



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

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## Rare Colombian Parrot Discovered

*This was sent by Tracie Yelensky of BP Polymers Americas. It appeared on their Intranet.*

A flock of extremely rare indigo-winged parrots has been rediscovered in central Colombia by a young team of ornithologists who won a Gold Award at this year's BP Conservation Programme Awards. The indigo-winged, or Fuertes, parrot was first discovered in the Central Andes mountain range in 1911. This new sighting is the first concrete evidence of the bird's continued existence in 91 years. Unsurprisingly, the species is considered very rare by BirdLife International and is classified as 'critically endangered'.

The flock of 14 parrots was discovered by Jorge Velasquez and Alonso Quevedo in July this year, as they explored the highest Andean volcano in central Colombia. "We thought we were witnessing a miracle from heaven," says Jorge, remembering the first time his team saw the birds, after months of searching.

Jorge and his six research team members first began looking for the indigo-winged parrot in 2000. Two years later he was presented with a BP Conservation Programme Gold Award at a ceremony in London. Winning the honour and \$11,400 grant allowed his team to renew their efforts. The BP Conservation Programme runs in partnership with BirdLife International and Fauna & Flora International.

Since the programme was created in

1985, it has supported 194 projects in 60 countries around the world. Marianne Dunn, programme manager, describes the team's find as "an exciting discovery in one of the most important areas of global biodiversity. Without the team's determination, the survival of one of the world's rarest parrots is at the risk of global extinction and this small population cannot be considered secure."

Dr Robert Prys-Jones, head of the Natural History Museum's

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 8 \*
- October 6
- November 10 \*
- December 8 \*\*, \*\*

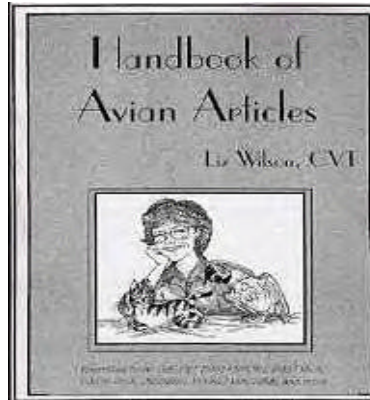
\* Note date change  
\*\* Different Location



Above *Indigo-winged parrot*

# A DAY WITH LIZ WILSON

**November 24 10:00 AM - 4:00**



**Registration starts at 9:00**

**Parrot Behavior Management \* Behavior Problems & Causes \* A Slide Presentation \*  
What To Do About Biting And Screaming \* Open Discussion, With A Question & Answer  
Session.**

🍌 **Liz will be bringing copies of her new book to sell** 🍌

**A full lunch buffet is included.**

**\$90.00 before October 24, 2002, \$100.00 after and at the door.**

Tax deductible proceeds will go to the Grey Poop On Challenge & Brandson Ritchie.

Together We Will Try & Stop PDD!!

**McLean Government Center/Police Substation**

**1437 Balls Hills Road 703-556-7750**

**This is where the National Capitol Bird Club meets each month**

**From Rockville (9 Miles)**

From Maryland: Take I-270 S. Take I-270 SPUR S towards I-495 S/NORTHERN VIRGINIA. Take CAPITAL BELTWAY into Virginia take Route 123 N McLean (look for blue sign that says Police Substation) Make a left at the traffic light onto Lewinsville Road make your next left onto Balls Hill Road. Government Center on your right as soon as you turn onto Balls Hill

**From Virginia**

Take I-495 N take Route 123 N McLean (look for blue sign that says Police Substation) Make a left at the traffic light onto Lewinsville Road make your next left onto Balls Hill Road. Government Center on your right as soon as you turn onto Balls Hill

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**Contact: Kelsie Holtje 301-428-0562 or IOWEHP@AOL.COM**

## Bird Adoption

Please consider adoption of a bird that needs a new home. The following birds are available for placement. All they need is a loving new home.

### 4 Baby Lovebirds and 2 Adult Lovebirds

Carol Liss took them in from a friend who had to get rid of a small breeding aviary she had when her son developed severe allergies. None have been DNA sexed but one of the adults is female and she believes that the other one is also.

[Carolliss@netscape.net](mailto:Carolliss@netscape.net)

### 1 10 year old male Cockatiel

Scott Baer is look for a new home for his 10 year old male Cockatiel. His family has had him for 8 years. He lost his mate a little over a year ago and seems lost. His wife does daycare in the state of Maryland and regulations require that the birds be in separate rooms during operational hours. He is looking for a good home for him. He has his own cage that would accompany him. He lives in Mount Airy, MD but would be willing to transport him to a new home.

[GrizBaer@aol.com](mailto:GrizBaer@aol.com)

For those who don't have access to email, you can call Carol Rees at 301-277-9846 and she will forward information.

**Best quality large parrot cage. Wrought iron white baked enamel. 57"H x 38"W x 27 1/2"D, door 28"W; bars 7/8" apart; roller wheels, top and bottom trays; two door cup holders; matching adjustable outside perch with 2 cup holders; 2 large manzanita perches. \$350. Call (301) 229-7739.**

**Large wrought iron cage, suitable for macaws, coctatoos, or large amazons. \$100 or best offer. Call Sabrina (917) 968-7741.**

# CLUB NEWS

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## Treasurer's Report August 2002

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$3391.59</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3391.59</b>

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## Membership Report August 2002

Exchange Memberships	18
Single Memberships	39
Family Memberships	20
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>77</b>

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## National Capital Bird Club Meeting Minutes 8/4/02

Tom Marshall spoke on the Caique parrot. He brought with him two of his caiques: a white-bellied caique and a black-headed caique. They were adorable and enjoyed playing with the meeting attendees. He discussed why they make wonderful pets due to their quietness, playfulness, and sociability.

### From a friend...worth a chuckle...

A grief stricken woman walks into a veterinary clinic with a very dead parrot in her hands. she gently lays the dead bird on a n examining table in front of the vet who looks at the woman quizzically. "There is something wrong with my parrot," the woman exclaims.

The vet looks at the dead parrot and pokes it with his finger. The bird does not react. he looks at the woman who's on the verge of tears, shakes his head, and says, 'It's dead.'

"How can you be sure! All you did was poke it; perhaps, it could be in a coma! The woman exclaims.

The vet rolls his eyes and walks out the back. He shortly returns leading a Labrador dog on a leash. He motions the dog up onto the table with the bird. The dog sniffs the bird over and looks at the vet, lowers his ears, and whines as it shakes its head.

The vet takes the dog away and comes back with a cat and places the cat in front of the bird. The cat sniffs the bird up and down, looks at the vet, gives a short meow, and shakes its head, hops off the table and runs out the back.

"See!" the vet says to the woman.  
"Your parrot is dead."

The woman begins crying as reality dawns on her.

The vet writes out the bill and gives it to the woman who quickly looks at it.

"\$1500 dollars, but you didn't do anything."

The vet just looks at her and says, "If you had taken my word for it, it would only have cost \$20 bucks, but with the lab report and cat scan..."

Submitted by Tom Marshall.

# CLUB INFORMATION

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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.



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<i>½ page</i>	<i>\$8</i>	<i>\$15</i>

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 is stapled here for paid members.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 22, 2002**

**Parrot Education & Adoption Center Conf.**

Pittsburg, PA (724) 941-3149

**October 19, 2002**

**Baltimore Bird Fanciers Bird Mart**

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall

Putty Hill Avenue & Old Harford Road

(410) 239-1928 or (410) 628-2051

**October 26, 2002**

**Pet Bird Assoc of VA Bird Mart**

Khedive Temple, Woodlake Drive

Chesapeake, VA (757) 420-3354

**October 27, 2002**

**Mid- Atlantic Bird Mart**

I-95 & Rt #3

Fredericksburg, VA (540) 786-8321

**November 24, 2002**

**Liz Wilson Seminar**

McLean Government Center/Police Substation

1437 Balls Hills Road

McLean, VA (703) 556-7750

**December 1, 2002**

**Mid- Atlantic Bird Mart**

Tysons Westpark Best Western

McLean, VA (703) 771-9678

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