



THE CAPITAL FLYER

The Monthly Newsletter of the National Capital Bird Club

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

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Australian Parrots *September 11*

Unfortunately, the plan to have a location event at the Wild Bird store near John Davey fell through. So instead we will view another 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. Those at the meeting will vote for which disk to view at the meeting with the other disks to be viewed at a later date.

New Additions to the Rees Family

Carol Rees has adopted three adorable Greek Cheek Conures from Phoenix Landing.



Laurel, Cuddlebug, and Bailey
(picture by Debbie Russell)

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Next Meeting

September 11, 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 Hedienreich
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	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

Aviary Shut Down in Ventura County, California

Due to a lack of funding, the Ventura County, California owned aviary is being shut down permanently. Twenty-nine of the birds have been placed in adoptive homes and in the next few months the approximately 100 birds remaining will be placed in adoptive homes.

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/sep/04/local/la-me-0904-aviary-shutdown-20110904>

Sirocco the Kakapo is on tour in New Zealand

Sirocco, the male Kakapo, who is New Zealand's official spokesperson for conservation, is on tour in New Zealand. He became a parrot porn star after a video of him appeared on Youtube. The video has garnered more than 3,000,000 views on Youtube and he has over 49,000 friends on Facebook. There will be 1 hour after dark guided tours from 7pm-10pm at the Orokonui Eco-Sanctuary until September 26. Viewing time at his enclosure will be 25 minutes. This is a rare opportunity to meet a Kakapo. More info at: <http://www.oroakonui.org.nz/content/sirocco%20kakapo.php>

He will be at Zealandia from September 29th. A special enclosure and viewing area has been built for him there. More info at: http://www.visitzealandia.com/Site/Zealandia_Home/Inside/News/Media_Release_2011/Sirocco_kakapo_pricing_questions_and_answers.aspx

Some videos about Sirocco on Youtube:

Sirocco - world's first Spokesbird for Conservation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUmfdRmwiHE>

Sirocco's Sex Tape
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T1vfsHYiKY&feature=relmfu>

UWA releases 204 confiscated African Grey Parrots

On September 8, 2011, the Uganda Wildlife Authority released 204 African Grey parrots back into the wild at the Kibaale National Park in western Uganda. The parrots were part of the 270 parrots that had been confiscated at the Mpondwe Customs border post in Kasese and at a private farm at Kawuku along the Kampala-Entebbe highway from smugglers.

<http://www.ugandawildlife.org/news/news-articles/item/22-uwa-releases-204-african-grey-parrots-to-the-wild>

Phoenix Landing News

The September issue of Phoenix Beakin', which is Phoenix Landing's newsletter is available and can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs080/1102829252964/archive/1107237002947.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/>

2011 Parrot Lover's Cruise

To Benefit the World Parrot Trust

October 30 – November 6, 2011

Sails from Tampa, FL USA

Ship: Norwegian Cruise Line

Ports of call: Tampa, FL
Isle of Roatan, Honduras
Belize
Costa Maya, Mexico
Cozumel, Mexico

Speakers: Steve Martin, animal trainer and behaviorist
Joanna Eckles, World Parrot Trust
Susan G. Friedman, Behaviorist

Money Raised From Donations and Raffles go to World Parrot Trust!

To book: Call CAROL CIPRIANO at 570-226-2569 or 570-470-0034

All cruises must be booked through Carol Cipriano. Due to the nature of this fundraiser, if you book through another site or with another travel agent, you cannot be included in the activities of the Parrot Lovers Cruise.

<http://www.parrotloverscruise.com/>

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 – by Phoenix Landing
Dr. Rutowski, DVM: Avian Medicine, Things You Need to Know (10am-12noon)
Lyon Village Community House
1920 N. Highland
Arlington, VA
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 11 – by Phoenix Landing
Nourish to Flourish (2pm-4pm)
Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services
4105 Rust Road
Fairfax, VA
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 17 – by Phoenix Landing
Things I Wish I'd Known (10am-12noon)
First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
6915 York Road
Towson, MD
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 17 – by Phoenix Landing
Enrichment Ideas for Your Parrot (12:30pm -2pm)
First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
6915 York Road
Towson, MD
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

September 24 – by Phoenix Landing
Behavior Workshop: Clicker Training for Parrots (10am-12noon)
Pender Exotics Veterinary Centre
4001 Legato Road
Fairfax, VA
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html>

October 30 - November 6, 2011
2011 Parrot Cruise: Western Caribbean
Contact: Carol Cipriano
570.226.2569 | 570.470.0034
carolstraveltime@gmail.com
See flyer on page 7

November 11-13 – by Phoenix Landing
Skills to Empower People to Understand Parrots (“STEP-UP”)
Ashland, NC
Cost \$300 with a class size of 6 (Full)
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/stepup.html>

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
www.birdfairflorida.com