



THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

<http://www.ncbc-dc.org>

November 2011

Australian Parrots *November 20*

For our program this Sunday, we will view the last disk of the four disk set on Australian parrots from parrot enthusiast, Don Kimball who travelled all over Australia to capture these birds on film. This is a four disk video series, "Discovering the World of Parrots Australia". The first two disks cover New South Wales, Victoria, the Northern Territory, and Tasmania. In the third and fourth disks, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australian parrots are covered.

We will also discuss the future of the club, future speakers, and possible new meeting locations.

McLean Government Center Closing in 2012

Starting in March 2012, the McLean Government Center is closing for a complete overhaul that may last two years. We can reserve it for our January and February meetings but will need to find a new venue for March onward. Discussions on possible locations to meet will be discussed at the November meeting.

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Next Meeting

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

Topic:
Australian Parrots

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
May 1, 2011	McLean Government Center	Robin Shewokis	Foraging
June 5, 2011	John Davey's House		Annual Club Picnic
July 10, 2011	McLean Government Center	Mark Sargent, Pionus Breeder	Loro Parque 2010 Convention
August 7, 2011	McLean Government Center	Video	Australian Parrots
September 11, 2011	McLean Government Center	Video	Australian Parrots
October 2, 2011	McLean Government Center	Video	Australian Parrots
November 20, 2011	McLean Government Center	Video	Australian Parrots
December 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 Around the World

Woman Wins Auction for \$400 for Kakapo Regurgitation

Adrienne Wing had the winning bid in an auction for regurgitated barf that Sirocco, the critically endangered Kakapo parrot made famous by the video posted on Youtube of him trying to copulate with a research scientist who was observing him <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T1vfsHYiKY> . More scenes of Sirocco on Youtube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbQgu0ilg8U&feature=relmfu>

Since the video was posted on Youtube, Sirocco has become an environmental spokesperson in New Zealand and has toured educating the public on the plight of the Kakapo. All proceeds from the auction go to the Kakapo Recovery Fund.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10762908

Local Wildlife Biologist Needs Help with Endangered Belizean Yellow-Headed Parrot Project

Michael Keys, biologist for North Florida Wildlife, has put out a request for funds for installing artificial nest cavities for the endangered Yellow-Headed Parrot in Belize. He currently installs nest cavities for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker in Florida which also lives nests in live Pine trees in similar conditions to the Yellow-Headed Parrot.

The RCW-YHP Project will be a partnership between staff from the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment (TIDE) in Belize, Steve Morrison who is an employee of The Nature Conservancy in Central Florida, and Michael Keys.

To read more about the project and how you can contribute see http://www.wakulla.com/Community/Community_Columnists/Local_Wildlife_Biologist_Needs_Help_with_Endangered_Belizean_Yellow-Headed_Parrot_Project_201111513019/

Australian Environmental Charity Wildcare Inc Launches Fund Appeal for Orange Bellied Parrot

With only an estimated 35 Orange Bellied Parrots remaining in the wild, WildCare Inc has set up an appeal for a fund for breeding and research of the Orange Bellied Parrot. You can read more at their facebook page

www.facebook.com/savetheobp

http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2011/10/24/271171_tasmania-news.html

Deaths in the Avian Community

Dr. Donald W. Zantop

Dr. Donald W. Zantop, DVM, an avian veterinarian of Fallston Veterinary Clinic in Harford County, MD is dead at the age of 59 following a diving accident near Bald Head Island in North Carolina on October 13, 2011. He was an active member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) and had served as its President from 2002-2003. Condolences may be sent to: Fallston Veterinary Clinic, 2615 Belair Rd. Fallston, MD 21047. The family requests donations in his memory to the AAV Research Fund, 90 Madison Street, Suite 403, Denver, Colorado, 80206.

Rolf C. Hagen

Rolf C. Hagen, founder of The Hagen Company died on October 22. From its beginnings in 1955, The Hagen Company has become the world's largest privately-owned pet products manufacturer and distributor. Rolf and his son Mark Hagen have been steadfast supporters of the World Parrot Trust.

Parrot News Around the World *continued from page 3*

Axeq Technologies and the University of Puerto Rico, Collaborate with the National Cancer Institute to Produce the First Draft Sequence of a Critically Endangered Parrot Species

The draft sequence of the Puerto Rican parrot genome (*Amazona vittata*) has been completed by Axeq Technologies in collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico and the National Cancer Institute. This is the first parrot of the large genus *Amazona* to be sequenced. The goal is to be able to study the genetic diversity that remains in the species and to contribute to customized recovery efforts. Other *Amazona* parrots from different Caribbean islands will be sequenced so that the differences between them can be studied. The genome information is now publicly available at <http://genomes.uprm.edu>
<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20111101007474/en/Axeq-Technologies-University-Puerto-Rico-Collaborate-National>

Baby Boom Boosts Endangered Parrot Species

Twenty scarlet macaw fledglings have been released in the forests of Guatemala. They were considered at risk and removed by conservationists of the Wildlife Conservation Society and the National Park Service of Guatemala which manage a monitoring program to remove and rehabilitate at risk scarlet macaw chicks. They are hand-reared in a jungle hospital and then fostered back in nests with chicks of the same age.

Twenty-four nests were monitored in 2011. There are an estimated 300 scarlet macaws in the wild in Guatemala.
<http://www.livescience.com/17030-baby-boom-boosts-endangered-scarlet-macaw.html>

Save the 517 Amazon Parrots

Parrots International sent out an urgent request in October concerning the confiscation of 517 parrots (Amazons and Pionus) in Brazil on September 25, 2011 from animal traffickers that had been found underneath a truck's cargo. They are currently in the hands of ECO <http://www.eco-conservation.org/> They are asking for funds to feed and house these birds until they mature enough to be released.

Kilma Manso, who is a "wildlife traffic" officer with IBAMA, which is the equivalent of our Fish and Wildlife Department, is overseeing the effort. She is also associated with Parrots International and has worked as the project leader on the Parrots International Lear's Macaw Project.

Mark Hagen, of Hagen Inc. immediately Fedexed 500lbs of Hagen Tropic Hand Feeding Formula with ground shipments to follow. Almost all of the confiscated parrots are chicks and numerous volunteers are working continually to hand feed all of the babies.

For the article that includes pictures, see <http://www.lafeberconservationwildlife.com/?p=2087>

Also, there is an update here on their status
<http://www.pipress.org/2011/10/517-amazons-thank-you/>

They are accepting donations via PayPal at
https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_flow&SESSION=4ctJzD4hYzLuEADxo-mQYyZt9cuPw9ekTn-r_GF10Ez7m3Fm6gfc_yJ2rbS&dispatch=5885d80a13c0db1f8e263663d3faee8db2b24f7b84f1819343fd6c338b1d9d60

Nature Tour in Costa Rica

February 11-18, 2012

Dr. Frank Rutowski, a veterinarian specializing in tropical birds, will be escorting a nature tour to Costa Rica. It will be guided by a full-time Costa Rican naturalist. The tour is limited to 15 passengers.

Tour Highlights:

- Rainforest walk on Arenal Hanging Bridges
- Tabacon Thermal Springs and viewing of lava flow of Arenal Volcano
- Wildlife Boat Tour
- Botanical, Frog, and Reptile Gardens, and Trails at Maquenque Eco-Lodge
- Great Bird Watching at Maquenque: Green Macaws Anyone?
- Night Hike at Maquenque
- Birdwatching at Savegre Lodge: Home to many Quetzals
- Topiary at Zarcero
- Optional Activities: Zipline/Canopy; Spa Treatment

For more information, <http://www.costaricatoursltd.com/Nature.htm>



The Phoenix Landing Foundation proudly presents

"Life on the Wild Side in Africa"

An evening event to support the world's leading parrot conservation organization, with Steve Milpacher from **The World Parrot Trust**.



Saturday December 3, 2011 4:30 pm-7:00 pm
Fairlington Presbyterian Church 3846 King Street
Alexandria VA



Steve Milpacher will discuss the important work of the WPT to help African parrots in the wild. The WPT encourages effective solutions that protect parrots, including conducting and supporting field conservation projects; working to eliminate the international trade in wild-caught parrots; and increasing awareness of parrots' plight in the wild and captivity.

www.parrots.org



Please join us for an auction and raffle to support this worthy cause. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share!



PARROT FESTIVAL 2012

13th Annual Educational Conference

January 20, 21, & 22, 2012

Presented by:

The National Parrot Rescue & Preservation Foundation

www.parrotfestival.org

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH).
15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, Texas, 77032 800-222-TREE
or 281-848-4000 FREE Parking!! FREE Airport Shuttle from IAH

To Register or for more Information
info@parrotfestival.com 713-557-BIRD (2473)

NEW DATES !!

JANUARY 20, 21 and 22, 2012

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Natalie Antinoff, Dr. Susan Friedman (Behavior), Chris Simmons (Compounding Avian Medicines), Daniel Sigmon (Quakers), and More to be announced later.

CONFERENCE/PRE-REGISTRATION

Early Bird: \$120.00 (\$110.00 w/NPRPF Membership) Must be postmarked before 9/01/2011.
Pre-registration: \$155.00 (\$140.00 w/NPRPF Membership) Must be postmarked before 12/01/2011.
Registration: \$180.00 Postmarked after 1/5/2012 or at the door.

Groups of 5-9 Club or Organization Members: \$115.00 each (\$105.00 w/NPRPF Membership)
Groups of 10 or more Club or Organization Members: \$110.00 each (\$100.00 w/NPRPF Membership)
Must use special group form and be postmarked before January 5, 2012.

These fees include admission all three days to all lectures presented by our Featured Speakers, admission to the Speaker Forum, Friday evening VIP Meet & Greet, a Treasure Map & access to all Vendors and Exhibitors.

"PARTY IN PARROT-DISE" VIP MEET & GREET: Friday evening. Registered attendees, vendors & supporters are invited to the President's VIP Meet & Greet. Complimentary dessert, Cash Bar, Contests, Prizes & More!!

BANQUET: Saturday. Cocktail Hour "Blue Jeans to Black Tie" charity event! Enjoy a three-course meal and bid on fabulous items offered in the Silent & Live Auctions. All proceeds go towards NPRPF Mission.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS: \$5.00 per adult (no charge to registered attendees) Enjoy fabulous deals on parrot-related merchandise & bird supplies including T-shirts & apparel, antiques & collectibles, jewelry, artwork, ceramics, home décor, cages, toys, toy kits, pellets, treats, supplements, gourmet bird food, publications, videos & more! *Want to be a vendor at Parrot Festival: info@parrotfestival.com*

TREASURE CHEST DRAWING: Registered Attendees - Get your Treasure Map and visit each of the booths & shops featuring quality vendors. After visiting all of the vendors, turn in your stamped Treasure Map at the registration table for a chance to win the Treasure Chest contents contributed by each of the Vendors.

SPONSORSHIPS: In order to keep registration & other fees low, NPRPF depends on individual sponsors to defer the cost of bringing you Parrot Festival. If you are interested in a Sponsorship, please contact us for a Prospectus of opportunities. info@parrotfestival.com

Phoenix Landing News

The November issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1108248804539.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.

Their Wish List for the DC area:

- Auction and raffle items
- Event locations in the Northern Virginia area
- Stamps (postcard and regular)
- Small pull and seal envelopes
- Transport for birds in all areas

www.phoenixlanding.org

Wilson Parrot Foundation News

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

Critical Need:

The van that they used to transport the parrots to the vet and other events is on its last leg. They are asking for donations for a newer van. If you know someone who has a used van and would like to make a tax deductible donation of that van to them, you can contact them at 301-368-3200.

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.

Their Wish List:

- Safeway gift cards to buy fruits and vegetables for the birds
- Medium to large parrot toys
- Cage liners (cage catchers) of many different sizes
- Medium size RoudyBush pellets
- Home Depot or Lowe's gift cards for supplies
- Petco or PetSmart gift cards for supplies
- We are still in desperate need of a late model, full size transportation van
- Funds to build a third Aviary
- Funds to someday buy a farm so we will not have to turn away any more mistreated, neglected or unwanted parrots.

www.wilsonparrotfoundation.org

American Federation of Aviculture Online Courses Fundamentals of Aviculture I and II

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 now available. It is offered in 15 chapters covering conservation and research, courtship and nesting, basic avian genetics, color mutations, hybrids, breeding stimuli, incubation, hand-rearing, non-parrot studies, basic microbiology, illnesses, first-aid, avian enrichment and more. Admission to this Level II course requires that all students complete Level I prior to enrollment. The introductory admission fee for the Level II course is \$75 for current AFA members. Non-members can also purchase a one year membership during admission.

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

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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Every Day 11-6 ■ Mon & Thurs 11-8



National Capital Bird Club

2011 Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip: _____

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.

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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

November 19 – by Phoenix Landing
Synergy, Caring for the Whole Parrot (10am-12noon)
McFaul Activity Center
525 West MacPhail Rd
Bel Air, MD
(behind the DMV)
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

November 19 – by Phoenix Landing
Behavior Workshop: Clicker Training for Parrots (12:30pm-2:30pm)
McFaul Activity Center
525 West MacPhail Rd
Bel Air, MD
(behind the DMV)
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

December 3 – by Phoenix Landing
Wild Parrot Party (4:30pm-7pm)
Steve Milpacher, World Parrot Trust
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
3846 King Street
Alexandria, VA
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>
See flyer on page 6

December 11 – by Phoenix Landing
Behavior Workshop: Training Husbandry Skills (2pm-4pm)
Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services
4105 Rust Rd
Fairfax, VA
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

January 20-22 - by NPRPF
Parrot Festival 2012
Houston, TX
<http://www.parrotfestival.org/festivalinfo.html>
See flyer on page 7

February 11-18
Nature Tour in Costa Rica
Tour escorted by Dr. Frank Rutkowski
<http://www.costaricatoursltd.com/Nature.htm>
See page 5 for more information