



THE CAPITAL FLYER

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November Speaker

The November meeting, scheduled for November 18, will feature NCBC member, David LaVoy, who is a breeder of Poicephalus Parrots, African Greys, and Parrolets.

He will be speaking about the Poicephalus Parrot family and will bring some of his own Poicephalus Parrots to the meeting. This is a great opportunity to see up close some members of the Poicephalus parrot family, which include Cape Parrots, Meyers, Jardine, Senegals, Red-Bellied, Brown-headed, Ruppell's, Yellow-faced, and Niam-Niam. These parrots can be ideal companion birds, especially for apartment living. Because he is bringing some of his breeding birds, he has requested that no one bring their birds to the meeting due to concerns about the spread of disease.

Open Nominations Will Be Held at the November Meeting

Nominations for the December election of officers for the next two-year terms starting in January 2002 along with the AFA Delegate, will be taken at November's meeting. Current members are all eligible for nomination. This club depends on the volunteerism of its members. I ask that everyone seriously consider how you can contribute to the club. Please don't feel intimidated about stepping forward to help.

Ballots will be mailed out in the December newsletter. You will either mail this ballot to Dori Decker Long or you may bring the ballot with you to December's Holiday Party (which takes place instead of the December meeting). The ballot will be printed on a separate page that is self-addressed, allowing it to be folded in thirds into letter form, stapled, and mailed. Family memberships will receive two ballots in their newsletter.

Because the November meeting and December Holiday party are so close together, the December newsletter will be mailed out early on November 19th. Ballots will need to be received prior to the December Holiday party unless you plan to handcarry them to the party. It is recommended that as soon as you receive your copy of the December newsletter that you take out your ballot, vote, fold and staple it, put on postage, and then drop it in the mail.

It is suggested that you mail your ballot not in an area that is affected by anthrax. Currently there are mail problems in the District so I would try to mail it outside of DC if at all possible.

Descriptions of the offices up for election are given on page 2 along with descriptions of the standing committees.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

November 18**

December 2***

** Note date change

*** Different Location

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Nov - David LaVoy

Dec - Holiday Party

Special Note

Do not bring birds to the November 2001 meeting. The speaker will be bringing his birds and is concerned about disease transmission.

National Capital Bird Club Offices Descriptions & Duties

Officers

The following officers are up for election. The next two-year term starts in January 2002 and ends in 2003.

President

Presides at all meetings, appoints all committees, approves all bills, and signs all checks in the absence of the Treasurer. Is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Vice-President

Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President and is Chairman of the Program Committee. Also arranges for speakers for the monthly meetings.

Treasurer

Keeps all records of income and disbursements and pays by check all expenses authorized by the Club. Also receives all monies earned or due the

Club, collects all dues, notifies members delinquent in payment of dues, notifies the Secretary when a member should be dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, and makes a Financial Status Report at each monthly meeting and an Annual Financial Report at the end of the year.

Secretary

Keeps the minutes of the Club and Executive Board meetings and has custody of same, as well as conducting all of general correspondence of the Club.

AFA Delegate

Attends AFA meetings and reports back to the club about issues discussed.

Standing Committees

These positions are also available, and everyone is eligible to volunteer for them as well. Standing Committee positions include:

Hospitality Committee

Recruits new members, greets new members and guests, and coordinates refreshments.

Library Committee

Proposes acquisitions of books for the library, receives donations of books, and has custody of the Club Library.

Publicity Committee

Handles all outside publicity for Club activities.

Ways & Means Committee

Plans and conducts ways and means for raising money to finance Club projects and expenses.

Audit Committee

Performs an annual audit of the Treasurer's records and reports the results.

NCBC December Holiday Party

December is the NCBC Holiday party. Tom Marshall has been very gracious and agreed to have it at his home again this year. Directions to his house will be provided in the December newsletter. Hope to see you there!

NCBC Membership Renewal

Your 2001 NCBC membership ends at the end of December 2001. Membership forms for 2002 are provided in both the November and December newsletters. Please don't forget to renew your membership.

Newsletters will continue to be sent to current members through February 2002. After that period, members who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from the rolls but will be reinstated upon payment of dues.

Collection of Feathers for Indian Tribe

Please bring molted parrot feathers to club meetings. Elizabeth Moore will be collecting them and will send them to the Zuni Indian tribe that was written up in the World Parrot Trust newsletter "Psittascene."

Although macaw feathers are the primary species wanted, feathers from any parrot will suffice. Also, feathers from all parts of the bird are needed, not just the tail feathers.

Avian Diseases

Heavy Metal Toxicosis

This condition is caused by mainly by lead, copper, and zinc but also arsenic and cadmium in the environment. It can be a fatal condition if it is not diagnosed and treated early. Many feather pluckers have heavy-metal toxicity. Though there may be various symptoms, the specific metal ingested can only be determined by tests that measure heavy-metal blood levels. If your bird exhibits a marked change in their droppings, drinking habits, depression, lack of appetite, feather problems, weight loss, or bad balance, then consult your avian veterinarian.

The best way to prevent ingestion of these heavy metals is to make sure that your bird does not have access to items that contain them nor the opportunity to chew on items that contain these metals.

Although it is sometimes hard to identify the source, ensure that the most common sources are not available to your birds. Lead is commonly found in paint and varnishes, fishing weights, stained-glass, bell clappers, imported ceramic bowls and pottery items, and window blinds. Zinc is found in galvanized wire in cages that has oxidized, pennies made after 1982, game pieces, costume jewelry, grout around fireplaces, and some baby powder. Copper is found in jewelry, BB pellets, copper wire, pennies minted before 1982.

Psittacosis

This is also known as parrot fever, chlamydiosis, and turkey worker's disease. It is caused by the bacteria *Chlamydia psittaci*. Although it can be fatal if left untreated, it is the most treatable infectious bird disease.

Since this disease can be transmitted

to humans and is reportable to state authorities, it is important to mention to your doctor that you own pet birds. This disease can be hard to detect in birds even though various tests are performed.

Proventricular Dilation Disease (PDD)

First seen in macaws and also known as macaw wasting disease, PDD has been found in giraffes and Canada geese. The infected animal loses weight even though it eats readily. A chronic disease that birds can get at any age, this virus is hard to diagnose in live birds. Currently there is no specific treatment and no available vaccine.

Polyomavirus

Although Polyomavirus can be devastating in a nursery, it is the most easily preventable disease in aviculture. Usually spread by adult birds, it kills babies quickly since they have no immunity. It is often spread from the adults to the babies by the same person handling the adults that handfeeds the young.

While there is no specific treatment and it is fatal for most baby birds, there is a vaccination available that has been proven to be safe and effective that is routinely administered by the better breeders and pet shops. Since even closed aviaries have had outbreaks after a number of years when an adult began shedding the virus, it is recommended that all parrots be inoculated.

Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease (PBFD)

This circovirus can infect all parrot species as well as domestic pigeons. This highly contagious disease is common

among lovebirds, cockatiels, budgerigars, and cockatoos. It attacks the bird's immune systems much like AIDS attacks the human immune system. The bird then becomes susceptible to simple bacterial and fungal infections.

In the early stages, birds can be affected and not show any symptoms. It is important, therefore, that all of your birds be tested for this disease. Even though the first test may be positive, when retested in 90 days, most birds that exhibit no symptoms will shed the virus and build protective levels of antibodies. They can then be considered to be free of the virus and safe to place around other birds. However, birds that retest positive will be immune suppressed and can infect other birds. They should only be placed in homes that have no other birds so as not to spread the virus.

It is recommended that all birds be tested for PBFD. Currently there is no vaccine to prevent this killer.

Pacheco's Disease (Parrot Herpesvirus Disease)

This virus is not transmittable to humans but can be devastating to even "closed aviaries" since the carrier bird may carry the virus for years and appear perfectly healthy. When the carrier sheds the virus and nonexposed birds are infected, death soon results. Acyclovir added to the food and water is the treatment used during an outbreak to prevent further deaths. Vaccination is available and highly effective, but it can cause granulomas at the injection site, most commonly in cockatoos.

Although quarantine and closed aviaries can stop some diseases from spreading, many infected birds can show no symptoms of this disease for years only to later start shedding it and infecting the whole aviary.

Featured Pet Bird: Poicephalus Parrots

By Carol Rees

The ideal apartment birds, Poicephalus parrots are relatively quiet, not that large (typically 8 to 9"), and are very playful. They are a great choice for people who work all day since they tend to keep themselves entertained and are less demanding than other parrots.

This species, which originates in Africa, is comprised of seven subspecies: the Senegal parrot, Meyer's parrot, the brown-headed parrot, the red-bellied parrot, Jardine's parrot, Ruppell's, and the Cape parrot.

The Senegal, Meyer's, and red-bellied are the most common varieties available, but all of the Poicephalus are outgoing birds that are not noisy and can amuse themselves during the day when their owner's are at work. Since noise and over-dependence are two reasons why bird owners can become disenchanted with their pet birds, this breed of parrots is one that in my opinion is less likely to become an unwanted pet than many of the more higher maintenance parrot breeds.

One member of the family who frequents the NCBC meetings is Lucky, a red-bellied parrot owned by Barbara Earles. She is a good example of a parrot species that has great pet potential and an excellent spokesbird for her breed.

Some resources for the Poicephalus parrots on the web are listed below.

Yahoo Mail Groups

In case you're not familiar with them, they are free mail groups that provide archiving of messages, along with the option of whether or not you want to receive messages or just look at the archives on the web.

Poicephalus <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/poicephalus>

Senegals <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/senegals>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SenegalsRus>

Jardines http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jardine_parrots

Meyer's <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Meyers>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Meyersparrot>

Red-bellies <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/redbellies>

Web Sites

African Parrot Society <http://www.wingscc.com/aps/>

Has information on all members of the Poicephalus family along with pictures, descriptions, and information from APS members about their birds.

Bulletin Boards

Up At Six Poicephalus <http://chats.upatsix.com/chats.php?board=poicephalus>

Canaries Being Misused In New York

There was an article in the New York Observer recently concerning people buying canaries as a precaution for detecting harmful fumes much as they were used in the last century in the mines. Several salespeople at pet stores had become distressed over the purchase of these birds by people who obviously had no concern for the birds' welfare. This also could lead to many more unwanted and abandoned birds, when their owners get tired of them and don't

feel threatened by terrorists anymore.

If you know of anyone who is so inclined to purchase pet birds for reasons such as this, then I urge you to do everything you can to dissuade them from their purchase. I realize that post September 11, 2001 many people are scared by the terrorist attacks on our country and citizens, but that is not an excuse to abuse pets and keeping canaries is not a solution to the threat.

Brotogeris Wanted

There is a new web site devoted to enthusiasts of the Brotogeris parrots (also known as pocket parrots). The web site address is

<http://www.brotogeris.com>

The webmaster is looking to breed this species but is having a hard time finding viable breeding birds. If you know of any, please contact him at greycheek@brotogeris.com

“Don’t Mind if I Chew”

By John Davey

As the old song goes, “Birds do it!” (At least my parrots do it.) “Bees do it!” (At least carpenter bees do it.) I’m not going any further into the old song because I’m talking about chewing wood. Actually, with my two parrots, I guess I’m really talking about chewing anything – and everything.

Anyone who has read any of the “owners manual” parrot books - any of Mattie Sue Athan’s or Sally Blanchard’s or Bonnie Doane’s great books on parrot ownership - or any of the other great parrot owner books that are now available - anyone who has read any of these books will have noticed a few words in each of these books about a parrot’s inclination to chew.

And chew - they do! I really don’t think that any of the books I have read (and I’ve read a bunch of them) put enough emphasis on the average parrot’s inborn, innate, inalienable need to wrap his/her beak around something (anything!) and chomp away.

My two birds - Old Teddy Bird, the plucked female Quaker - and Bilbo Bob Bird, the stubborn male Meyers - both love to chew. If I were to list their daily activities - in order of the amount of time they spend on each, I guess that the list would start with preening (even the plucker), and then move on to chewing, chasing each other around the cage, eating, screaming and whistling, and finally all other miscellaneous activities – including pooping.

I can’t adequately describe the look of sheer bliss – the sheer angelic ecstasy – that comes over each bird’s face as they sail into a new wooden toy with their beaks.

Bilbo, the Meyers Parrot, especially loves the orange hanging wooden cage toys – you know – the garish orange square doweled container – holding the two or three orange dyed almonds – suspended by a chain with three orange

wooden balls – I think the entire contraption has a bell at the bottom.

Before starting out on a new work of art, Bilbo always stops and stares and enjoys the view for a long moment or two. It must be like Michelangelo when he looked at a brand-new block of Carrerra marble before the first touch of hammer and chisel.

Then he (Bilbo – not Michelangelo) starts to work. He chews and he chews and he chews. The bottom and top of the cage quickly disappear, along with each of the dowels that form the cage bars. Each piece is lovingly chewed and shredded until there is nothing left but a lovely pile of orange pine sawdust – filling the drawer beneath the cage grate. Each of the orange almonds is extracted and chewed until the meat is extracted and consumed. The almond shells are completely destroyed and join the ever-growing pile of Bilbo-dust in the drawer.

Bilbo decides that he is finished when he has a half-inch strip of wood left on the top and on the bottom – supported by the remaining two parallel dowels and the middle chain. From the side it looks like the Roman numeral “III.” He stops then, his masterpiece completed, and he doesn’t touch the piece again. It can hang in his cage like that – untouched – for months. In fact, it will hang there, the two dowels and the half-inch wide top and bottom strip until I remove it and replace it with a brand new almond-nut cage toy. Then the artist-parrot starts his work all over again – ending up with exactly the same finished piece. We’ve done this time and time again.

Old Teddy Bird, our plucked Quaker, is an entirely different type of chewer. (This is besides chewing all her feathers - that’s a different story!) Teddy had a small, hardwood hanging toy that started life in the shape of a small rhino or hippo or elephant. I honestly don’t remember the exact animal shape, but now it is a

wooden blob – in the approximate shape of the continent of Australia. It took Teddy a long time to chew the recognition out of that toy – it was hard wood!

To the casual observer, Teddy’s favorite toy is a boring little thing – just a wooden blob on a chain with one wooden ball halfway up the chain. But Old Teddy Bird just loves that toy. It’s her friend; it’s the recipient of displaced aggression; and it’s a handy object to weave between the bars of the cage. In fact, it’s the only thing that Teddy will weave between the cage bars. (Quaker owners will tell you that most Quakers love to weave cardboard or fabric or twigs or leather strips in the bars of their cages, but that little chewed-up blob toy is the only thing that Teddy will weave.)

Both birds will chew anything and everything else that they can get their beaks on. I’m talking about Venetian blinds and curtains and my wife’s birdhouse collection and expensive (never cheap) furniture and anything and everything within reach and a few things that I thought were beyond reach. The more forbidden, the better!

Having said all that, neither bird has ever expressed any interest in cuttlebones or mineral blocks or lava stones or those special mud globs from South America. I’ve tried them all, and I know that the two birds would have had much more fun chewing up the dollar bills I spent on all of those special chewing devices than on the items themselves.

I know it gives them pleasure, and I know that they are proud of their efforts – once they decide that their work is done. So, Chew On, Birds! Enjoy!

NCBC & AFA Membership Forms

AFA Membership Drive 2001 Application and Entry Form

Individual \$30 Family \$35 Supporting \$75 Commercial \$125

Fees Valid through December 31, 2001

Total \$ Enclosed _____

Name (please print) _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Visa/MC/AmEx # _____ Exp Date _____

Referred By:

Name and Membership #: Tom Marshall 01569

Mail to:

American Federation of Aviculture
Po Box 56218
Phoenix, AZ 85079-6218

National Capital Bird Club 2002 Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Would you like to be published in the roster? _____

Membership Type: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00

(If you are joining after June, your annual dues are one-half the above amounts for the year.)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If family membership, names of other family members: _____

Types of birds you own: _____

Are you a: Pet Owner Breeder Other _____

List any other societies, clubs, or bird magazines you subscribe to: _____

How did you hear about NCBC? _____

List the topics you would like to see covered by speakers or articles: _____

Would you consider volunteering on a committee for special projects or serving in a leadership position? Yes No

Would you be willing to serve as a guest speaker or do you know someone who would make an interesting guest speaker on pet bird-related topics? Yes No
If so, who? _____

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR

Mail your check, made payable to NCBC:

4615 Harvard Road, College Park, MD 20740-3752

Meetings are normally held the first Sunday of the month

At the McLean Government Center, 14537 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, VA

Adoption: Birds That Need Homes

Birds for Adoption

The increasing number of birds needing new loving homes is becoming a major issue in the avian community, with the twist that most pet birds will live much longer than a domestic cat or dog. Unwanted cats and dogs have reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. and the concern is that unwanted birds may eventually join them in numbers.

There are many reasons why birds need to find new homes including allergies, owner's death, owner moves out of the country, excessive noise, neglect, abuse, and abandonment. Owning a pet bird is a serious commitment that may last past the owner's lifetime. Many larger parrots will probably outlive their owners and will need to find new homes.

A previously owned bird can be a great blessing and addition to your family. Please consider adopting a bird in need of a home. Every pet bird deserves a loving home. Before purchasing a bird, consider if the needs of the breed are compatible with your own lifestyle and living arrangements.

If you own a bird that needs a new home, you can contact me to have it listed for adoption in the newsletter and also on our new webpage. All I ask is that you notify me when the bird has found a new home so that I can remove the reference to it from the next newsletter and the web page.

I am trying to gather information about parrot sanctuaries in the Washington, DC area. Please let me know if you know of any. I can be reached at (301) 277-9846 or you can email me at carol.rees@usa.com

This bird needs a loving and caring home. It was hand raised but ignored the past 2 years and kept in the basement. It does have some screaming issues but with love and attention can make a wonderful companion. Dawn has had the owners surrender it to her so that she could look for a new home for it & also give it some much needed attention.

1 sun conure (4 years old)

Call Dawn Case (703) 263-0667

Due to her son's serious allergies, his specialist has recommended that the family give away their pet cockatiel. She believes that it is a female and is about 3 or 4 years old, having had her for 2 years. She has a brass cockatiel cage. She lives in Leesburg, but would be happy to drive in the area to give the bird away. She wants to find it a happy home. The previous owner was somewhat neglectful but the bird warmed up when it came into their home, especially because they had another bird (a male cockatiel) that was housed next to her in a separate cage. The male cockatiel died a few months ago of old age.

1 female cockatiel

Call Lisa Masini (703) 443-2912 or email Helen Goff at goffh@erols.com

A friend of NCBC member Shirley Coggon is leaving the country and needs to find a home for their bird.

1 male cockatiel (6 years old)

Email Shirley Coggon at shirleycog@hotmail.com or call 703-793-9800.

Three birds were given to wildlife rehabilitator Eva Bell. None are hand tamed. All are 1 year or older. She has cages if needed.

1 male parakeet (budgerigar)

1 female peach-faced lovebird

1 male cockatiel

Eva Bell can be contacted at (703) 356-8845. Please leave a message.

Elaine Baughman needs to find a loving home for her pet birds.

Blue-headed Pionus pair

Email Elaine Baughman at baughmans@reginacoeli.org or call (703) 573-2023.

CLUB NEWS

Treasurer's Report October 2001

Beginning Balance:	\$2459.34
Income	
Club Raffle	10.00
Dues	34.00
Total Income:	\$44.00
Expenses	
Speaker's Fee	25.00
Total Expenses:	\$25.00
Ending Balance:	\$2478.34

National Capital Bird Club Meeting Minutes 10/14/01

The speaker for the October meeting, Glenn Reynolds, a director of the World Parrot Trust-USA (WPT-USA), showed some wonderful slides on the Golden Conure, Brazil's national bird, and gave an update on the work being done to help preserve the Golden Conure. The WPT has set up the Golden Conure Fund, which is based in the WPT-USA office. Glenn Reynolds and his two businesses are consuming all of the overhead expenses of this fund, so that 100% of contributions will go directly to study in the field. He took names of people who are interested in a future trip to see parrots in Brazil. If you are interested in going on a tour, please email Glenn at info@breedersblend.com. You can support the Golden Conure by donating directly to the fund or by purchasing Golden Conure t-shirts and prints. The t-shirt and print are spectacular looking and with the holidays coming up would make wonderful gifts. The print is from a painting done by noted wildlife artist Grant Hacking that he donated. Only 260 prints will be made from the painting.

This is a great opportunity to purchase a wonderful piece of art and also support this endangered parrot at the same time.

Since the old NCBC web site is still up and is still being found in the search engines, Tammy Kramer the owner of the old web site, who is no longer a member, will be contacted and asked to remove it.

Feathers will be collected to donate to the Zuni Indian tribe. Elizabeth Moore already has some that were collected earlier and members will be asked to donate molted feathers for use by the Zunis in their religious ceremonies. Please bring molted feathers to donate to the club meetings. Although macaw feathers are the primary species wanted, feathers from any parrot will suffice. Also, feathers from all parts of the bird are needed, not just the tail feathers.

Voting for next year's officers will hopefully be handled by mail. Carol Rees will look into what was done in the past.

Tom Marshall, an NCBC member, a lifetime American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) member, and former president of the AFA, presented an opportunity for people to join or upgrade their membership in the AFA before the dues go up in January 2002 and also provide a way for the club to win some money. There is a special promotion right now for new members that are referred, using a special form, and received before December 15, 2001. They will be entered into a drawing, and if the new member's name is picked, then he or she will receive \$250 and the referrer \$750. Tom Marshall has offered if he wins as the referrer to donate the \$750 to the NCBC.

Two more birds need to find new loving homes. One is a Sun Conure and the other is a two year old cockatiel. Both are listed on the bird adoption page in the newsletter and on the web page.

Finally, members were reminded not to bring their birds to November's meeting since the speaker, Dave LaVoy, will be bringing his own birds and has requested this.

Website Updates

The NCBC bylaws have been put up on the web site along with October's and November's newsletters. The newsletters are in PDF (Portable Document Format) format. These files can be read by Adobe Acrobat Reader version 5, which is freely distributed by Adobe. If you don't have Acrobat Reader on your PC you can download it at the Adobe Website using <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Future newsletters will be put up on the NCBC newsletter webpage the day that the printed copies are mailed out, which will be no later than one week prior to the next club meeting.

Thanks for the Refreshments!

Thanks to the many members who continue to bring wonderful refreshments to the club meetings. It is greatly appreciated and an opportunity to sample some truly wonderful dishes.

Rescheduled Seminar

The Liz Wilson seminar has been rescheduled to February 24, 2001. Kelsie Holtje will be providing further details later.

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Club **MEETINGS** are normally held the first Sunday of each month at 3:30p.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA; (703) 356-0551.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS:

From Capital Beltway (I-495): Exit onto Rt. 123 EAST (toward McLean). Follow Rt. 123/Dolly Madison through watching for small blue sign that says "police substation." Turn left onto Lewinsville Road. Take immediate right on to Balls Hill Rd.

BIRDS are normally welcome at meetings; however, NCBC assumes no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring a snack to share at the meetings whenever you can. It doesn't need to be fancy or handmade, store-bought is fine.



DONATE USED MAGAZINES:

Please donate your old magazines to the Club Librarian when you are finished with them.

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<i>Ad Type</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-Member</i>
<i>Line Ad</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>15¢/word - \$ 3 min.</i>
<i>Bus. Card</i>	<i>\$3</i>	<i>\$ 5</i>
<i>¼ page</i>	<i>\$5</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>½ page</i>	<i>\$8</i>	<i>\$15</i>

These items are for sale by NCBC member Tom Marshall. If you are interested in any of these items, you can call Tom at (703) 777-3252 or email him at tmarshall@pardoe.com

Proven breeding pair of white-bellied Caiques for \$1500.

White-bellied Caique male less than one year old for \$500. Good pet potential.

California cage for \$200 (in excellent condition with play pen & seed guards, green color on wheels, Amazon, African grey, umbrella size)

Animal Environments cage for \$100 (in good condition, almond color on wheels, Amazon, African grey, umbrella size)

Parrot books (some collector items, various titles, call for particulars)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15-17, 2001

Nat'l Cage Bird Show

Manchester, NH -- Holiday Inn

(603) 887-4930

<http://boaf.com/ncbs/>

December 9, 2001

Mid-Atlantic Bird Mart

Tysons Westpark Best Western

McLean, VA (703) 771-9678

January 16-20, 2002

International Aviculturists Society Convention

Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel, City Place

West Palm Beach, FL (901) 218-4320

<http://www.funnyfarmexotics.com/IAS/2002conv.htm>

January 25-27, 2001

Parrot Festival 2002

Marriot North/Greenspoint

Houston, TX (281) 353-8062

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