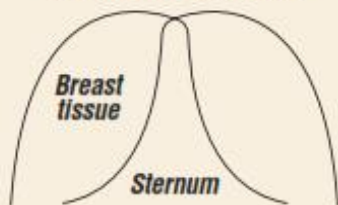




# Body Condition Score

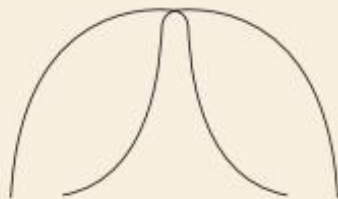
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*Cross section of breast tissue mass  
(ventral) over sternum*



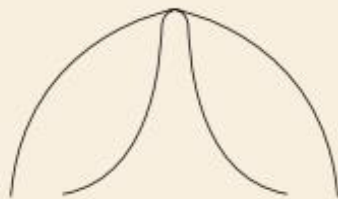
### **Score = 5 Obese bird**

"Cleavage" appearance. Palpable muscle mass above the apex of keel, often with subcutaneous fat readily apparent.



### **Score = 4 Well muscled, somewhat heavy**

Muscle mass level with keel apex.  
Often seen in normal Amazona species.



### **Score = 3 Excellent body condition**

Convex curvature. Keel apex palpable.



### **Score = 2 Adequate condition to slightly thin**

Moderate muscle mass with keel apex easily palpated.  
Often seen in normal cockatoos.



### **Score = 1 Severely emaciated**

Minimal palpable muscle mass over keel.  
Likely in critical condition.

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