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Bird Safe Ceiling Fans By Louisa Jaskulski

I now live in Arizona, where in the summer ceiling fans are a requirement, not an option. I also have some birds that are flighted (lories, rosellas, finches). I went on a hunt to find attractive ceiling fans with blades that were enclosed in wire "cages". There were none in any stores that I saw anywhere.

After many hours of hunting on the internet, I found them (Eureka!). The source is Lamps Plus (<u>www.lampsplus.com</u>). They have several styles, with and without lights. They are more complex and heavier than "regular" ceiling fans, and are (of course, sigh) more expensive than ceiling fans from Home Depot or Lowe's. For me the peace of mind is worth it. Here are two examples of what I bought and am using myself - they work well and are attractive. Bar spacing of the "cages" is about 5/8". There are many other models to choose from as well.



For example, this one is in my dining room. The fan has three speeds, and the fan portion can be tilted so you can direct airflow where you want. The lights give a pleasant illumination.

Possini Euro Segue 24"W Brushed Nickel 5-Light Ceiling Fan

I have this one over my two large finch flight cages. With the fan heads tilted up as shown, it moves air around the ceiling without blasting directly down on the birds. The fans have three speeds, and the option of rotating the entire fan structure around in a circle at 3 rpm, or keeping them stationary. It also has a light.



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High quality air cleaning and bird safe ceiling fans are investments which are important to long-term bird care. These are products where "you get what you pay for" in terms of quality, which affects the health of your birds.

I wrote a detailed article about air cleaners and air purifiers for the October 2016 Mickaboo <u>newsletter</u>. An excellent source of air cleaning products is <u>Allergy Buyers Club</u>. They use experts to test the products they sell, and provide specific, detailed and useful data about them. They analyze and sell the major worthwhile brands - Allen, Austen, Blue Aire, IQAir. They do NOT recommend Rabbit, by the way.

And, as stated above, Lamps Plus is an excellent source for bird safe ceiling fans.

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