LEGAL STATUS* OF THE
QUAKER/MONK PARAKEET (*Myiopsitta monachus*)
PER STATE LAWS--COMPiled 25 APRIL 2020


RESTRICTED STATES:
Nebraska (Legal with restrictions & permit; see Code T.163, Ch.4, 008, 008.01.)
New York (Must be wearing a closed, seamless band; illegal to set free in the wild.)
Ohio (Legal if wings kept clipped; law passed June 1996.)
Rhode Island (Allowed, but permits required.)
Vermont (Legal with permit. Importing: All psittacine birds imported into Vermont must be banded, microchipped, or have other approved identification which identifies the breeder.)
Virginia (Legal to own with restrictions. Owning, buying, selling, and breeding are all legal, if birds have been captive bred and are close-banded with seamless band.)


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**In North Carolina, laws regarding wildlife are mandated by each county. Check with county officials before acquiring a Quaker.
**Alabama** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Alaska** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Arizona** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Arkansas** – Legal with no restrictions.

**California** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, import, or sell; no exceptions.

**Colorado** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, breed, and release into the wild, effective September 1, 1990. Only birds with proof of ownership prior to Sept. 1, 1990 are allowed. Quaker Parrots can be transported out of Colorado.

**Connecticut** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, breed, sell, transport. Legislation passed on March 1, 2012. It is also illegal to capture or kill any of the feral Quaker Parrots in Connecticut.

**Delaware** – Legal with no restrictions.

**District of Columbia** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Florida** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Georgia** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, breed, sell, transfer, import and release in Georgia. (3) The following birds are prohibited from entry into Georgia except by special permit from the State Veterinarian: (b) Quaker or Monk Parakeet. Adopted Feb. 6, 2003. Amended Sept. 22, 2011. According to the GA State Vet. Office, confirmed the above prohibition is against the law, without exception. Permits are not being granted for pet industry, no exceptions. Permits are granted for travel through the state, but it can take three weeks to get the permit. Authorities are not targeting travel through the state without a permit, but the traveler has to complete passage within 24 hours of entry. Georgia Law Entries: § 40-13-12-.06. Prohibited Birds (1)(b); and § 40-13-2-.16-(3)(b). Exotic and Pet Birds. (b) Quaker or Monk Parakeet

**Hawaii** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, or import; no exceptions. Listed on the prohibited animals list.

**Idaho** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, or import; no exceptions. Quakers are strictly outlawed in Idaho by the Invasive Species Act of July 1, 2009, updated in March 29, 2010. Law #02.06.09. Page 14. 103. POSSESSION. 01. Prohibition on Possession, Importation, Shipping, and/or Transportation of Invasive Species. No person may possess, import, ship, or transport any invasive species into or through the state of Idaho. Quakers are listed as an Invasive Species. Permit required before traveling through the state with a Quaker.

**Illinois** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Indiana** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Iowa** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Kansas** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, import, or release in the state. 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

**Kentucky** – Prohibited. Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions.

**Louisiana** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Maine** – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, import. Formerly legal; the state’s legislature prohibited Quakers in 2017.

**Maryland** – Legal with no restrictions, as long as there is no intent to release.

**Massachusetts** – Legal with no restrictions.

**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 restrictions. Considered a “wild bird in captivity.” Quakers may be kept but with a Captive Wildlife Permit. Breeding is possible, but the sale of Quakers in Nebraska can only be to a permit holder.

**Nevada** – Legal with no restrictions. May not be released into the wild.

**New Hampshire** – Legal with no restrictions.

**New Jersey** – Prohibited. Illegal to sell or own. Section: 7:25-4.8, “Potentially dangerous species.” Quakers are included first on the list.

**New Mexico** – Legal with no restrictions.

**New York** – Legal with restrictions. Legal to own and sell. Listed as a regulated species. Only captive bred birds may be sold in New York. Illegal to release a Quaker into the wild. ALL pet birds must be close-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; however, laws regarding wildlife are mandated by each county. Check with county officials before acquiring a Quaker.

**North Dakota** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Ohio** – Legal with restrictions. Legal if wings are kept clipped (law passed June 1996). They must be incapable of free flight.

**Oklahoma** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Oregon** – Legal with no restrictions.

**Pennsylvania** – Prohibited. Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions (will euthanize).

**Rhode Island** – Legal with restrictions. A permit required.

**South Carolina** – Legal with no restrictions.
South Dakota – Legal with no restrictions.

Tennessee – Prohibited. Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions.

Texas – Legal with no restrictions.

Utah – Legal with no restrictions.

Vermont – Legal with restrictions. A permit is required. Importing: All psittacine birds imported into Vermont must be banded, microchipped, or have other approved identification which identifies the breeder.

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Washington – Legal with no restrictions.

West Virginia – Legal with no restrictions.

Wisconsin – Prohibited. Illegal to own, sell, and import with some exceptions. Permit is possible in some instances. NOTE: WDNR is not targeting pet owners currently. WDNR is focusing on preventing the breeding of, and continued transfer (sale, trade, gifting, importing) of Quakers, and to prevent the additional releases of Quakers into the wild. Pet owners are to keep their Quakers contained, which includes caged, feathers clipped, and measures to assure pets are not able to escape into the wild.

Wyoming – Prohibited. Illegal to own or sell; no exceptions.

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