where can you own a quaker parrot?

- **Alabama** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Alaska** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Arizona** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Arkansas** - Legal with no restrictions
- **California** - Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions
- **Colorado** - Colorado Wildlife ARTICLE VIII regarding POSSESSION, Prohibited Species, reads: >>The following terrestrial wildlife species or viable gametes (eggs and sperm) are hereby determined to be detrimental to existing wildlife and their habitat in Colorado, and except as authorized in writing by the Division of
Wildlife in accordance with criteria in Commission Regulation #1102A.4. and consideration of the potential for and adverse impacts of hybridization with native wildlife, their possession is prohibited. Persons who have proof of possession of those species listed in subsections 1 through 8 of this section prior to September 1, 1990, may possess the following species for the life of the animal(s). These live animals may not be transported, imported, sold, bartered or traded within Colorado. They may be transported out of state according to state and federal regulations. All animals held under the grandfather clause must be tagged, recorded, and reported as per regulations #1106, #1109, and #1110 in Chapter 11. 1. All species and hybrids of wild species in the subfamily Caprinae not native to North America. 03/14/02 12. Monk parakeet - (Myiopsitta monachus)

- Connecticut - It appears that this state has made it illegal to own, breed, sell, transport Quaker Parrots in the state and that efforts are being made to remove Quaker Parakeets from their dangerous species listing.

Bill: HB5804 - An Act Concerning Monk Parakeets
Intent (Pertaining to Monk Parakeets): The bill prohibits catching or killing a monk parakeet, or attempting to do either. By law, violators of bird protection laws are subject to a fine between $10 and $200, up to 30 days in prison, or both. Each bird killed or possessed is a separate offense (CGS § 26-98). (This bill has passed)

(a) No person shall catch, kill or purchase or attempt to catch, kill or purchase, sell, offer or expose for sale or have in possession, living or dead, any wild bird other than a game bird, or purchase or attempt to purchase, sell, offer or expose for sale or have in possession any part of any such bird or of the plumage thereof except as acquired under the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of this section, the following shall be considered game birds: The anatidae, or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks and geese; the rallidae, or rails, including coots, gallinules and sora and other rails; the fclimicolae, or shore birds, including snipe and woodcock; the gallinae, including wild turkeys, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridge and quail; the corvidae, including crows. No person shall take or destroy any nest or any egg of any wild bird or game bird. No person shall possess any nest or egg of any wild or game bird. English sparrows, starlings and, when found depredating ornamental trees, agriculture crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to constitute a public health or public safety hazard, crows, rock doves, monk parakeets and brown-headed cowbirds shall not be included among the birds protected by this [section] subsection. Any conservation officer and any other officer having authority to serve criminal process shall have the same powers relating to violations of the provisions of this section as are conferred by section 26-6, as amended. (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, no person shall catch or kill or attempt to catch or kill a monk parakeet.

- Delaware - Legal without restrictions
- Florida - Legal with no restrictions
- Georgia - Prohibited as pets. Considered "wild animal". Breeding allowed with breeder's license ($236 annually) if bred for wholesale exportation. Transport
across state lines is legal; no notice required if travel through Georgia is less than 24 hours duration.
• **Hawaii**-Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions
• **Idaho** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Illinois** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Indiana** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Iowa** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Kansas** -Law states ownership is legal with a permit; however, the state has no forms for a permit application and the Department of Fish and Wildlife will not issue one......(stalemate) -- State considering opening Monk ownership - Results TBA
• **Kentucky** -Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions
• **Louisiana** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Maine** -Legal with approved permit; but they are reluctant to issue any
• **Maryland** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Massachusetts** Legal with no restrictions

SENATE BILL S 147 - (full text) AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF UNWEANED BABY BIRDS HEARING DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 10:00 AM Massachusetts State House, Room B-2 Bill's sponsor: Senator Mike Morrisey

SECTION 1. Section 136A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 official edition is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “shelter” with the following: “Unweaned Bird”, A bird who is not accustomed to feeding itself without its mother being present. Section 2. Section 138A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after line 32 the following new paragraph: No commercial establishment, pet shop, firm or corporation shall import into the commonwealth for sale or resale in the commonwealth any Unweaned Bird; provided that the Department of Food and Agriculture shall determine when Unweaned birds shall be deemed eligible for sale; provided further that the Department of Food and Agriculture shall promulgate rules and regulations as to what age and size each species of bird must be before said Unweaned Bird can be sold or transported into the Commonwealth; provided further that said rules and regulations shall be reviewed on an annual basis
• **Michigan** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Minnesota** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Mississippi** - Legal with no restrictions
• **Missouri** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Montana** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Nebraska** -Legal with no restrictions
• **Nevada** - Legal with no restrictions
• **New Hampshire** -Legal with no restrictions Importing allowed with permit and certification.
• **New Jersey** - Legal ownership granted via permit after STRICT criteria are met (Wow, check out these laws! ) Section:7:25-4.8 "Potentially dangerous
species" Quakers are included, listed as "potentially dangerous"........and cannot be kept as pets, but there are efforts currently being made to have Quaker Parakeets removed from the dangerous species listing.

**new info:**


Intent: Removes monk parakeet from list of potentially dangerous species. Effect: This bill would provide that the monk parakeet (Myiopsitta spp.) shall not be considered or listed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or any other State agency as a potentially dangerous species. This means the bird can be kept and bred within the State. The bill also would provide that any feral monk parakeet, including any nest or egg thereof, must be protected by the DEP, any other State agency, and any local governmental entity in the same manner and to the same extent as any nongame species of bird indigenous to the State that is protected by the "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," any other applicable State law, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

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- **New Mexico** - Legal with no restrictions
- **New York** - ALL pet birds must be banded to be sold retail, or to be boarded at a pet shop (they can be confiscated from a pet store if not banded). There is NO form of registration.
- **North Carolina** - Legal with no restrictions
- **North Dakota** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Ohio** - Legal if wings are kept clipped (law passed June, 1996)
- **Oklahoma** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Oregon** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Pennsylvania** - Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions (will euthanize)
- **Rhode Island** - Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions
- **South Carolina** - Legal with no restrictions
- **South Dakota** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Tennessee** - Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions
- **Texas** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Utah** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Vermont** - Ownership legal with no specific restrictions. Importing: All psittacine birds imported into Vermont must be banded, microchipped or have other approved identification which identifies the breeder.
- **Virginia** - Ownership, buying, selling, and breeding are all legal IF birds are close-banded. It is illegal to transport into Virginia unless moving there and birds are close-banded.
- **Washington** - Legal with no restrictions
- **West Virginia** - Legal with no restrictions
- **Wisconsin** - Sept 1, 2009, Wisconsin’s NR 40

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/invasives/ (pg. 4 of Chapter NR 40 INVASIVE)
SPECIES IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL) went into effect.

Under this law Myiopsitta monachus (Monk or Quaker Parakeet or parrot) are prohibited in Wisconsin. However, please read paragraph D.

• Wyoming -Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions.