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I wish you a wonderful new year and hope it brings you many blessings. Get rid of the old to make place for the new, and I wish you happiness throughout the year! Best wishes for the New Year! I am counting my blessings and sending more of them your way.

Our main article this month is about the Stanley Rosella by David Dennison. The Stanley Rosella is the smallest of the Rosella family, and unlike the other larger Rosellas which show little sexual dimorphism, the male and female Stanleys are sexually di-morphic. This will be an extremely rewarding species to breed in the future. Now is the time to buy a few young pairs and get them breeding to have your own home-bred birds to breed with the new mutations.

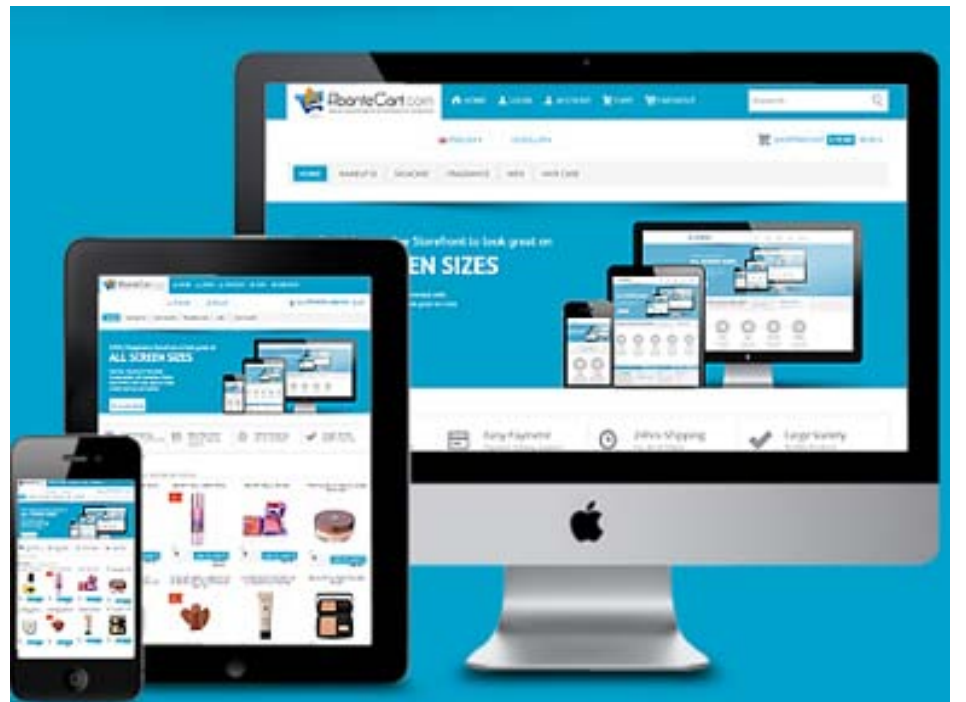
I started a brand-new blog about a keto friendly lifestyle. Although this is mainly for our humans, we can also get some helpful tips for birds. Our birds need us to be healthy to look after them well ☐ Please have a look on my Facebook profile for more info.

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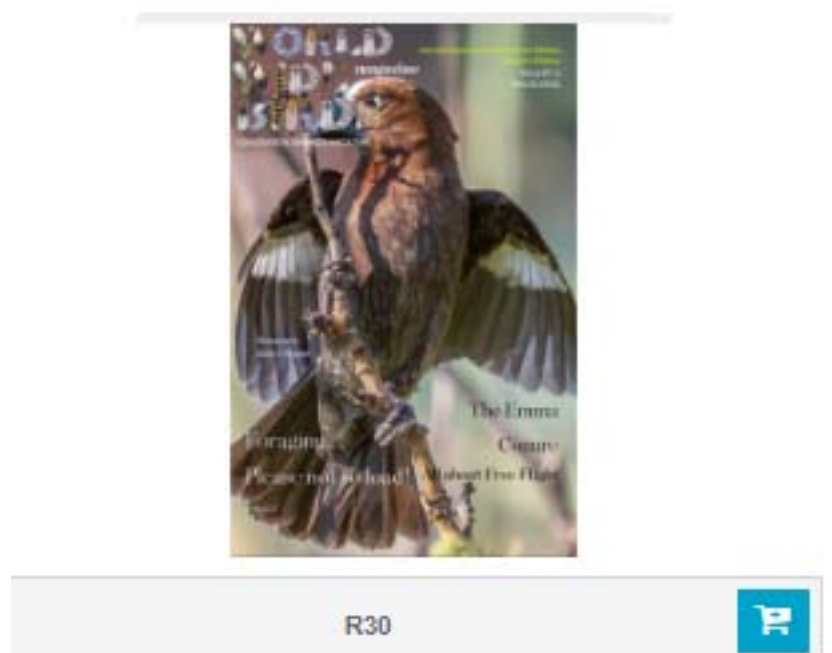
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Thyme





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By: Keriellen Lohrman

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The individual bird's best interest and well being of the present flock will determine if a parrot is accepted into the organization. We actively support networking with other parrot welfare groups, animal welfare organizations, the veterinary community, conservation organizations and the general public. Education is of the utmost importance concerning the well being of a parrot and its ability to successfully live with its human companions.

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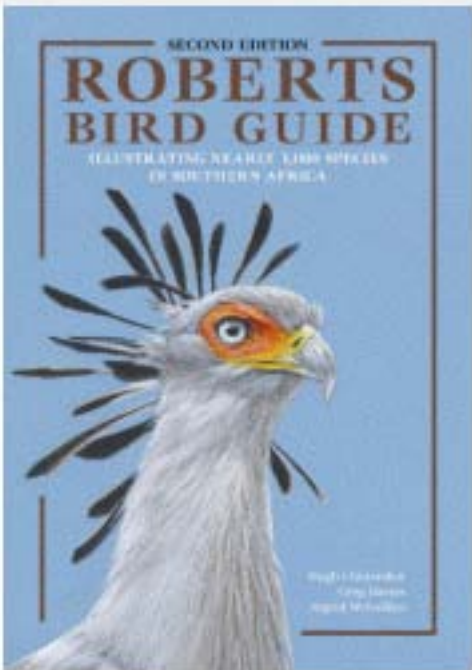
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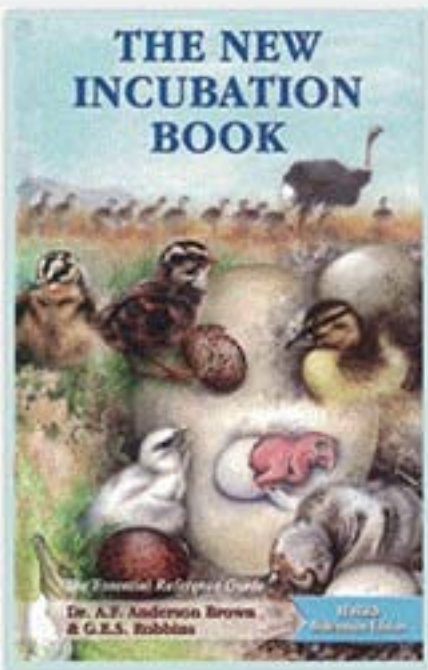
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Bird Photography

By: Sue Collins

Western Cape, South Africa

Black-headed Heron



Elna's husband Joepie took me up to one of his farms high in the mountains outside Citrusdal. It's called Baadjieskraal and as we were turning off the Bo-Rivier Road onto the rough and rocky dirt road that winds its convoluted way up into the mountains, we saw this young Black-headed Heron.

He didn't show any inclination to fly away and I carefully opened the bakkie door, slid quietly out and tiptoed around my side of the bakkie, getting this shot through the load-bed's bars. I also got a rather nice photo of a Klipspringer on a rocky ledge in the late afternoon sun, which I posted on Wild Bird, Wildlife and Nature Photography.

Canon Powershot SX60HS. 1/2000sec. f5.6. ISO 400. f165,812. Img. No. 0128(2).

Malachite Sunbird



Got the female Malachite Sunbird this time. Took over a hundred photos and was wondering which one to use when her husband flew in and startled her into flight. No brainer. Citrusdal. Canon Powershot SX60HS. 1/2000. f5.6. ISO 640. f183,75. Img No 0745(3).

Cape Sparrow



I was sitting on the stoep this morning getting wired for the day ahead when I saw this little Cape Sparrow shopping for furniture. 20km outside Citrusdal. Canon Powershot SX60HS. 1/50sec. f6.5. ISO 320. f1247mm. Img No. 0903(2)

Malachite Sunbird



On Monday I posted a photo of a Malachite Sunbird on Elna's new Pincushion Protea, grousing as I did about the orange trees being too close and being too green. I said that I wanted to get some afternoon photos with a more distant background which would give a better Bokeh. I said I wanted to do this by waiting until the afternoon and then sitting directly on the opposite side of the Protea, with my back to the orange trees and my lense fixed, via the bush, on the distant mountains. So I did this. So I tried Monday afternoon. No luck. Tuesday afternoon. No luck.

This afternoon, third time lucky! In the same post Mike Mig Pearson asked me what I was going on about - they were perfectly good photos, he said. And I answered him, saying that every photographer had a mental image of how they wanted a particular photo to look. And this is how I wanted these photos to look. And because I just couldn't choose between the three best, you're getting all three of them, followed by a wide angle snapshot of where the photo happened. 20km outside Citrusdal.

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Little Grebe



Well, yesterday I posted a photo and a video in BirdLife SA and it seems somehow to have vanished into the ether. We did have problems with the Internet so perhaps my post 'fell between two stools'. Basically, we went down to the campsite at 10pm Monday night when we received word that it had flooded. We couldn't get in because a huge tree had fallen and was blocking the entrance, so we went back yesterday - Tuesday - morning.

There was, quite simply, no campsite left, just a massive sheet of water that resembled what I think the Okavango Delta in flood must look like. We parked at the campsite next to ours and I walked along the path joining the two campsites. Excuse the shaky video quality - I had to hitch up my skirts and wade through pools to get the vista that I wanted, and had to watch where I put my feet, but you can hear the power saw cutting up the fallen trees. Then, I walked from the old campsite, along the path that leads to the new campsite. There is a tiny bridge there that crosses a tiny canal that I call Black Crake Creek.

Again, it had been transformed into another massive wetland with just this Little Grebe swimming around. 20km outside Citrusdal.

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I am planning to visit them shortly to hand over your donations and will publish some fotos in an upcoming edition.



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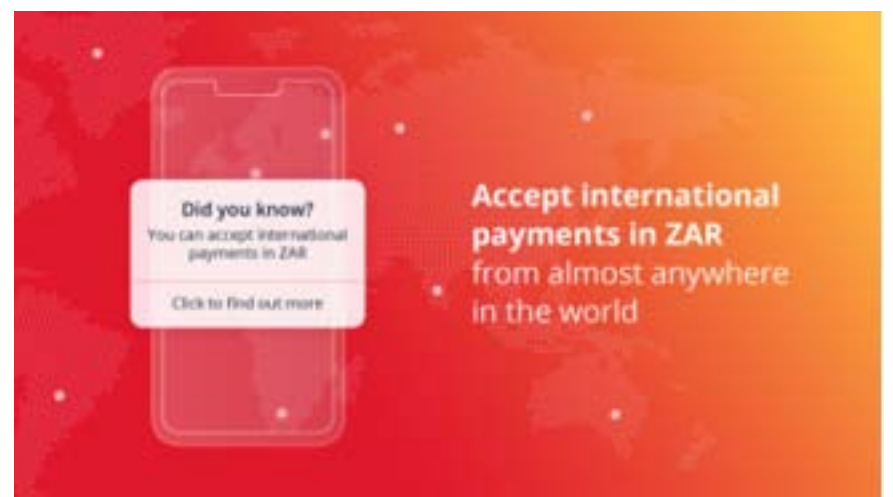
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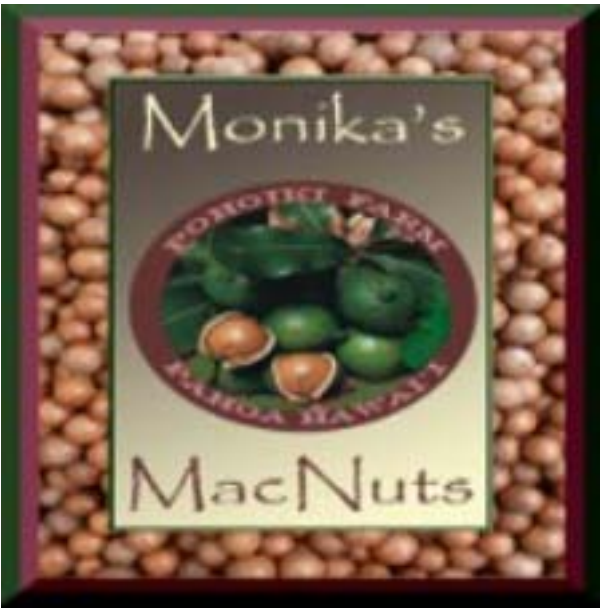
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Feather Tails Therapies

Australia

By: Karen Davis
Hi guys.

Karen and Roy here from FEATHER TAIL THERAPIES. We have had to undergo a few changes and have also changed premises so lots of new and exciting things to keep track of.

Firstly our Deception Bay business has relocated to Murgon in the South Burnett region of Queensland Australia. We now have 20 acres of land to allow for plenty of upgrades and expansions as time goes on. We have also expanded from solely training therapy birds into a Sanctuary for the many unwanted parrots that need a new chance at life.



The most famous of these would be Jackson a Sulphur Cockatoo who had his wings permanently damaged by a dog at a young age.

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He also hates men. However with time and patience Roy's 15yr old daughter Tamie has become his human and is rapidly developing to become not just her therapy bird but the mascot of the new Sanctuary as well.



Our aged care visits were suspended due to Covid regulations however we still provide therapy birds to the aged care centres to keep the residents happy.

More news to come in subsequent editions so Thank you for your support and watch this space for further developments.

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Safari Spotlight: All About Ostrich



By: Jared Paddock for Safari West

Perhaps the most intimidating creature at Safari West might be the ostrich (*Struthio camelus*). While birds in general aren't generally considered particularly frightening, there are exceptions. Surely some of you have had a regrettable pond-side encounter with a swan, or run afoul of a flock of geese. I myself was once ambushed by turkeys while walking home from the grocery store. I lost a half-gallon of milk and twelve perfectly good eggs that day.

Imagine that same tenacity and fierceness in a bird even bigger, stronger, and more confident. Your average ostrich ranges between 6 and 9 feet tall when fully grown, and weighs in excess of 200 pounds. These enormous birds boast incredibly strong legs that can propel that heavy body across the ground at 40 miles per hour. If fleeing doesn't work, those same legs provide a terrifying defensive tool. One that's been known to deter or even kill lions.

Luckily for us, though they should certainly be treated with respect, ostriches aren't all that aggressive. Here at Safari West, our three ostrich ladies are best known for their inquisitive natures,

inspecting and pecking at nearly every truck to come through. Enormous and curious in equal measure, these birds are always highlights of a classic safari tour.

Life on the Fringe

Ostriches have long thrived in the more arid expanses of sub-Saharan Africa. Their ability to survive almost exclusively on the water found in their food makes them well adapted for such an environment. On top of this, the birds will eat just about anything that catches their interest. Though their primary diet consists of grasses and other plants, they will happily munch on bugs, rodents, lizards, and even the occasional small tortoise.

This informal attitude when it comes to food reflects in their mating behavior as well. Males typically try to accumulate a small harem of 5 or so hens, but within this grouping, they only pair-bond with one. This major hen and her male will incubate a nest, but that nest might be made up of some 15 to 60 eggs. Welcome to the amazing world of "dump nesting". This mixed collection of eggs come from the major hen, the minor hens, and possibly even from other females just passing through the area.

Why so many eggs? Dump nesting behavior seems to follow the "safety in numbers" philosophy of survival. While adult ostriches rarely face predation, baby ostriches have a tougher time. Most won't make it through their first year. The theory then, is that more chicks in the brood make it more likely yours will survive to adulthood.



Conservation is Just Showing Up

By Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner



Rangers of Kalebaskreek learning how to count parrots - in the field....

We at One Earth Conservation often summarize our style of conservation as just showing up. We go to areas where there are no or little parrot conservation work being done and we see what is going on with the parrots and the people. We then listen to the people to learn about their needs and the needs of the parrots. If there seems to be something we can all offer each other, One Earth Conservation then slowly grows our conservation program in conjunction with those who live with the parrots.

This just showing up is harder than it sounds. First it requires a lot of preparation so that you have the tools to move with fluidity as the needs arise. This includes learning about the cultures and languages of the people; the ecology, behavior, identifying sounds and characteristics of resident parrots; and all you can about yourself so you can be present to the often chaotic and uncertain circumstances of going somewhere you've never been before.

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The Stanley Rosella Platycercus Icterotis

By: David Dennison



Male



Female

The Stanley Rosella is the smallest of the Rosella family, and unlike the other larger Rosellas which show little sexual dimorphism, the male and female Stanleys are sexually dimorphic. It is almost as if it is the link between the Platycercus and Psephotus families, because the pairs in the Platycercus species are sexually dimorphic. I am not going to try and describe the colouring in words, that is always a difficult matter, but I would rather refer the reader to the colour photos accompanying the text which show the differences clearly.

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Association for Wild-type and Exhibition Budgies of South Africa

AWEBSA is the only National Body in Southern Africa catering for all budgerigars (Exhibition / Wild-Type / Pet Budgies) at our Shows. We also have an Open class where members and non-members show. Exhibition and Wild-Type budgerigars are treated on an equal footing with 25 colour awards each available per show. We invite you to join us and enjoy our wonderful hobby with us.

Breeding Better Budgerigars

Published on the AWEBSA webpage with the kind permission of the author: Robert Manvell.

There seems to be a fair amount of confusion within the fancy, regarding the breeding of quality Budgerigars. I think this has come about because there is so much contradictory information passed on to the fancy. Most of the techniques tried by fanciers do not give the results they were expecting. This is because the providers of the information are generally very experienced breeders, who are giving information about their own birds and experiences. This is fine, only they are in possession of better quality birds than most of us. I have no doubt their information is correct, but it is only relevant to their own birds and as such can't be considered a generalization.

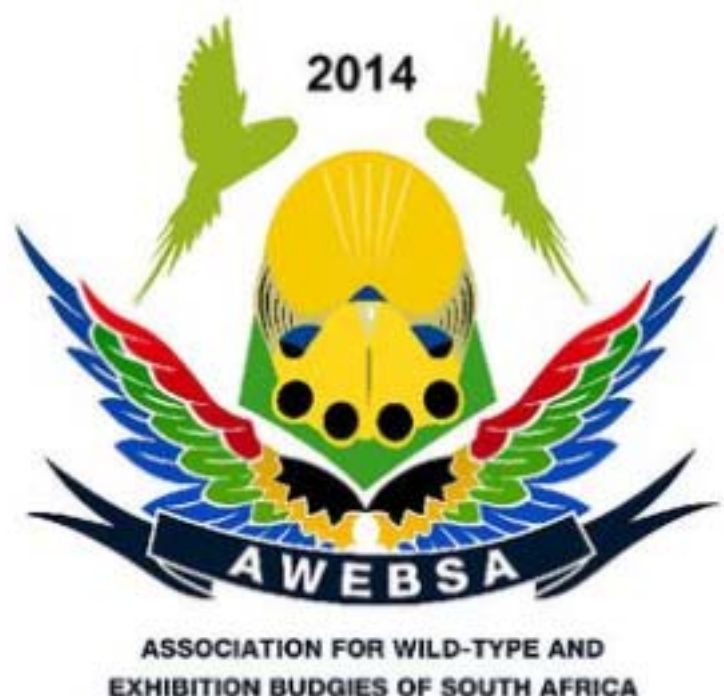
Therefore, what is successful for them would have a very different result if they were working with lesser quality or even a different line of birds. So what works for them will not necessarily work in our aviaries. Thus we need to formulate our own strategy with which we can work, to breed better quality from whatever birds are in our present possession.

Another important thing we must do when seriously trying to improve our birds, is to be very sceptical regarding the information passed onto the fancy in the way of miracle pairings. I'm sure your aware of the ones I mean, like flecked headed birds carry the feather you want, or use large dirty opalines to improve spot, put spangle into everything they will only do good and increase fertility at the same time. Some fanciers in Australia have become so paranoid regarding the shape of the wings on a bird, they have become oblivious to the rest of the bird.

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Avifood Products

By Dr. med. vet. Friedrich Janeczek,
Veterinary practice limited to Parrots,
Graefelfing, Germany

How do you recognize well-fed young Hyacinth macaws?

It is well known that the quality and composition of the diet for young birds affect the condition of their feathers, skin and beak. This can be seen particularly well in young hyacinth macaws. Poorly and unbalanced nourished young Hyacinth macaws have blackish, dull plumage and pale, sometimes almost whitish skin around the eyes and the lower beak.

The young Hyacinth macaw pictured here is approximately 7 months old and not fully weaned. It has bright blue and shiny plumage and perfect toe skin without hyperkeratosis. Its skin around the eyes is an intense yellow color.

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I travel a lot to visit our customers and their parrots to check and treat them at their homes. The specialized veterinary video consultations for parrots and parakeets we offer help a lot to get a first impression about the birds and their situation as well as the bird owners problems.

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After downloading the full Index of CITES species, I came to the conclusion that this 1287 page document is not that easy to browse through. I then decided to make it easier for our readers and list them as follow with a photo from Wiki-pedia.

An easy explanation on the Cites website of what the listings mean:
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Appendix II includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but in which trade must be controlled in order to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival.

Appendix III This Appendix contains species that are protected in at least one country.

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Your book is very interesting. I like that you added the latin names that everybody in all countries knows exactly which plant is meant.

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Once again many thanks for the book.

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Seabird Conservation

Seabirds (and waterfowl) are the only animals that have conquered the sea, land and sky. Over twenty species of seabirds live in the Caribbean, and many more visit every year.

Seabirds spend most of their lives on or over the sea, foraging, feeding or resting. They are highly adapted to this unique way of life. Many have webbed feet (to help them swim and dive), waterproofed feathers (to keep them warm and afloat), salt glands (that allow them to excrete the salt from the seawater they drink), and acute vision, a strong sense of smell and sharp bills (to help them find and catch food). Their long wings support them while travelling over the oceans in search of food and, on land, living in colonies helps to protect them from predators.

Before humans lived in the Caribbean (~7,000 years ago), the islands supported vast numbers of seabirds. On many islands, there were so many that their droppings (called guano) formed piles hundreds of feet high, and were mined for fertilizer. Today, tropical seabirds, like those in other areas of the world, are threatened by human activities. In fact, seabirds are now one of the most threatened groups of birds in the world. Many colonies are declining in size and some have disappeared.

On land, introduced rats, cats and dogs prey on eggs, chicks and even adults. In some parts of the Caribbean, humans still take eggs, chicks and adults for food and aphrodisiacs.

Coastal development and sea level rise destroy and damage nesting habitat. Even the oceans are no longer safe. Seabirds often feed around fishing boats, and are caught and die in fishing gear. Overfishing, pollution and climate change have depleted their food sources. Hungry seabirds mistake floating plastic for food and fill their bellies with trash. Heavy metals from marine pollution also accumulate in their bodies.

Caribbean seabirds have much to teach us about the health of the seas around our islands. We need to understand their ecology, so we can protect them, their habitats, and the marine resource on which we all depend. Unfortunately, there have been only a few studies on seabirds in the Caribbean. This is partly because of the many practical difficulties in studying them, but they are also less attractive to funders than accessible land birds and migrants, and other mobile marine animals like sharks and turtles.

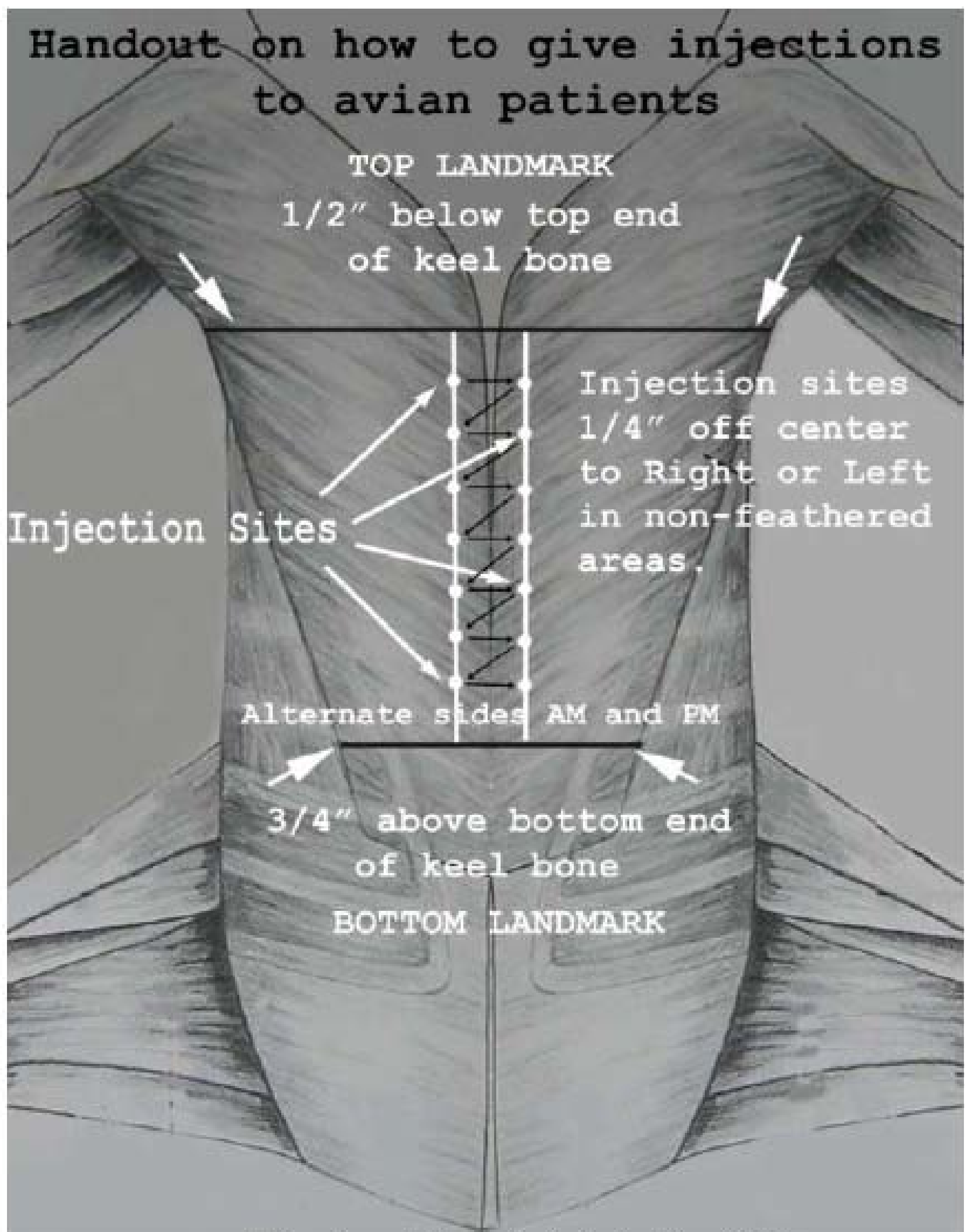
For most seabirds, the Caribbean is one large connected habitat. Therefore, it is important for scientists and conservationists across the region to work together to understand the big picture. This was first recognized in 1998, when we formed the Caribbean Seabird Working Group. Healthy seabird populations are possible in the Caribbean, but we must all work together to understand, manage and protect them.

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SOUTH AFRICA’S GAME LODGES and SAFARI ACCOMMODATION

South Africa is a country where magic infuses the views and landscapes, where the smiles of the local people can only be matched by the splendour of the ocean, mountains, forests, savannahs, waterfalls and rivers. This country is known the world around for its extraordinary collection of fauna and flora, and some of the best places to see these treasures up close are in the numerous game parks, reserves, sanctuaries and national parks.

Game lodges in South Africa range from rustic bush camps that immerse their guests in the wild side of Africa to luxurious 5-star retreats that showcase the bushveld on a platform of opulence. South Africa is known the world around for its abundance of wildlife, not least of all its many birds. In fact, there is an established avi-tourism industry that invites birding enthusiasts from all over the world to indulge in top-class bird-watching.

SOUTH AFRICA AS A BIRDING HOTSPOT

Thanks to the abundance of excellent South African hotels and accommodation facilities, as well as an established transport infrastructure (including international car hire companies), South Africa is proving to be one of the world’s top birding hotspots.

Visitors can join up with a formal birding tour group or can explore the country and its species on their own. Of the approximate 850 recorded bird species in the country, around 725 are resident birds (or, at least, annual visitors).

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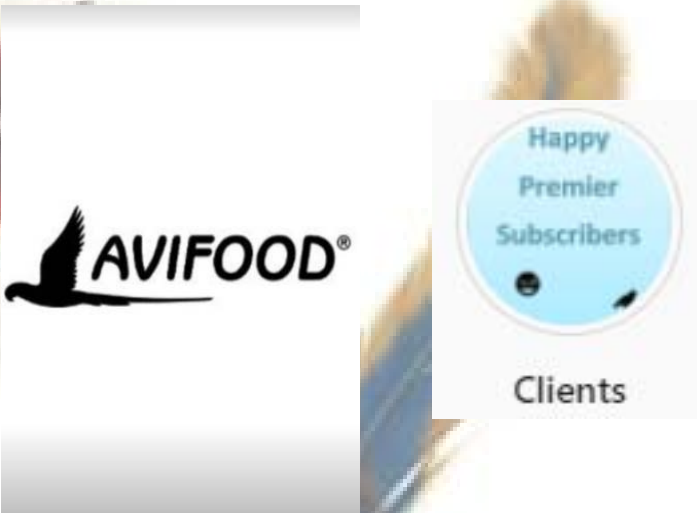
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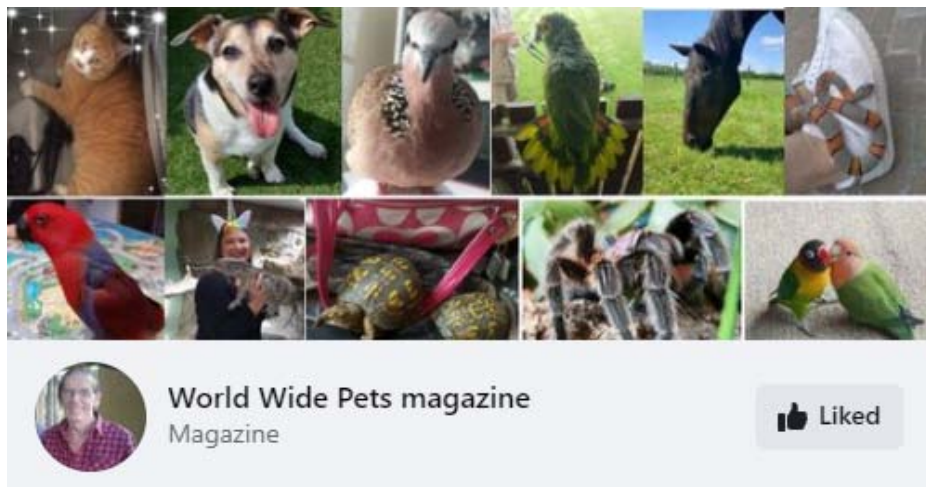
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I started a brand-new website called World Wide Pets that will develop in another magazine. All pets will be included. From birds, dogs, cats, fish, rabbits, hamsters, horses, exotics, etc.

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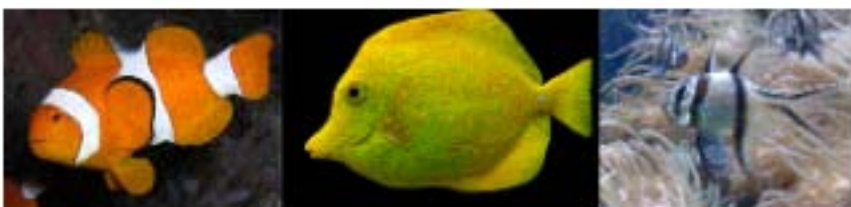


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Owl Rescue Centre

Our 7th patient for the day is a young Cape vulture that we rescued at Ecoberry farm. The youngsters often get grounded. We'll take her through to VulPro to join her family and hopefully she'll be back soaring our skies soon.



Decembers are usually pretty quiet for us. Not this one though, we're on our 10th rescue for the day so far.



Jack and Diane, one of our resident pairs of Spotted Eagle Owls raised two lots of babies this year. It has happened before, but generally is pretty unusual.

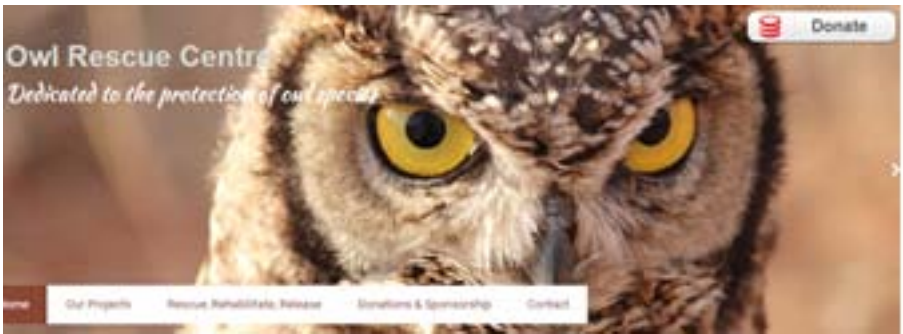
They're the same owls that hijacked this house from a Barn owl family earlier in June. We probably made the entrance hole to big and Diane's philosophy in life is "if I fits I sits".



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