



THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

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Get Your Bird Back! *March 20*

At the March 20th meeting of the NCBC, we will view a DVD by Barbara Heidenreich entitled, "Get Your Bird Back! - What to Do When a Parrot is Lost". It is designed to give you useful tools that can aid in recovering a lost bird. We will then have a discussion about recovering your bird.

We will discuss whether there is interest to go as a group to see the new 3D animated parrot movie "Rio" premiering on April 15th. For more info see page 3.

World Parrot Trust Eco-Tour

May 28th – June 6th 2011.

Optional Hyacinth Valley extension through June 12th

The World Parrot Trust (WPT) will have an Eco-Tour to the Pantanal in Brazil from May 28 to June 6, 2011 with an optional Hyacinth Valley extension through June 12, 2011. This trip has been organized by Tropical Nature Travel and you will travel with Joanna Eckles from the WPT. Local expert guides will be provided for each area that you visit. This tour is limited to only 10 guests and may fill up soon.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. For more information and details on the trip and to see the video clip about it go to <http://www.parrots.org/index.php/getinvolved/parrottrip>. There are still some seats available.

Renew Your NCBC Membership

NCBC 2010 memberships expired at the end of the calendar year. The club is accepting memberships for 2011. The dues will remain at \$20/year for a single membership and \$25/year for a family membership. Show your support of the club and renew your membership. The membership form is on page 18.

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Next Meeting

March 20, 2011
(3:30-5:30pm)

Topic:
Get Your Bird Back!

Location:
McLean Government Center

2011 NCBC Schedule

Meeting Dates	Meeting Location	Speaker	Topic
February 13, 2011	McLean Government Center	Movie	The Unnatural History of the Kakapo
March 20, 2011	McLean Government Center	Movie	Get Your Bird Back! By Barbara Hedenreich
April 10, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
May 1, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
June 5, 2011	John Davey's House		Annual Club Picnic
July 10, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
August 7, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
September 11, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
October 2, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
November 20, 2011	McLean Government Center	TBA	TBA
December 4, 2011	TBA		Annual Holiday Party

NCBC Yahoo Group

Please join us at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/birdclubinvirginia/>

The purpose of this group is to exchange information and education, and to encourage interest in pet birds, from Canaries to Macaws. This forum is for members of the National Capital Bird Club, as well as all others. There are currently more than 75 members of this Yahoo Group. Please join, contribute and share! Stay in the know by bookmarking this site and visiting often. Check out the interesting links.

Parrot News & Items of Interest

“Rio” Premieres on Friday, April 15, 2011 in theaters

The 3D animated feature film “Rio” premieres on Friday, April 15, 2011 in theaters. It is the story of the last Spix Macaw, a male named Blu, who is living as a pet in Minnesota. When a female Spix named Jewel is found in Brazil, Blu is sent down there to meet her. Both are kidnapped by bird traffickers and after escaping, Blu, who has never learned how to fly, must learn in order to return to his human companion. He is helped by an assortment of other parrots. The director, Carlos Saldanha, directed “Ice Age”, “Ice Age: The Meltdown”, “Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs,” and “Robots”. You can watch a trailer of the movie at the web site

www.rio-themovie.com

3/9/2011 Kakapo population increases to 123 birds

The New Zealand Department of Conservation put out a press release on March 9, 2011 that the first Kakapo chicks of the 2011 breeding season have hatched this season bringing their population up from 120 to 123 birds. Even though the rimu fruit failed this season due to bad weather, the scientists monitoring the kakapo are hopeful that they will get 11 chicks this season.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/CU1103/S00189/world-population-of-kakapo-going-up-as-new-chicks-hatch.htm>

Free Parrot Coloring Pages

For some free parrot coloring pages that you can print out at home for your kids to color, go to

<http://BirdChannel.com/ColoringPages>

Avian Allergies and Seasonal Feather Destructive Behavior

On page 12 of May 2011 issue of Bird Talk there is an interesting article on Avian Allergies by Margaret A. Wissman, DVM, DABVP. Another article on page 20 by Susan Clubb, DVM focuses on Seasonal Feather Destructive Behavior (FDB) which can include a connection to seasonal allergies. This is the first article I’ve read about parrots suffering from allergies similar to cats, dogs, and humans, and it is also the first article I’ve read connecting allergies to some instances of FDB.

Certified Made in the USA Bird Toys

Greenfeather Bird Supply <http://www.greenfeatherbirdsupply.com/> has the first bird toy line to be awarded the Certified Made in the USA. It sells wholesale to bird stores.

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Parrot News & Items of Interest *continued...*

2/26/2011 Australian Study Concludes That Parrots Exhibit Left or Right Handedness

Researches from Australia performed a study of 320 parrots from 16 different species of parrots native to Australia with the object of seeing if parrots exhibit left and right handedness like humans. They concluded that they do and that some species are entirely either left handed or right handed.

<http://www.leaderpost.com/Study+finds+most+parrots+left+footed+left+eyed/4352186/story.html>

2/24/2011 Australia Creates Conservation Park for Eastern Regent Parrot

Two hundred and eighty hectares of land has been set aside in Southern Australia by the government to help protect the endangered Eastern Regent Parrot. There are 50 breeding pairs in that location.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/02/24/3147374.htm>

2/23/2011 Lost Pet Amazon is Discovered Living with the Chickens at the Chester Zoo in England

Jack, a 12 year old Amazon pet parrot became lost in Liverpool, England last November. Despite a frantic search his owner was unable to find him. Recently he was discovered living at the Chester Zoo in one of the zoo's poultry sheds. He has now been reunited with his owner.

<http://www.pawnation.com/2011/02/23/pet-parrot-finds-way-home-after-living-with-chickens-for-months/>

3/17/2011 Wild Population of Green-cheeked Amazons Lives on Hotel Grounds in Palm Beach, Florida

A flock of around 100 to 150 Green-cheeked Amazons that originated from a release of them in the 1940s happily live on grounds of the legendary The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. Some guest do complain about them vocalizing in the morning when they leave and at night when they return to roost but most seem not to mind. This is the only breeding site in Florida for this Mexican parrot. They nest in a 150-year-old stand of ornamental Australian pine (Casuarina) that was planted in the 1860s.

<http://spectator.org/archives/2011/03/17/noisy-nights-in-paradise/>

News about my Quaker Parakeet

I am excited to relate that my own Quaker parakeet, Noelle, has re-grown many of her plucked feathers on her chest and back. She is fourteen years old and has had plucking issues for about ten years. This is the best she has looked in years. She also is flying a lot more and frequently will fly over to land on me particularly when I leave my bedroom where her cage is located. While it's a little irritating to not be able to go to the bathroom alone, I'm so happy that she's not plucking and is interacting more. My other bird, Pierre, who is a fifteen year old Fisher Lovebird, is also flighted and he typically likes to ride around on me.

Quaker Parakeet News

Quaker Parakeet Society Article in Bird Talk April 2011 Issue

An article about the Quaker Parakeet Society (QPS) www.qp-society.com was featured on page 15 of the April 2011 issue of Bird Talk. John Davey, who is a club member, is the current president of the QPS. I will bring my copy of the April 2011 issue of Bird Talk to the meeting for those who are interested in it.

Ban on Quaker Parakeets in New Hampshire

New Hampshire is now enforcing a 1998 law banning Quaker Parakeets from their state. Owners either have to find new homes for their birds out of state or face the prospect of them being euthanized.

On March 7, 2011, an article by Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department entitled "Quaker parrot ban must be enforced" was published. http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110307/GJNEWS_01/703079936/-1/FOSNEWS

It's sad that this government official from New Hampshire doesn't not understand that the Quaker Parakeet is not an agricultural threat or at all likely to establish feral populations in New Hampshire. I can understand that a government official has to perform their job of upholding the law, but to me he sounds either misinformed or ignorant.

Currently on the web there is a site <http://www.monkparakeet.com/status.htm> that has the legal status for Quaker Parrots (Monk Parakeets). Unfortunately it has not been updated since 1998 and it lists Quakers as being legal in New Hampshire with no restrictions. Many of the Quaker owners in New Hampshire purchased their birds in good faith not realizing that they were illegal.

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) has an eight page comment letter. You can view it at <http://www.afabirds.org/pdf/2.10.11.AFA.Comment.Letter.NH.F&G.quaker.regs.pdf>

Birds Of A Feather Avicultural Society (BOAF), a nonprofit group of cage bird enthusiasts and breeders, is making an effort to try and get the law repealed. See www.boaf.com/quakers/index.html Two of its members, Curry and April Lashua have operated The Posh Parrot bird store for many years and are strongly advocating the repeal of New Hampshire's current law which bans Quaker Parakeets in that state. Suzanne Burke, a breeder of Quaker Parakeets in Nashua, has been given a 30 day deadline by New Hampshire Fish and Game to get rid of her birds. If homes in other states cannot be found for them, they will be seized and destroyed.

Melissa Chun's Letter in Support of the NYS "Monk Parakeet Protection Act"

Melissa Chun has written a letter in support of NYS Bill S.1246 (Addabbo) known as the "Monk Parakeet Protection Act" and S. 1255 (Addabbo), which would make feral Monk (Quaker) parakeets protected birds in New York State. Currently feral Quaker parakeets in New York have no legal protection. Her letter follows.

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Arlington, VA 22201
February 22, 2011

Frank S. Scaduto
Legislative Director
Office of New York State
Sen. Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
15th Senate District
188 State Street Room 815
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Mr. Scaduto,

This letter is in support of NYS Bill S.1246 (Addabbo), which would amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to enacting the "Monk Parakeet Protection Act" and **S. 1255 (Addabbo)**, which would amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to making Monk (Quaker) parakeets protected birds. Both of these bills would grant Quaker parakeets (Quaker parrots) legal protection in New York State. These bills are important because New York's wild Quaker parakeets have no legal protection. Without laws to protect them, the humane treatment of the birds is not ensured; consequently the birds can be poached or indiscriminately killed, particularly when properties are slated for demolition, nests are removed from utility poles by power companies, and projects require removal of the birds.

As stated in **S.1246**, reports of poaching and less than humane regard for nesting sites have led to the need for formal protection of this species, which is recognized as **non-native**, but **not** currently categorized as **invasive**. See "Manhattan Parrots Rebuilding After Vandal Attack" on September 14, 2010 (<http://www.brooklynparrots/>). Stephen Baldwin wrote on his blog that "A group of wild Quaker Parrots had moved to Manhattan last summer and by early August, "were on the verge of establishing a thriving colony close to the Hudson River near 145th Street, but then disaster -- in the form of a group of free-range human predators from the adjacent neighborhood -- completely destroyed their habitat. Fortunately, the parrots were able to escape with their lives, and have now commenced rebuilding their nest at a more secure location... My hope is that these remarkable birds will be left alone by predatory humans, which is all they really ask for."

General Concerns about the Parrots

When Quaker parrots began to appear in the U.S., there were concerns that as a non-native species, they would displace native birds or become agricultural pests to crops and vegetation. But these concerns have been largely unfounded.

The Connecticut Audubon Society conducted extensive research on Monk parakeets in 1991, partly in response to the calls and inquiries received about them due to sightings in Connecticut neighborhoods. The researchers had found that they had not witnessed any serious damage to crops and that the birds did not seem to be competing with or adversely affecting native birds.

“Connecticut Audubon has received scattered reports of damage done by the parrots to fruit in season, garden tomatoes and ornamental trees, but we have not been able to verify these claims. We noticed that the maple and ash trees around the main colony appeared ragged in the spring, many of the twigs having been chewed off for nest building. However, by late spring the trees were in full leaf and seemed none the worse for wear. Most of the neighbors around the tree do not seem to feel that the parrots do any appreciable damage.

We also have not observed particularly aggressive behavior by the parrots toward other native birds. At feeders the parrots tend to dominate while feeding but then move on to other locations thus leaving the feeders available for other birds. We observed many passerine birds (i.e., robins, mockingbirds, finches, sparrows, mourning doves, woodpeckers) foraging around the main colony and often landing in the tree itself with no noticeable reaction from the parrots.”

(<http://www.ctaudubon.org/conserv/nature/parowl.htm>)

Michael Avery, a biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture USDA-WS National Wildlife Research Center, co-authored a report on the impact of feral Quaker parrots. The report concluded: “Despite the species’ reputation as a serious crop pest in its native range, there has been relatively little crop damage in the United States.” Mr. Avery added that “There is no documentation of their causing damage to cereal crops in the U.S., and no indication that they are displacing other birds. They are not cavity nesters, like starlings, which displace woodpeckers. Overall, there seems to be no competition for food or nest space.” (Bird Talk Magazine, November 2010).

Can Parrot and Man Co-exist?

Although there may be problems associated with the parrots building nests on utility poles, the birds do not need to be euthanized nor should their nests be removed during the breeding season or during the winter months. The key to making this work is the timing and phasing of mitigation efforts, and when necessary, removing and relocating the birds.

There have been efforts to lessen the impacts to the wild parrot population by providing alternative nesting sites (“Monk Bunkers”), removing the nests after the baby birds have fledged and before the onset of winter to allow them time to rebuild, removing and placing the baby birds in a sanctuary, or using deterrents, such as putting orange sleeves on the utility poles to discourage them from building nests. Stamford Connecticut has installed a series of platforms to replace the ball field lights where the birds once nested (article by Justin Nobel, December 4, 2008, Audubonmagazine.org). This approach was also taken in Yacolt, Washington (The Yacolt Wild Parrot Crisis in November 7, 2007). Alison Evans-Fragale negotiates with Public Service

Electric and Gas Company on behalf of the wild parrots. Further, baby parrots were rescued from a ball park in the Bronx in June 7, 2007, and placed in a sanctuary by Foster Parrots. (<http://www.brooklynparrots.com/2007/06/bronx-tale-great-baby-quaker-parrot.html>) The Quaker Parakeet Society (QPS) has provided educational and subject matter expert input to local state wildlife organizations and worked with utility companies on effective and humane approaches to managing wild Quaker populations (Bird Talk Magazine, April 2011). Recent changes to the laws in Rhode Island have now made it legal to own Quaker parrots if a permit has been secured. QPS sent New Jersey legislators a letter to encourage them to remove Quaker parrots from the state's list of potentially dangerous species. First proposed in 2006, bill A454 was reintroduced and sent to committee in 2010. If passed, it would allow Quaker parrots to have the same protection as native species. (Bird Talk Magazine, November 2010). Clearly, this is an important issue for people.

I've attached an article from the Humane Society of the United States website which discusses the "long lasting, non-lethal ways" to deal with their nesting habits. (www.hsus.org/wildlife)

December 9, 2005



Connecticut's United Illuminating Company, in concert with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agreed to immediately cease their efforts to remove thousands of resident monk parrots from their nests by night and then kill the birds with carbon dioxide. This senseless extermination made headlines around the globe and sparked angry protests from area residents, members of the animal protection community, and state and federal lawmakers against United Illuminating, a private company that distributes electricity to customers in portions of southern Connecticut. In response to those protests, this week, United Illuminating officials told a Connecticut Superior Court judge that it has no further plans to capture monk parrots this year and have them euthanized. United Illuminating stated that they will only be dismantling nests from the poles where birds had already been removed.

Parrots in New England?

It may come as a surprise to many to learn that wild tropical parrots thrive in the United States and have done so for decades. Monk parrots (*Myiopsitta monachus*), also known as monk parakeets or quaker parrots, are native to South America and are believed to have been introduced to the Northeast in the late 1960s when a container of parrots, destined for the **pet trade**, broke open at New York's Kennedy Airport and allowed several birds to escape into the urban wilds. Tropical or not, these hardy birds manage to survive harsh Northeastern winters and have since established flourishing wild populations in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. They have also proliferated in balmier Florida and Texas, as well as in parts of Illinois.

Oddly, monk parrots are the only parrot species that actually build nests. Pairs of parrots prefer to attach

their nest to other existing nests, creating an "apartment building" of sorts. In the wild, these nests can be huge and quite heavy. The large nests may be the key to the success of monk parrots in cooler climates, since such close quarters generate heat and make for warm, dry shelters. Monk parrots sometimes build their massive nests atop utility poles, causing many utility companies like United Illuminating to claim that the nests create a fire hazard or have the potential to cause power outages. While this may occasionally happen, the bottom line is that birds do not have to be killed to solve these problems. There are non-lethal long-lasting ways to deal with their nesting habits.

Some utility companies, including several in neighboring New York and New Jersey, routinely remove nesting material as soon as the parrots begin building. Eventually the birds give up and build their nests in nearby trees. There are also some non-lethal exclusion devices and repellents that have the potential to effectively eliminate utility poles as attractive nesting sites for the parrots. Utility poles provide excellent sites for monk parakeets to build their nests. Simply removing and killing parrots will not prevent other parrots from nesting on the poles in the future.

While United Illuminating has ceased killing birds, the battle on behalf of the monk parrots is far from over. To do its part, United Illuminating will need to develop, in concert with experts in the field of humane bird management, a comprehensive, long-term solution to the problem of monk parrots nesting on utility poles.

If these bills were passed, would it open the floodgate for bills that would protect other invasive species?

No. As noted in Section 1. Legislative intent, of **S1246**, Monk parakeets are recognized as non-native, but **are not characterized as invasive**, according to the report Regulatory System for Non-native Species (New York Invasive Species Council, 2010).

What is the rationale behind these concerns?

In 2009, the Non-native Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act (HR 669) was introduced by Del. Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam) Chair of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife of the House Natural Resources Committee. This legislation proposed to establish a risk assessment process to prevent the introduction of and establishment in, the United States of non-native wildlife species that will cause or are likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to other animal species' health or human health.

But these concerns need to be examined in a much broader context. What is important to note is that a non-native species which could potentially cause or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm in one part of the country, would not necessary cause a problem in another part of the country. Where one species may be found harmful in southern Florida and Hawaii, it would not be found harmful in Alaska, New York City, or in the deserts of Arizona or New Mexico. Any new legislation would need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. And you would need to assess whether a non-native species would be potentially invasive and harmful in that particular part of the country.

What does this mean?

Could there be more bills to protect invasive species? This is highly unlikely. Currently, there are more bills being introduced to ban (e.g., python bans) or regulate invasive and injurious

species (<http://www.pijac.org/governmentaffairs/s373forum.asp>). Most states have exercised their authority to regulate problem species through permits and bans.

Why Parrots in NY?

Like the wild parrots of Telegraph Hill in San Francisco, the Quaker parrots are an important part of the city's culture, history, and character. The bill would grant Quaker parrots legal protection and their presence adds charm and contributes to the uniqueness of the places that they call their home.

The Quaker parrot is the unofficial mascot of Brooklyn College. A Quaker parrot perches on the cover of the Brooklyn College Student Handbook and a bit of parrot lore is included in one of the chapters. (<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/pubs/handbook/shandbook.pdf>). There was even a question listed in a fact sheet for the "West Quad" renovation project that asked "what will happen to the monk parakeets?"

Clearly, people care a great deal about them.

Stephen Baldwin of Brooklyn Parrots leads Brooklyn Wild Parrot Safaris the first Saturday of each month. This is a quote from Stephen's website (<http://www.brooklynparrots.com/>):

"The fact that North America has a new parrot on its shores in my view is a blessing, especially because our countrymen wiped out our only native parrot – the Carolina Parakeet – nearly a hundred years ago. Nature has given us the rarest of gifts: a second chance."

Thank you for raising public awareness and promoting humane treatment of this remarkable species.

I express my support for these bills.

Respectfully,

Melissa L. Chun

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AFA in Brief - February 2011 by Carol Lee

The AFA 37th Annual Convention “Jewels in Aviculture”

San Francisco, California, August 3-6, 2011

Join us for 4 days of Education & Excitement! Speakers, Vendors, Raffles, Games, Fun!

AFA4Kidz—Saturday, August 6th—4pm to 6pm

For more information: Convention@afabirds.org

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Exciting new addition to the 2011 AFA Convention!

Lory League Hookbill Show - Budgies to Macaws

Co-sponsored by the Lineolated Parakeet Society

Birdshow@LoryLeague.com

Judge: Linda Rubin - MA SPBE Affiliated

Saturday, August 6th - 9:00am to 3:00 pm

Attention Florida Residents!

Exotic Newcastle's disease (END) was diagnosed in three double crested cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) in Pinellas County Florida last week. Fred Smith, the Florida regional director for the American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA), is working with the Florida Department of Agriculture and the Florida state veterinarian's office to keep us updated.

Complete notice at www.afabirds.org.

2011 Call for Papers

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you have the opportunity to give more than one presentation. Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2011.

For more information, please go to www.afabirds.org.

American Federation of Aviculture 2011 Calendars *

Support the AFA and purchase a 2011 calendar today! This popular item is now available in the AFA Store and is a great gift idea. To learn more, and to preview the stunning photographs in this calendar,

click on http://www.afabirds.org/AFA_Store/index.shtml

Contact the AFA office for a discount when purchasing 10 or more! Phone: (512) 585-9800 email: afaoffice@afabirds.org

2010 AFA Convention DVD's !

Selected videos of presentations from the 2010 AFA Convention are now available on DVD from the AFA Store! Proceeds from the sale of these DVDs help further AFA's efforts in Conservation and Research, and are a great addition to your library of educational material. Quantity discounts apply. Visit the AFA Store for more information. www.afabirds.org.

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	Full Registration (AFA Member) Banquet Included Vegetarian _____ Non-Vegetarian _____		
	Full Registration (Nonmember) Banquet Included Vegetarian _____ Non-Vegetarian _____		
	Daily registration: Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____		
	Wednesday Off Site trip		
	Extra banquet ticket _____ Vegetarian _____ Non Vegetarian _____		
	Convention Proceedings CD		
	T-Shirt (enter qty) M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____		
	Polo Shirt (enter qty) M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____		
	AFA Membership New _____ Renew _____ Membership Level _____		
	<i>I am staying at the convention hotel</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> <i>How many nights?</i> _____		

Include check payable to AFA or provide credit card information below.

Total \$ _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Credit card # _____ MC Visa AmEx (circle one) V-code _____

Expiration date: _____ Signature: _____

Registration:

House of Delegates registration includes: lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket. One copy of Convention Proceedings is included for delegates if HOD meeting is attended. **Full registration includes:** lectures, exhibits, specialty meetings, and a banquet ticket.

Daily registration includes: lectures, exhibits, and specialty meetings for a specific day only.

Refunds:

Full refund if postmarked on or before June 17, 2011. 50 per cent refund if postmarked on or before July 1, 2011. All refund requests must be in writing and mailed or e-mailed to the address below. **Early Bird** registration **MUST** be postmarked by June 17, 2011. Super early registrations must have balances paid by June 17, 2011 in order to pay early bird rate.

Hotel Information:

The Convention will be held at the San Mateo Marriott. Accommodations are NOT included in registrations fees. Call (727)894-5000 for reservations. Mention AFA when making reservations to secure convention rates of \$99.00 per night for single/double occupancy.

All minors attending the Convention must be accompanied at all times by a registered adult participant. AFA is not responsible for minors who attend the Convention without proper adult supervision.	Early Bird Rates*		Normal Rates*	
	AFA Member	Non-Member	AFA Member	Non-Member
Special Registration fee for House of Delegates	\$180.00		\$200.00	
Full Registration	\$205.00	\$235.00	\$245.00	\$275.00
Daily Registration (Per Day)			\$75.00	\$100.00
Wednesday Offsite tour			\$45.00	
Extra Banquet ticket Vegetarian _____ Non Vegetarian _____			\$50.00	
Convention Proceedings Pre order price \$10				
T-Shirts/Polo Shirts sizes M – XXL to be picked up at the Convention T-Shirts: \$25/ Polo Shirts \$35				
Membership: New or renew Individual - \$40 Family - \$45.00 Supporting - \$75 Commercial - \$125				

Send with payment to: AFA PO Box 14923 Humble, Texas 77338 or email: Convention@afabirds.org Fax: 281-852-4898

For more information call 281-217-0614

American Federation of Aviculture Online Course Fundamentals of Aviculture

Fundamentals of Aviculture is an entirely online course, written by Rick Jordan and Barbara Heidenreich and presented as nine beautifully illustrated chapters, with original photographs and with drawings by Lyrae Perry.

Rick Jordan wrote the first eight chapters which cover avian anatomy and physiology, reproductive functions and behaviors, illness prevention and detection, and aviary construction, taxonomic assignments, avicultural history and advancements, domestication of birds in aviculture, and laws and regulations governing aviculture. Barbara Heidenreich covers keys to understanding parrot behavior, pet parrot behavior modification and training.

Development of Fundamentals of Aviculture was made possible by a grant from Pet Care Trust, and by funding and other support from the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center, and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

This course includes nine tests. The graduate is certified by the American Federation of Aviculture as Aviculturist, Level I. This course is a prerequisite for Intermediate Aviculture.

To register or for more information, go to <http://www.fundamentalsofaviculture.com/FOACourse/>

Fees are \$35 for all current AFA Members and \$75 for non-members. The non-member rate includes a one year single membership to AFA. Extra fees are charged for members outside the United States. You will see various membership options on the payment page.

The second course in the series, **Fundamentals of Aviculture II (Intermediate Aviculture)** is in final developmental stages. Students that have taken the first class will be notified when the course is ready. The projected target date is on or before March 31, 2011. All students enrolling in FOA II will have to have completed the first level class to enroll. For more information, contact Linda Seger, FOA Development at foatech@earthlink.net.

News from the World Parrot Trust (WPT)

The February issue of Flock Talk the free WPT monthly e-magazine is at

http://www.parrots.org/index.php/newsletter/FlockTalk_Issue42

DVDs for Sale

A DVD compilation of 20 years of their magazine publication PsittaScene from 1989 - 2009 PsittaScene that has been digitally reproduced. It is playable on a PC and is searchable for specific issues based on topic, author, or by year of publication. It is a great price of only \$20. For more info see <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=249>

A new DVD about the Kakapo Parrot, "The Unnatural History of the Kakapo." You can get more info and see a trailer of the this DVD by visiting <http://www.parrots.org/marcom/kakapo/>. To order a copy you can visit the World Parrot Trusts USA Store <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=250>

We viewed this DVD at the last meeting and it was very good. I highly recommend it.

They are releasing a new 4 disc DVD set entitled "The World of Parrots - Australia". It covers over 50 species of parrots from Australia. It can be preordered now and will be shipping in April for the United States at a cost of \$50. <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=256>

A DVD entitled, "Expert Companion Bird Care Series: Volume 1" by Drs. Scott Echols and Brian Speer for \$24.95. <http://store.wptestore.com/servlet/Detail?no=242> Phoenix Landing is also selling this same DVD for \$22.95 <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/books.html>

BOSS Orange Gives Large Donation to the World Parrot Trust

The World Parrot Trust will receive \$68,000 from the fashion house HUGO BOSS and its BOSS Orange line from that sale of its new BOSS Orange parrot Tee Shirt. The donation will be used to fund WPT projects for the Scarlet Macaws in Costa Rica and Honduras, and the Blue-throated Macaws in Bolivia.

<http://www.parrots.org/bossorange/about/respect-the-parrot/>

BOSS Orange is launching a campaign "Love your Tee – and Respect the Parrot" that will run from January to June 2011. Last spring on Facebook a competition was launched to design a parrot themed tee shirt. Out of the 1200 submissions, Esteban Lalama from Educador was selected as having the winning design. To purchase the tee shirt or to locate a retail store that it can be purchased from see

http://www.facebook.com/bossorange?sk=app_377959406763

Unfortunately, it's not available online in this country (online stores are only for Germany, Austria, United Kingdom, Netherlands, and France. If you're not in those countries your only other option is to purchase it at a physical store. Looking through the available store locations in the United States there are none in our area. Online in the UK it the equivalent of \$56.

Petition to Ban Wild Bird Trade in South Africa

The World Parrot Trust has started a petition to end the wild bird trade in the Republic of South Africa. You can sign the petition online at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/help-end-wild-caught-bird-trade/> They have a goal of 5000 signatures. On March 16, 2011 they had 1786 signatures. Consider adding yours.



**The Sandhills Budgerigar Society
cordially invites you to our Annual Show
Saturday, April 30, 2011**

With BS Judge Dave Collier and ABS Judge Larry Moore

Show Hall and Hotel ([directions](#)):

[Holiday Inn](#)

Call 910-323-1600 before March 30th for "Sandhills Budgie/Bird Show Rate" (\$90/night). No charge for pets. Show Hall will be open Friday late afternoon/evening, and at 7:00am Saturday for check in. Show tags are \$3/tag with a maximum of \$45 per exhibitor.

No entries will be accepted after 9:00am Saturday. Judging starts promptly at 9:30.

Show cages will not be provided.

IF YOU GET LOST: Call Keith Gover (910) 574-3426 or Paige Gover (910) 574-4368

Phoenix Landing News

The December issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1104667036574.html> or you can just click on the link to it on their home page at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org> In it you can find profiles of a number of parrots that are up for adoption. Additional profiles of adoptable parrots from Phoenix Landing in the MD, DC, VA, WV area can be found at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/VA278.html>.

Their requirements for adoption are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars, and an Adoption Fee. Their requirements for foster-care placements are a completed Application, a brief in-Home Visit, and attendance at one of their parrot care Seminars. It is important that you are matched with the right bird and they will work with you to find that special connection. Their adoption form can be found at <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/adoption.html>.

Check out Phoenix Landing's blog at <http://phoenixlanding.org/blog/>

The Phoenix Landing Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) charity code is #31469.

www.phoenixlanding.org

Wilson Parrot Foundation News

The Wilson Parrot Foundation is a parrot rescue organization located in Damascus, MD.

They are outgrowing their present location and recently had a Farm Fundraiser that made \$14,000. They are still a long way from being able to buy a new property that will provide more accommodations for rescued parrots.

They have two web cams so that you can view their parrots.

<http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org/ParrotCam.aspx>
<http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org/ParrotCam2.aspx>

The Wilson Parrot Foundation Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) charity code is #98851.

www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org

Adoption & Rescue

Phoenix Landing has many birds currently in foster care that need a permanent home. If you are interested in making them part of your family, you can contact phoenixlanding@earthlink.net. For more information visit the Phoenix Landing Website to learn more about adoption - <http://www.phoenixlanding.org/>

The **Wilson Parrot Foundation** has birds that need adoption. If you are interested in volunteering or adopting, you can read more about what is required at http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer_adopt.htm

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National Capital Bird Club

2011 Membership Application

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Application: _____

Would you like to be published in the roster? _____

Annual membership entitles you to a newsletter, access to club library, free business card advertisement in the newsletter for bird related businesses, and other club sponsored projects.

Annual 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.)

What types of bird(s) do you have?

Would you be interested in serving on any committees or serving as a speaker?

Please mail to:

NCBC

8901 Kimes St.

Silver Spring, MD 20901-3727

Please make checks payable to NCBC

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National Capital Club Information

The National Capital Bird Club (NCBC) is affiliated with the American Federation of Aviculture, Bird Clubs of Virginia, and Bird Clubs of America. It is dedicated to education and aviculture with respect to all types of birds.

Club Meetings

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 22101-3428
(703) 356-0551

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/mclean_Lg.htm

Birds

Birds are suspended until further notice from the meetings due to the McLean Government Center regulations stating that no live animals may be brought into their center. The club is in the process of looking for another venue that will accept birds.

Newsletters

Newsletters are published once a month and are sent out the week before the next meeting electronically in PDF format. Hard copy is provided to those members who do not have email access. Members are encouraged to submit articles, stories, pictures to the editor for publication in upcoming newsletters. Please send all submissions to Carol Rees, 727 N Danville St, Arlington, VA 22201 or email to carol.rees@usa.com

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.

NCBC Editorial Policies

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Please submit all articles and info for the newsletter to:

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Arlington, VA 22201-1917
carol.rees@usa.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18-20

11th Annual Super Pet Expo

March 18 (4-9pm), March 19 (10am-7pm), March 20 (10am-5pm)

Dulles Expo Center

4320 Chantilly Shopping Center

Chantilly, VA 20153

www.superpetexpo.com/chantilly.html

March 19 – by Phoenix Landing

Clicker Training for Parrots (10am-12noon)

First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ

6915 York Road

Towson, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

March 26 – by Phoenix Landing

Things I Wish I'd Known (11:30am-1:30pm)

Kernstown United Methodist Church

3239 Valley Pike

Winchester, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

March 26 - by Bird Fair Florida

Exotic Bird Mart & Fair of VA

At The Meadow Event Park (Route 30)

Doswell, VA

Admission \$5.00 9am - 4pm Under 10 Free, Free Parking,

Info: Beverly (954)-214-4750 or www.birdfairflorida.com

April 2 – by Phoenix Landing

Hormones, The Down Side of the Good Life (10am-12noon)

Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street

Springfield, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

April 10 – by Phoenix Landing

Behavior Workshop (2-4pm)

Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services

4105 Rust Road

Fairfax, VA

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

April 16 – by Phoenix Landing

Things I Wish I'd Known (10am-12noon)

McFaul Activity Center

525 West MacPhail Rd

Bel Air, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

April 16 – by Phoenix Landing

Toy-Making Made Easy (1-3pm)

McFaul Activity Center

525 West MacPhail Rd

Bel Air, MD

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

April 30 - by Bird Fair Florida

Exotic Bird Fair & Mart Expo of Manassas

At The Prince William Fair Grounds

10624 Dumfries Rd

Manassas, VA 20112

Admission \$5.00 9am - 4pm Under 10 Free, Free Parking,

Info: Beverly (954)-214-4750 or www.birdfairflorida.com

April 30 - by Bird Fair Florida

Mid Atlantic Cockatiel Breeders & Exhibitors South Regional

N, C, S. Cockatiel Show

At The Prince William Fair Grounds

10624 Dumfries Rd

Manassas, VA 20112

Info: Josh Maple 919-326-1616 jam91@yahoo.com or Leslie

Huegerich 919-552-6312 or Klaviary@shoetiels.com

www.birdfairflorida.com

April 30 - by Sandhill Budgerigar Society

Sandhills Annual Budgerigar Show

Holiday Inn

1944 Cedar Creek Rd @ I-95

Fayetteville, NC 28312

Hotel Front Desk: 1-910-323-1600

See flyer on page 15

May 28 - June 6 - By WPT

(Hyacinth Macaw Extension to June 12)

WPT Pantanal Wildlife Safari

Pantanal, Brazil

Info: <http://www.parrots.org/index.php/getinvolved/parrottrip>

May 14-15, 2011

Bird Clubs of Virginia 27th Annual Convention

Fredericksburg Hospitality House

2801 Plank Road

Fredericksburg, VA

For more information: Phone Carol Woodson 804-321-6201 or see

<http://www.birdclubsva.org>

June 3-5, 2011 Parrots International Symposium 2011

Biltmore Hotel

Miami, FL

<http://www.pisymposium.org/>

June 2-3, 2011 Abaco Parrot Extension (Bahamas)

June 6-7, 2011 Puerto Rican Parrot Extension (Puerto Rico)

August 3-6, 2011

The AFA 37th Annual Convention "Jewels in Aviculture"

San Francisco, California, August 3-6, 2011

For more information: Convention@afabirds.org

AFA Office (512) 585-9800 www.AFABirds.org

November 12 - by Bird Fair Florida

Exotic Bird Mart & Sale

At The Meadow Event Park (Route 30)

Doswell, VA

Admission \$5.00 9am - 4pm Under 10 Free, Free Parking,

Info: Beverly (954)-214-4750 or patioj1@aol.com

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