



The Lear's macaw is an endangered parrot species from South America. This species lives largely on palm fruits and nuts but also is sometimes found eating maize on farms, causing conflict with local farmers. They are now being bred in an international cooperative breeding program where they are reared by aviculturists who maintain large amounts of data on the birds. Though they are not visually dimorphic, male chicks tend to be larger than females so it is usually easy to determine sex by the chick's body mass.

In the Middle Eastern country of Qatar, Dr. Cromwell Purchase manages a breeding program for rare bird species such as the Lear's macaw at Al-Wabra Wildlife Preservation. He had reviewed the work of those before him and asked a question: *can the macaw chicks be handreared more efficiently and safely so that they wean at the same rate as when parent-reared?* After observing the behavioral differences between parent-reared and hand-reared birds, he made it his goal to produce birds that are not as tame or dependent on humans so that they will be more apt to socialize with other birds and breed. Dr. Purchase keeps daily records on weights to ensure the chicks are growing and maintaining a healthy body mass.

*Your task:* In small groups, review the data and do your best to make sense of it. Identify similarities and differences among the data and look for patterns. The numbers in yellow are weights on four (4) chicks that were raised with the previous handrearing protocol. The numbers in green are weights on four (4) chicks raised with Dr. Purchase's new handrearing protocol. What does this data tell you?

Before graphing, write your group's observations here. What do you see when observing the data?

*Data Analysis:* Plot the points on the graph provided and connect them with straight lines to view the growth rate of each chick. You can either make the lines for each chick different color or different patterns to easily differentiate them from each other.

*Conclusions:*

- 1) How are the chicks similar? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) How are the chicks different? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3) Why do you think the numbers stop at different points for each chick? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4) There are differences between chicks that can help us determine their sex. Which are males and which are females? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Day	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	2-1	2-2	2-3	2-4
1	19.2	19.9	20	18	22.84	21.81	20.7	19.53
2	19.3	20.6	20	19.6	25.8	23.47	24.2	20.51
3	21.4	21.3	22.9	21.2	26.88	25.69	27.25	22.24
4	25.1	23.3	24.3	24.7	30.23	29.94	31.19	27
5	30.5	28.9	30.4	29.3	34.38	38.27	38.9	32.1
6	38.5	37.1	39.8	37.5	37.18	48.9	50.9	37.7
7	43.8	46.5	51	47.7	44.24	64	62.7	46
8	51.3	57.3	57.2	54.4	52.4	75.6	73.9	53.7
9	59.4	69.2	74	65.1	60.5	84.9	89.4	66.8
10	70.3	84.3	89.2	76	69	101.5	104.3	80.5
11	78.7	89.6	94.7	86.5	76.2	107.5	119.1	95.7
12	89.0	108	105	100	85.9	136.3	133.9	113.4
13	101.5	120.5	115	110	101.1	154.5	147.1	130
14	112.9	132.5	125	122	115.3	172	162.9	144.1
15	121.1	154	133	135	123.6	190.4	185.1	164.5
16	131.7	171	144	142	138.1	209.9	207.7	183.2
17	142	193	157	153	156.4	229.8	227.7	197.6
18	158	206	170	160	173.1	247.8	251.3	219.7
19	176	225	185	175	199.1	266.8	272.2	245.6
20	187	237	206	188	218	289.6	299.7	262.2
21	205	257	226	199	239.2	307.1	321.3	284.2
22	225	282	246	218	261.3	334.4	342.7	309.5
23	243	294	268	230	279	358.8	380.7	355.7
24	257	312	285	246	305.9	383.3	408.6	383
25	276	332	303	262	323.7	416	443.1	403.8
26	295	363	322	279	338.9	447.4	457	435
27	316	385	338	294	368.8	487.4	489.8	455
28	344	406	355	310	392.3	526.2	517.2	485.8
29	363	424	374	330	426.3	550	539.2	509.4
30	397	450	395	349	457	572.4	568.2	524
31	413	470	411	364	484	585.6	605.1	547.8
32	436	489	429	378	521	608.1	610	583.5
33	459	512	448	410	567	633.3	634.7	603.9
34	496	535	461	431	595.4	644	665.3	631.1
35	521	559	482	441	620.7	666.5	682	652.4

36	544	582	507	452	647.5	708.4	715.7	688.6
37	532	602	530	467	676.6	715.2	731.5	698.8
38	572	614	554	485	699.1	745.4	740.7	721.2
39	602	644	568	496	724.2	761.5	761	743
40	611	660	582	510	721	766	769.5	747.6
41	648	673	540	529	733.9	784	773.2	762
42	667	671	534	545	766	782.8	776	755
43	695	684	539	557	779.2	790	779.8	739.5
44	681	692	564	573	803	791	756.8	749.5
45	712	705	595	587	826.5	802.3	737	781
46	734	715	618	616	843.5	793.5	744.5	788
47	746	725	614	643	865.8	784	763	795
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51	797	765	679	699	874.1	806	792	836
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79	818	752	721	794	860	796	801	864
80	810	753	719	778	861	792	799	862
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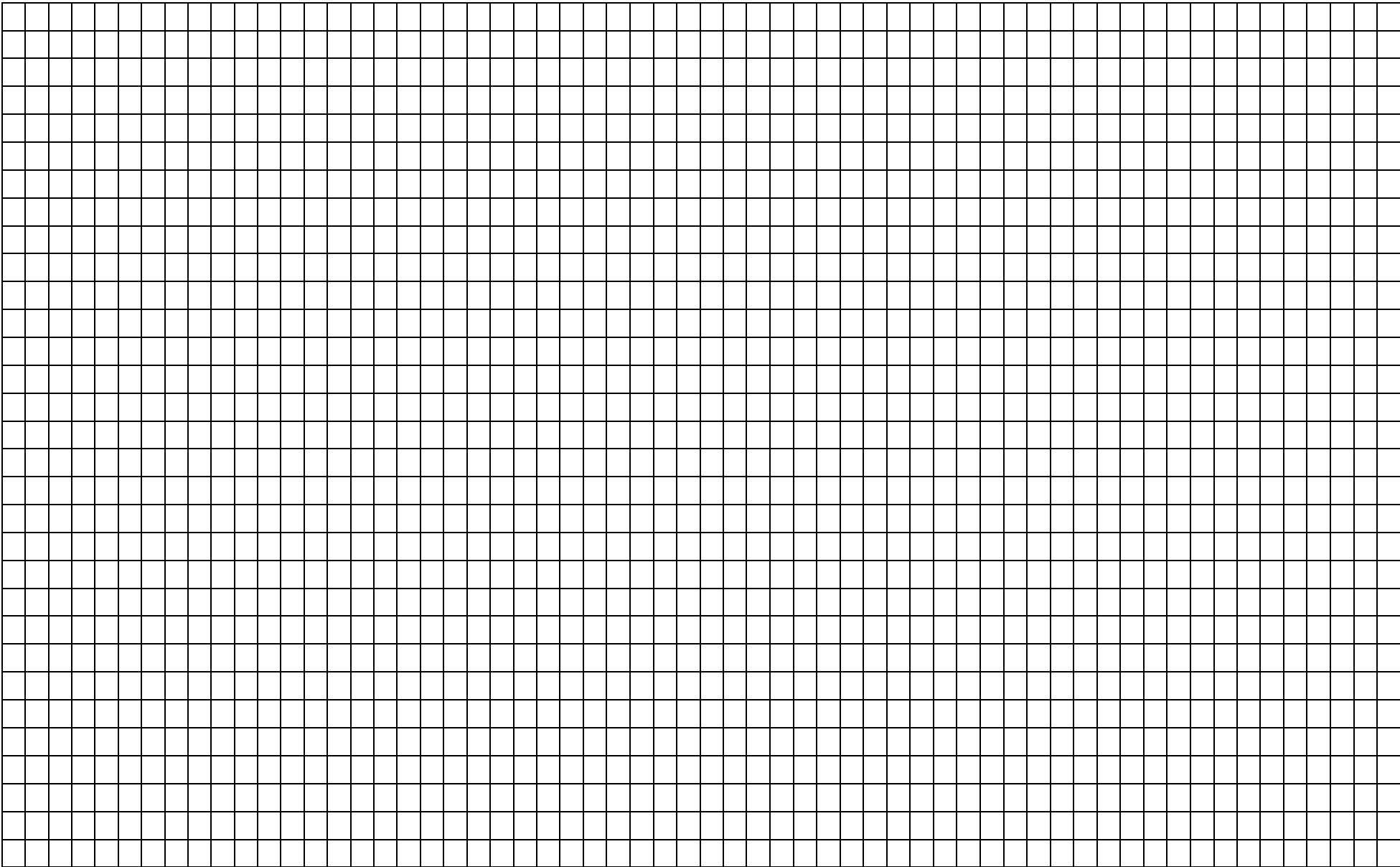
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Graph – Be sure to assign even and equal increments on both the x-axis (time) and y-axis (weights).





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