

The Pied Pacific Parrotlet

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The “pied” mutation in Pacific parrotlets appears to be dominant and can be passed on by either parent. Even a lightly pied bird can produce a more heavily pied offspring, but probably not the super-heavy peds that can be very dappled in appearance, particularly over their back and wings. Peds start out a shade lighter than a solid color, and get lighter as they age, usually very beautifully.

Following are three light to medium peds as youngsters and adults.

Normal pied male (1 year old and 8 years old)



Normal pied female (1 year and 6 years old)



Blue fallow pied male (under 1 year and 7 years old) [Note that red eyes darken somewhat with age]



Light and medium pied youngsters



***Young normal pied and normal.
Note slight variation in shade of green.***

