

## **Subject:** Budgerigars - Request for Help

Hello All,

I have somewhat of a strange request, and let me explain first where it has come from.

On Tuesday of last week, I had a Sky Greywing cock flying around my backyard. At first, I panicked, thinking I had a hole in the aviary, but it turned out to be a somewhat tame bird that must be someone's pet. I put him into a cage, and kept him there in the hope that I'd see an ad in the paper, or something of the sort.

On Saturday, I was reading the paper, and I noticed an ad for a lost budgerigar in Payenham. It is described as blue/green in colour, and solid/heavy set. The bird speaks fluently, and apparently has a Scottish accent. It speaks four words at a time, and is fairly switched on, from what I am told.

Well, I called the lady, and explained the bird I had found, and it turns out that she is an 88 year old, living on her own. Three years ago, she was diagnosed with cancer, and was told she had 3 months to live. She has since battled two bouts of cancer, and three aneurisms, and attributes it all to her budgerigar, Bluey. She was brought the bird by a neighbor, during the therapy stages, when she was bed bound, and the first time she got home, the bird flew out of the cage, and slept on her neck in her bed. She tells me that the bird did this, for as long as she was bed ridden. He would take a short time to eat and drink, and then return to the bed room, and sit under her collar, where he would rest all day.

Last week, the cleaner/meals on wheels person turned up, and accidentally let him outside. It was on the same Tuesday I found the greywing, however it wasn't the bird.

I visited her on Saturday, after seeing the ad, and she was not doing so well. I left her with my card, and her neighbor called me today. As I said, the bird I found wasn't hers.

I received a subsequent call today, and apparently somebody turned up there with a sky spangle Opaline hen, and told her this was her bird, and forced it upon her. She called me distraught, that this bird was chirping away, and she missed her bird so much. She asked me if I wouldn't mind picking it up, so I took it home, and put it into the cage with the Sky Greywing cock.

So, back to my request.

Can anybody please let me know if they have found a budgerigar over the past week, that is some sort of blue colour with a slight green tinge, that is most likely a cock?

And, has anyone heard of anybody losing a Sky Greywing cock or Sky Opaline Spangle hen? None are club rung.

Please let me know.

Regards,

Troy Holmes

## NewspaperArticle

### **Hoots mon, where's ma wee Scottish budgie**

*From: The Advertiser*  
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**THE search is on for a budgie with a Scottish accent who has gone missing and left his elderly Adelaide owner desperate for his return.**

Bluey, known for his favourite call of "mum's wee. wee boy" has left his 88-year-old Payneham owner frantic for his return.

Margaret, who has asked that her surname not be published, immigrated here decades ago and says she has worked at losing her own accent around human company.

But she says mischievous Bluey has picked up the distinctive tongue because "I'm so short with him".

Bluey came to Margaret as a comfort several years ago, when she was suffering a serious illness, and their companionship has become precious to her.

She is especially worried about him in current cold, wet weather reminiscent of her homeland because "he's really an Aussie".

She has placed an ad in The Advertiser's lost and found section and says the reward she is offering will be as generous as she can afford on a pension.

"I'm not a mean Scot," she said.

Bluey is described as an exceptionally large budgie with a blue head, black spots and a very long tail.