There are a variety of birds that are considered exotic, including finches, parakeets, cockatiels, cockatoos, canaries, lovebirds, toucans, and mynahs. Many of these exotic birds are native to tropical climates located in the Caribbean, Africa, South and Central America, southern and eastern Asia, and Australia. Having adapted to tropical climates, these types of exotic birds require special methods of care and handling once they become domesticated pets in other places such as California.

For additional information about safe care and handling of exotic birds, go to the Clover Safe note at: http://ucanr.org/cloversafe.

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