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GIVE THANKS



HISTORY FOR THE HOLIDAY: THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony celebrated the autumn harvest with a three-day feast. Governor William Bradford invited the chief of the Wampanoag tribe, Massasoit, to join the fifty colonists who had survived the harsh winter. The Native American leader brought ninety of his tribesmen to the feast.

The celebration included athletic contests, a military review led by Miles Standish, and a feast on foods such as wild turkeys, duck, geese, venison, lobsters, clams, bass, corn, green vegetables, and dried fruits. In 1841, Dr. Alexander Young contended that this harvest celebration was the "first Thanksgiving," and the origin of an American tradition. This interpretation gained such widespread acceptance that other contenders for the distinction faded into obscurity.

For more info go to: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/thanksgiving/timeline/1621.html>

SAVE A LIFE

DR. BOB TALKS TURKEY ABOUT AVIAN FIRST AID

Dr. "Bob" DiGregorio VMD will discuss First Aid for your Bird at this months meeting. Learn about what to

do and what to have on hand in case of an emergency. Valuable knowledge that can save a life.

Speaking of saving a life

Check out the new "Lost & Found section of our web site and check the classified in this newsletter.

Speaking of History and Turkey

The meaning of the phrase "Talk Turkey" arose because the first contacts between Native Americans and settlers often centered on the supply of wild turkeys. The Indians were said to have enquired whenever they met a colonist, "you come to talk turkey?".

For more info go to:

<http://www.worldwidewords.org/qa/qa-tal1.htm>

ALL ABOARD

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS THIS MONTH

The success and usefulness of any club is dependent upon its members. The DELCO Bird Club offers plenty of opportunities to get involved and if your interested in taking the lead in its many activities, the board could use you. Nominations will be accepted at this months meeting and Elections will take place at December's Holiday Party. Start the new year making DELCO, the area premiere Exotic Bird Club.

The following positions are available:

Board Members

President
Vice President / Program Director
Fundraising Director
Treasurer
Secretary
Outreach Director

Associate Officers

Member Representatives
Raffle Table
Newsletter Editor



MEETINGS

7:00 PM on the Second Thursday of Each Month
Media Community Center 4TH & Monroe Streets
Media, PA 19063

CALENDAR OF EVENTS [Link to our Online Calendar](#)

MEETINGS

NOV 12, 2009 Avian First Aid with Dr. Bob
DEC 10, 2009 Annual Holiday Party
JAN 14, 2010 Happy New Year

OUTREACH

November 6th, 7th & 8th
The Philadelphia Pet Expo
<http://www.horseandpetexpo.com/index.htm>
422 Business Center, Oaks PA



OUTREACH & THE CLUB WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP

Take an active part in the club and its activities. You and your Bird will benefit as much as those you help.

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STATE OF THE CLUB

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

It is getting colder and colder everyday, which can only mean that the winter is coming upon us very soon! The leaves have only just began to fall to the ground but as quick as a blink of an eye, snow will be falling slowly, softly on the ground creating a wintry blanket. Despite the cold (and heat prices going up), it creates, to the eye, a beautiful reverie of treetops speckled with snow. It creates a warmth inside you just like a fireplace that's roasting chestnuts inside of a home. Make sure you keep your birds bundled as you watch their eyes aglow as they wait for you to have the touch of care from you to them.

Francis D.Hilario
<http://frandelhisflyers.com/>

THE MAIN EVENT

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Terri Jones for a wonderful talk on "Making Toys from Common Household Items" and for providing us with a Fun shopping experience! We will all be looking at our recycle bin with a different eye!

In November we are fortunate to have a visit from Dr. "Bob" DiGregorio VMD.

Dr. Bob will be speaking on "First Aid for your Bird".

He will teach us how to make a hospital cage, what to do for our bird before we can get it to the Vet, how to handle the broken blood feather and more!

Come out and receive some free supplies to get you started on making your own

'First Aid Kit'. Learn what you should have on hand to help your bird in an emergency.

See you all on November 12th!

In December (12/10/09) we will have our Annual Holiday Party.

Please start thinking what you will bring to the table!

Your Board will provide the main course and beverages.

We ask you, the membership, to bring side dishes: salads, etc.

and desserts!

Esther Scholz

FUNDRAISING

Brrr! The cold months are upon us!

You know what that means? YES! Holidays are around the corner and so is our Annual Holiday Party!

Those of you at the October Meeting know that I am working up a special fundraiser for club members. This fundraiser might just help you out with that holiday shopping!

Don't want to cook for the masses during the holidays? We will be raffling off gift cards from D'Ignazio's Towne House Restuarant, Sweet Potato Cafe, Pinocchio's Restaurant, and Zac's Hamburgers.

Need to destress or look good? How does a FREE 1/2 hour massage sound or FREE haircut?

Check these and other items still coming in during the November meeting. I will have a table near the refreshments with everything on display and begin selling tickets for the December drawing.

Don't forget, we will resume our regular monthly raffle table in November in addition to the 50/50 AND renew your membership for 2010!

As always, looking forward to seeing all of you!

Erika Scarborough, Second Vice President

FLIGHT PATTERNS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble,

Can't believe that Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is on its way. One thing I am grateful for is the friends I have made through Delco Bird Club. So thank you everyone for the friendship and knowledge you have shared with me over the last few years. Now on to business matters. Last month we had a visitor, Lorraine from Panama, who wanted to share an Exotic Bird Food Recipe from her vet. She left her phone # with us so if you have any questions I'm sure you could give her a call (610-874-8996)

Delco Bird Club is not endorsing this, we are just passing on the information. It is up to you to decide if you want to try it just like any other recipe we may offer. Thank You Lorraine!!

Exotic Bird Food Recipe from Panama Army Veterinarian Dr. Gail

1 cup corn (whole or cracked)

1 cup rice

1 cup water

Mix the above and bring to a boil, cover the pan tightly and remove from heat. Let it sit until all the water has been absorbed. While still hot mix in:

2 cups chicken scratch

1 cup Purina Dog Chow

2 tablespoons Karo Syrup

Allow to cool. Will last in the refrigerator for up to 10 days. Offer your bird a ½ cup in the morning per day. Afterward, you may offer as much as they

like. Once s/he is used to the mix you may cut out the sweet Karo Syrup.

Just as we have a "grooming station" available at the meetings, we will also be offering a "weigh in" station. One good way to monitor your bird's health is to keep a record of his/her weight. A drop in weight is a red flag of something bigger going on. So I'm sure for a buck a month (or whatever you donate), it is worth it to keep track.

We had our Board meeting on Tuesday Oct. 13th. We decided on the holiday dinner menu, TBA at the next meeting! As always, members will be responsible to bring side dishes, salads and desserts. We will be having a December fundraiser and tickets will be available at the Nov. Meeting and the December meeting. Make sure you bring some extra cash for the extra goodies!!

During the meetings, please be aware of how much your voice carries. You may think you are whispering, but the acoustics in that hall really can carry voices. Please refrain from conversations during a guest speaker's presentation, or just take your conversation out of the mail hall.

Last month, a very considerate member helped us out in a pinch and took home a box of club supplies. If you are the kind and thoughtful member, please don't forget to bring it back for the November meeting. See you next Thursday. Margie

Margie Lyon, Secretary

OUR MISSION

OUTREACH UPDATE

Hello All!

Your Outreach Team and your Membership Representatives

have had a very busy October and beginning of November!

We have been to Paloozas, Family Fun Nights, Bird Shows and Pet Expos!

If you missed the FUN please consider joining us in the Future!

I would like to thank the following members for thier dedicated time and effort

over this past month in attending all the above memtioned events.

THANK YOU to: Flo, Roy, Keith, Erika, Joey, Lin, Margie, John, Francis, Grace,

Colleen, Margaret, Mark and Stephanie. As always Esther is always around too....

Esther Scholz, Outreach Director

CLUB AMMENITIES

BIRD GROOMING AT MEETINGS FOR MEMBERS

A Grooming Table, where knowledgeable club members assist you with wing clipping and nail trimming is available for a donation to the club.

THE GREEN SCENE

REUSE

I think there was no better demonstration of reuse of materials than was discussed at our last meeting with items normally found in your recycling bin to make bird shredder and foraging toys! I NEVER would have thought to use a small plastic bottle as a foraging toy or make a bell out of it. Who at the meeting can't wait to empty out the peanut butter jar after hearing how the birds love it!? Does anyone really wash those jars out before throwing it into the recycling bin anyway? Let the bird do it for you and then make a toy out of it!

Therefore I would encourage all of our members to look at some of those everyday items you throw away or put in the recycling bin in a new way! Get creative! Hmmm.....maybe this gives me an idea for a club contest.....???

I did look in my recycling bin and found a few items that some of our macaws or larger cockatoo's might like, so find me and say "REUSE IT!" and I will give you the starter of a great shredder toy or foraging toy for our bigger fids!

Erika

BIRDIES KITCHEN

SPICEY MUFFIN

1 pack Hodgesson Mills Corn Muffin Mix with whole wheat flour

3 eggs (with their shells) 1 mashed and peeled sweet potato

2 cups fresh vegetables: spinach, broccoli, green peppers, peas

1 grated carrot

1/4 cup seeded jalapeno peppers

1/2 cup carrot juice

3 tablespoons peanut butter

1 jar of veggie baby food

Here again, mix everything and bake for about 30 to 40 minutes.

TIP: You can cut individual portions and freeze them and then thaw one daily or every other day.

Why a spicy muffin? Well, parrots have a less developed a sense of smell and taste than we do, so using spices in moderation can be a good little extra, and you have no doubt already noticed that your bird sometimes soaks some of his food in water to bring out the flavor. Chilies are also rich in vitamins A and C so it's healthy too not just tasty!

SCAM ALERT

The Lost and Found Parrot Scam

Email Scammers Target Desperate Parrot Owners

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A bird can go missing so quickly: an open window or a door that isn't quite closed properly and your beloved pet is winging its way towards the horizon. Whether you're dealing with a large macaw or one of the small parrots, losing a pet bird is a heartbreaking experience.

Most people who find a missing parrot try to find the bird's owners, so it's well worth posting ads for a lost bird in the Lost and Found classified ads, either in print or online. Unfortunately, some scammers take advantage of a lost parrot owner's desperate search.

The Found Parrot Scam

The conman searches the lost and found sections of online classifieds for lost pet ads, usually targeting ads that offer rewards for finding the missing pet. While this type of pet scam can be run over the phone, most often this type of con is an email scam. Communication through emails is much harder to trace—the con can simply register a new email at one of the free email services and abandon the email once the scam is complete.

Here's what the scam looks like from the perspective of the missing bird's owner. He or she gets an email from someone claiming to have found the parrot. However, there's a problem. As this person lives/works some distance away, he or she had to take the parrot with them. The scammer insists the bird owner send the reward (and shipping fees) before he'll return the missing bird. And he'd like payment to be made by Western Union money order. Refuse to pay and the scammer may threaten to harm your beloved pet.

Read more: http://pet-birds.suite101.com/article.cfm/the_lost_and_found_parrot_scam#ixzz0Vek68UMI

SPOTTING A BIRD SCAM

This rat doesn't have your missing bird. As soon as he receives the money order he'll disappear, leaving you with a lost parrot and a hole in your wallet. An email scam of this nature always wants payment by money order—once cashed a money order is practically untraceable.

The scammer won't meet face to face: that's the reason the email claims he lives or works far away. Some bird email scams claim the scammer has left the country with the found parrot. You can't just export an exotic parrot without filling out complex and time-consuming paper work. A CITES permit can take up to two years to clear, especially with the recent avian flu scares.

Don't agree to send money. You don't need to worry that this person might have your parrot. He doesn't. People who legitimately find lost parrots would be willing to meet in person, and are often more concerned with reuniting bird and owner than they are about a reward. Anyone who has actually found your bird is highly unlikely to demand reward money upfront before you've even identified the bird.

Unfortunately owners of missing parrots have to watch for bird scams. Rather like the [Cameroon pet scam](#), emails claiming to have found a lost parrot are usually easy to spot once you know what to look for. Remember to be suspicious of any email sender that:

Claims to have your parrot but lives far away.

Demands rewards and shipping fees be sent before you see your parrot.

Insists that payment be made by money order.

Threatens to harm your parrot if you don't pay.

One final warning: never give out sensitive personal information, including banking information to anyone claiming to have found your pet bird.

Resources

911Parrot.com. (n.d.). [Scam Alerts](#).

Forsyth County Government. (n.d.). [Lost Pets Warning Message](#).

Read more: http://pet-birds.suite101.com/article.cfm/the_lost_and_found_parrot_scam#ixzz0Vel4FYXQ

OUR PHILANTHROPY

CLUB ADVOCACY

Your contributions to DELCO Bird Club through Outreach and other events has supported the work of these organizations over the years for the worthwhile work they perform on a daily basis. Thank You.

- ~ Arcadia Bird Sanctuary
- ~ The Bailey Foundation
- ~ Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue for all Birds
- ~ The Oasis Sanctuary
- ~ Wings of Hope Rescue & Sanctuary



LOST & FOUND

This is a picture of Gizmo, a 7 year old African Grey, who was reported missing from Prospect Park on October 25th. Having Parrots and other exotic birds fly away is actually fairly common, and to assist our fellow bird enthusiasts, we have decided to add a LOST & Found Section to both our website and newsletter. Currently, Lost & Found birds are listed in the classified section but look for a separate Tab on www.DELCObirdCLUB.org in the coming month. It will be a place to list Lost, Found or spotted Birds. So keep your eyes on the sky and read the article below for some tips on what to do to prevent and put in place to ensure you can retrieve your pet.



F E A T U R E D A R T I C L E S

Strategies to Utilize when a Flighted Parrot Escapes

By Barbara Heidenreich

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My blue fronted Amazon parrot, Tarah, does not have clipped wings. However like many birds that were clipped during the fledging process, he has never quite learned the kind of flight skills that might earn him the title of a "flyer". I often said "He's has his flight feathers, but he doesn't fly." One day I learned, the hard way, that this wasn't exactly true.

I was visiting my parrots as I was moving from southern California to northern California. When I arrived I brought Tarah in his cage to my old bedroom. I opened the door to the cage to allow my bird some much needed free time. Before I knew it, he bolted off his cage, through the bedroom door, took a right and made his way down the hall. He then banked left and flew through the living room. At that very moment my father was just opening the sliding glass door to step out onto the deck. Guess who went through the door too? The deck was on the second floor, so my bird had two stories of lift to assist him on his grand flight down the fairway of the golf course behind the house. Thank goodness he was a green flying brick. He ran out of gas and slowly descended to the soft green grass before a tree offered its branches as refuge. Juiced by adrenalin, my feet barely touched the ground as I ran after my bird.

I have always been very careful about the choices I make having a flighted bird in the house. But I was very surprised by the amazing flight my bird made on that day. Sometimes birds that we think will never fly do indeed fly. Sometimes birds that have flight feathers trimmed surprise us when feathers return. Sometimes experienced flyers get frightened or find themselves in unfamiliar territory. Whatever the situation, there are some strategies that can be very useful to recovering a bird that has flown to a

location undesired by you. The following information is provided to prepare you for that day when your bird may find itself airborne and heading in the wrong direction. These strategies apply if you bird has no flight skills or is a world class flying athlete.

Bird is flying away

Call to your bird loudly as he is flying- it may help him find his way back to you.

As your bird is flying, do not take your eyes off of him. Note the last place you saw him, the level of his flight, how tired he looked. He may have landed in that area. (Radio or phone contact for a group of people searching can be very helpful in this situation. Grab your cell phone!)

Searching for your bird

If you have a group of people, spread out and circle the area you last saw him.

If you cannot locate him, call to him. He may call back. Say words or sounds he knows or mimics. Most parrots are located by their screams.

If he has another bird he likes, put that bird in a cage and bring it to the area you last saw him. Walk away from the bird in the cage. It might encourage the bird in the cage to scream. This may inspire the lost bird to scream. Keep talking to a minimum so you can listen for the scream.

Look carefully in a limited area (within 1 mile) in the early stages of your search. Parrots usually do not go far unless, blown by the wind, chased by a bird of prey or extremely frightened.

Keep in mind your parrot may see you before you see him. When this happens, parrots are sometimes very quiet. This may be because the parrot is more comfortable now that you are present.

Despite some parrots bright colors, they can be very difficult to see in trees. Look for movement buried

in the trees as opposed to your whole bird perched prominently on the tree.

You have located the bird, but he is out of reach

Once you find you bird, relax (unless the bird is in immediate danger.) It is better to let the bird sit where he is (if he is inaccessible) while you work out a strategy. Do not frantically try to grab the bird, hose or scare him down.

If the bird has just landed. He will probably not fly again (if at all) for awhile.

Bring the bird's favorite person and/or favorite bird friend (in a cage) to the area where your bird is located.

Bring favorite food items, familiar food bowls and the bird's cage if possible.

Be careful not to ask your bird to fly from a great height or a steep angle. Try to position yourself (or bird buddy, or bird cage) to allow short flights or short climbs to lower places.

Try to lure your bird to fly or climb to branches/ objects that are similar to those upon which he is sitting if possible. A bird may be too frightened to climb onto a distinctly different perch. (For example, the bird might be afraid to climb off of a tree onto a fence.) If you have no other option, expect the process to be slower and be patient with your bird as he builds his confidence. He may also fly again if he touches the new perch and is frightened by it.

The sun is setting and your bird is still out.

Parrots will usually fly again shortly before the sun starts to set. This is probably your last opportunity to get your bird back before he will begin to roost for the night. Take advantage of it. You can try to get the bird "pumped" up by yelling and creating a level of excitement. This may encourage one last flight.

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Continued...

As the sun starts to set, your bird will start to fluff his feathers and get ready to roost for the night. At this point it is best to just allow him to go to sleep. Keep an eye on him until the sun has set completely. Remember his exact location.

Before the sun rises the next day, return to that location. Your bird should still be there, unless he was frightened in the night (owls can cause this).

Usually by 8:30 or 9:00 AM your bird will be ready to fly again or make an attempt to get to you. Repeat the steps described in the section "You have located your bird, but he is out of reach".

Your bird has flown off and after 24 hours of searching he has not been spotted.

Contact the following people and let them know you are looking for your bird. If a person finds your bird they may contact one of these organizations.

Call animal control

Call the SPCA/humane society

Call local veterinarians

Call local zoos

Call local pet shops

Call local police

Place an ad in the classified section of the paper for a "lost" bird.

Note: Don't give out the bird's band number. If your bird accidentally falls into the wrong hands this could lead to removal of the band.

Check the classified section of the paper for "found" bird. Answer all ads. People are sometimes unaware of what they have found. A Congo African grey may be mistaken for the mythical red tailed pigeon by a helpful stranger who is unfamiliar with parrots.

Post flyers that state "lost bird" in the areas you last saw your bird. You may also wish to offer a reward as incentive for people to call.

Often times a bird is found within 24 hours of his disappearance. The trick is to find the person who found your bird before you.

Do not give up

The key to getting a bird back is perseverance. Do not accept that you will not get the bird back once you have lost sight of him or her. As a professional bird trainer that free flies many types of birds on a regular basis, I can attest that parrots are often the easiest type of bird to locate and recover. Trust me - nothing is more frustrating than searching for the silent, but observant owl who has buried himself in the bushes and has watched you walk by 100 times! Thankfully our parrots often seek out human or bird companionship if and when they have a big flight adventure.

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To learn more about products and services to help you train your parrot visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.GoodBirdInc.com"](http://www.GoodBirdInc.com) www.GoodBirdInc.com

Barbara has been a professional in the field of animal training since 1990.

She owns and operates a company, Good Bird, Inc., ([HYPERLINK "http://www.GoodBirdInc.com"](http://www.GoodBirdInc.com) www.GoodBirdInc.com) that provides behavior and training products to the companion parrot community. These products include Good Bird Magazine, books, videos, and training/behavior workshops. Barbara has provided behavior workshops and/or animal training presentations at the Association of Avian Veterinarians conference, The American Federation of Aviculture conference, The International Parrot Conference at Loro Parque, Parrot Festival, The International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators conference, American Association of Zoo Keepers conference, Association of Zoos and Aquariums conference, The Parrot Society of Australia conference and many more. She is a past president of the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators (www.IAATE.org) and served on the Board of Directors from 1997-2009. Her expertise has been utilized by the US Dept. of Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous international professional organizations.

She is the author of "Good Bird! A Guide to Solving Behavior Problems in Companion Parrots" by Avian Publications and also "The Parrot Problem Solver. Finding Solutions to Aggressive Behavior" by TFH Publications. She is also the producer of the Good Bird Parrot Behavior and Training DVD series.

Barbara's experience also includes consulting on animal training in zoos and other animal related facilities. She has been a part of the development and production of more than 15 different free flight education programs. Barbara continues to provide consulting services to zoos, nature centers and other animal facilities through her other company Animal Training and Consulting Services. In her career she has trained animals, trained staff, and/or presented shows at facilities around the world.

A B O U T T H E A U T H O R

Barbara Heidenreich has always known animals were her calling.

After receiving her degree in zoology and trying many different types of animal-related jobs, she discovered the world of animal training... and what a wonderful discovery it was!

Finally, a career where she could get paid to play with animals! In 1990 Barbara began training birds and staff in zoos around the country for free flight educational programs. This eventually evolved into consulting on animal training around the world. She served on the board of directors for the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators for 12 years and was honored to be the first female president of the organization.

The companion parrot community is one that is near and dear to Barbara's heart. She has had a companion parrot, a Blue Fronted Amazon named Tarah, since 1987 and now has several other additions to the household. Over the years of presenting free-flight bird shows, Barbara often

received questions pertaining to companion parrots in the home. These questions lead her to pen the manuscript to her first book "Good Bird!" A Guide to Solving Behavior Problems in Companion Parrots" back in 2002. Since then she has authored a second book, produced a series of instructional DVD's and launched Good Bird Magazine. She teaches parrot training workshops around the world and is thrilled to have had the opportunity to train thousands of companion parrots. This experience makes Barbara's teachings truly unmatched. This hands on experience with so many different individual parrots has been invaluable to helping her provide caregivers the tools they need to have a great relationship with their birds based on trust.

Barbara is busy working on more resources for parrot enthusiasts. Join the Good Bird Inc mailing list and be the first to know when she has something new to help you with your parrot behavior challenges and training goals.



Barbara has been kind enough to let us use her articles in their entirety and just asks that we include a link or reference back to her site www.GoodBirdInc.com.

BELLA

GREEN WING MACAW
OWNER: TERRY DENNIS



Frandelhi

GREEN WING MACAW

Even though the Green-winged Macaw is one of the largest of the macaw family, it is considered to be one of the gentlest. This bird is often confused with the Scarlet Macaw because of the large amount of red feathering. However the Scarlet has a broad band of yellow feathers across the back rather than green ones like this bird has.

Personality wise, the Scarlet Macaw can be quite a fiery bird and needs a firm hand. while the Green-winged Macaw is just about the opposite. This very sweet tempered bird is thought of as being more like a gentle giant. Greenwing Macaws are affectionate, inquisitive, and intelligent. They make them a great companion

not only for a single person, but when well socialized, they are friendly with everyone, even other birds.

Scientific name:

Green-winged Macaw - *Ara chloroptera*

Distribution:

The Green-winged Macaw's natural habitat runs from eastern Panama in Central America south across northern South America, east of the Andes, to Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay.

Description:

Green-winged Macaws are a full sized macaw that are very colorful. The head, shoulders, and

breast are a deep red. The wings next to the body are greenish turning bluer on the outside edge of the wing. It has very long tapering tail feathers. The Greenwing differs in appearance from the similar Scarlet Macaw by the band of green feathers across its back. On the Scarlet there will be a broad band of yellow feathers across the back.

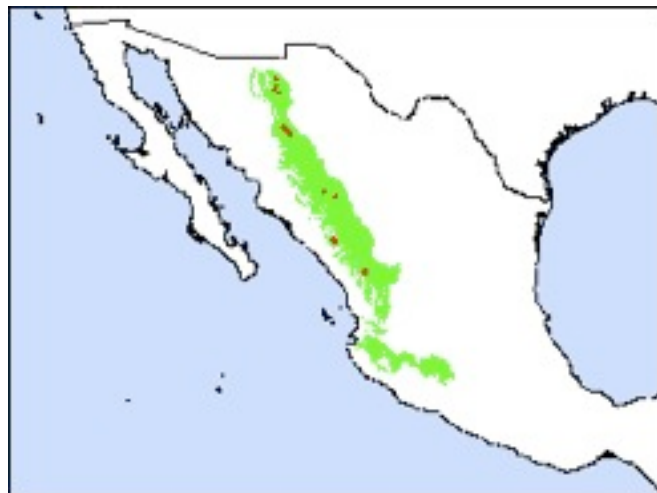
Size - Weight:

A full sized macaw, the Greenwing Macaw can get over 2 lbs. Lengths up to 90 cm (35.5 inches).

For more info, go to:

<http://animal-world.com/encyclo/birds/macaws/greenwing.php>

THICK-BILLED PARROTS



Thick-billed Parrots

Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha, is a protected species that occurs naturally in the highlands of Northern and Central Mexico. The Thick-billed Parrot lives in temperate conifer, pine, mature pine-oak and fir forests from 1200 to 3600 meters.

For the most part, it is restricted to the Sierra Madre Occidental of Mexico, though it used to live in the southwestern United States. Birds had been reintroduced in Arizona in the early 1980's, but this effort turned out to be unsuccessful. The parrots could not adapt to avoiding natural predators.

Status:

Due to habitat destruction and illegal bird trading the Thick-billed Parrot is endangered in its natural habitat - it is listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and on Appendix I of CITES.

It is estimated that only 1,000-4,000 Thick-billed Parrot exist. However, this

parrot is well-established in captive breeding programs in many zoos across the world.

Description:

This medium-sized parrot averages 38 to 40 cm (15.2 - 16 inches) in length.

It is a bright green parrot with a large black bill and a red forecrown, shoulder and thighs. Adult eyes are amber, while juveniles have brown eyes. The rest of the bird is bright green.

The bird is stunning in flight. Thick-billed Parrots show red shoulders and leading edge on the underwing, followed by a blackish green stripe, then a yellow stripe, followed by the remaining underwing showing dark green. It appears to show a blackish tail.

Calls / Vocalization:

The bird sounds like a high pitched macaw and make a variety of harsh, rolling calls.

Nesting / Breeding: These parrots like to nest in tree cavities, especially old

woodpecker holes. The average clutch consists of 1 to 2 eggs which are incubated for 24 to 28.

Diet / Feeding:

It principally feeds on seed from various pine species, so much so their entire lives revolve around cone production. Flocks of these parrots roost by cliffs and they breed at the peak of pine seed production. It is nomadic, following the variations of cone abundance.

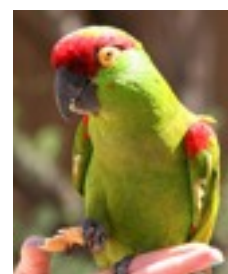
Taxonomy:

Species: Scientific: *Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha* aka *Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha pachyrhyncha* ... English: Thick-billed Parrot ... Dutch: Dikbekpapegaai, Araparkiet ... German: Arasittich ... French: Perroquet à gros bec

Sub-Species / Races Including Nominata: *pachyrhyncha*, *terrisi*

For more info, go to:

<http://www.avianweb.com/rhynchopsitta.htm>





Do you know me?

Guess my Name, Species or owner and you can win first choice at our raffle table. Correctly identify 2 of the 3 categories to take home a prize. To enter go to www.DELCObirdCLUB.org under the Fun & Games Tab or e-mail your response to Francis D. Hilario at frandelhisflyers@rcn.com
The winner will be announced at our next meeting



L O G I C P U Z Z L E # 1 : B I R D S - O - P L E N T Y

Peanut and four other parrots who currently live at Birds-o-Plenty pet store are all going to new homes. Each bird is going home with a different owner (one is Sue), is a different species (one is a Macaw) and is going home with a favorite toy (one is called the Woodpile). From the following clues can you determine each bird's name, species, favorite toy and new owner's name?

1. The Parrotlet loves to exercise on his swing.
2. Janet is the proud new mom of a Caique.
3. Josie loves her treat cage foraging toy.
4. Peco whose mom is Nela is not an Amazon
5. Echo and the bird who loves to workout on bungees lived in cages next to each other in the front of the store, while the bird bought by Deb, the Amazon and the bird bought by Mary all lived in a flight cage in the middle of the store.
6. The bird who loves the music toy is owned by Deb.
7. Zeeker is an African Grey.

Use the chart below to keep track of the information given in the clues.

Bird					
Owner					
Species					
Favorite Toy					

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P A R R O T J O K E S

Training Our New Parrot

Recently I received a parrot as a gift.

The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

I tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else I could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, I was fed up and I yelled at the parrot.

The parrot yelled back.

I shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and

even ruder. So, in desperation, I threw up my hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet.

Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that I'd hurt the parrot,

I quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto my outstretched arms and said

"I believe I may have offended you with my rude

language and actions.

I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

I was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As I was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued,

"May I ask what the turkey did?"

Parrot jokes from:

http://www.lilesnet.com/thanksgiving/humor/parrot_and_turkey.htm

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