

How do you know it's time to Join the National Capital Bird Club?

- You buy a new vacuum cleaner more than once a year.
- You are known as the “bird man” or “bird lady.”
- Your clothes are often accented with a little bird poop.
- You apologize when you step on a bird toy in the dark.
- You accidentally call your spouse by your bird's name.
- The term “hand feeding” takes on a new meaning.
- Bits of chewed wood and pieces of pellets are continually stuck to your socks.
- You set aside food from your plate for the birds.
- Your refrigerator contains more food for your bird than for your family.
- Your bird is heard in the background of your outgoing answering machine message.
- The house you chose to buy was based on it having a good location for the cages.

But Seriously ... Why should you join the National Capital Bird Club?

Every pet bird owner should have access to a network of other people who are knowledgeable about pet birds. Everybody knows that bird ownership is not easy, and support from other experienced individuals is essential to a better relationship with your pet.

The National Capital Bird Club



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

**NATIONAL CAPITAL BIRD CLUB
2006 New Membership Application**

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

Would you like to be published in the roster? Yes No

Membership Type: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00

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?

How do I join?

Fill out the application above and send it in with your check made payable to NCBC. Mail it to: NCBC, 7913 Foxhound Road, McLean, VA 22102. Soon you'll begin receiving the newsletter and you'll be well on your way to becoming better informed about pet birds and making friendships with other pet bird owners. See you at the meetings!

Check out our web site at www.ncbc-dc.org

**JOIN the National Capital Bird Club for
Friendship, Fellowship & Fun!**

What is the National Capital Bird Club?

We are a group that loves pet birds and gathers together on a monthly basis for FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and FUN!

What is the Purpose of NCBC?

To stimulate and encourage interest in exotic birds, and to promote education in the proper care, feeding and housing of our fascinating, feathered friends. Whether they are pets or breeders, in cages or in aviaries, we enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded bird enthusiasts. We also promote and support avian research, education, and conservation of exotic birds in their native habitats.

What are some of NCBC's activities?

NCBC conducts monthly meetings, informs you about bird marts & conventions, holds picnics, auctions and holiday parties, raises funds for conservation, and publishes a monthly newsletter for members. The newsletter keeps members in touch with the Club and current issues surrounding aviculture in our nation and around the globe. This means that club members receive avicultural information from experts at the local, state and national levels. The National Capital Bird Club is a member of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), the Bird Clubs of Virginia (BCV), and the Bird Clubs of America (BCA).

What happens at meetings?

We feature speakers, refreshments and plenty of conversation. Featured speakers lecture on relevant topics such as care & nutrition, behavior, toy-making workshops, species information, veterinary care and breeding. Some of our speakers are nationally known and recognized experts in their fields. Some members bring their birds to meetings, enabling others to learn more about that particular kind of bird.

When and where are the meetings?

Our club normally meets at 3:30 on the first Sunday of every month [see newsletter to confirm dates] at the McLean Government Center, 14537 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, VA. From the Beltway, exit onto Route 123 East toward McLean. Follow 123, watching for a small blue sign that reads "police substation." Turn left onto Lewinsville Road. Take a quick right onto Balls Hill Road and the Government Center is immediately to your right.