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Conures

Bird eye contact

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Gaining and losing Tablitas

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Feedback from Zandri Strydom

I am honoured and extremely happy to have my photograph on the cover of an international magazine, World Wide Birds Magazine.

I love the fact that photographs have the power to raise awareness in conservation.

Thank you, Albertus Van Tonder for featuring the African penguins.



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It's February already and the magazine is growing day by day. It's amazing to know that so much bird lovers are reading the magazine, thank you.

Our main article this month is about the Dusky-headed Conure by David Dennison. The Dusky-headed Conure, along with the Peach-fronted Conure and Pet's Conure, make a very pleasant group of small Aratinga conures to keep and work with. For those breeders interested in smaller conures, this bird is a good choice.

One of our subscribers asked me to publish an article about preventative medicines. Therefore, I included a four-page article in the Premier edition.

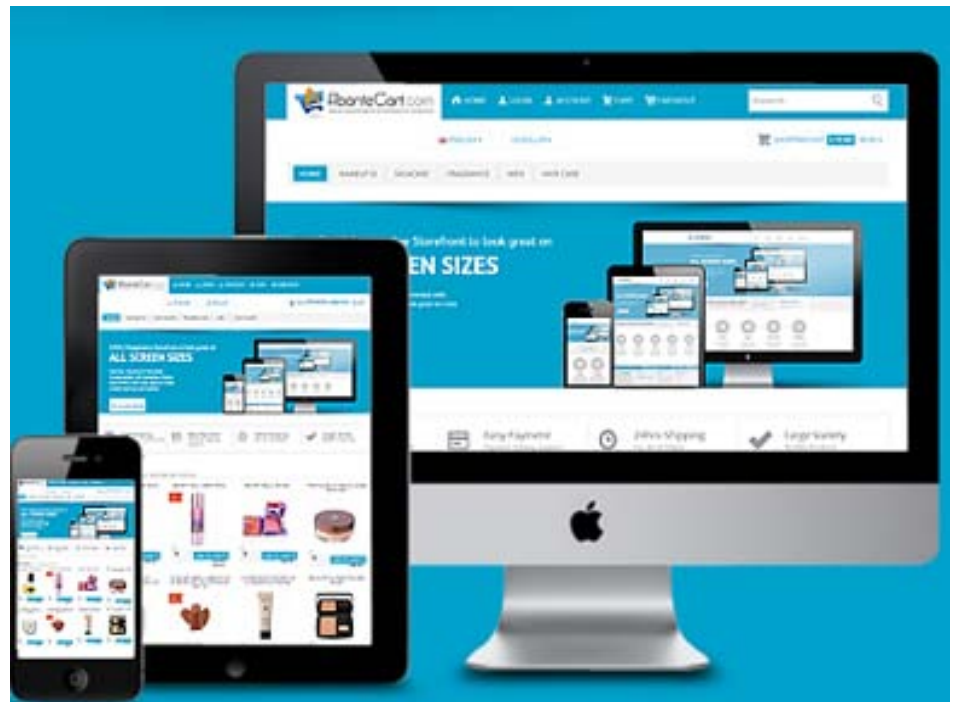
Kashmir Csaky wrote a very interesting article about eye contact that is also in the Premier edition. Eye contact is an important behavior to teach and to be aware that it is a learned behavior.

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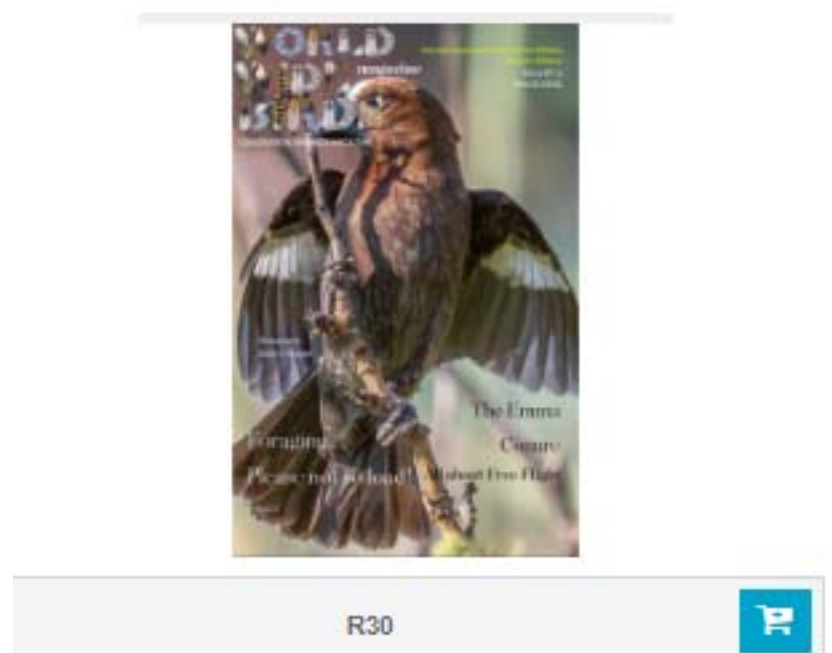
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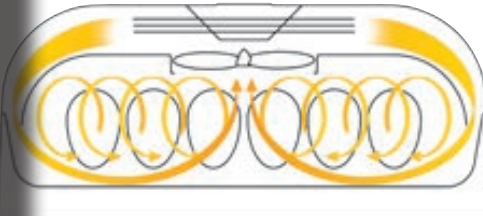


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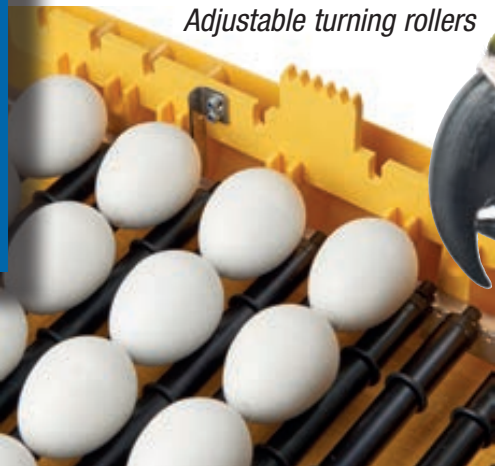
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## Finch breeding index

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### Breeding green singing finches



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By: Keriellen Lohrman

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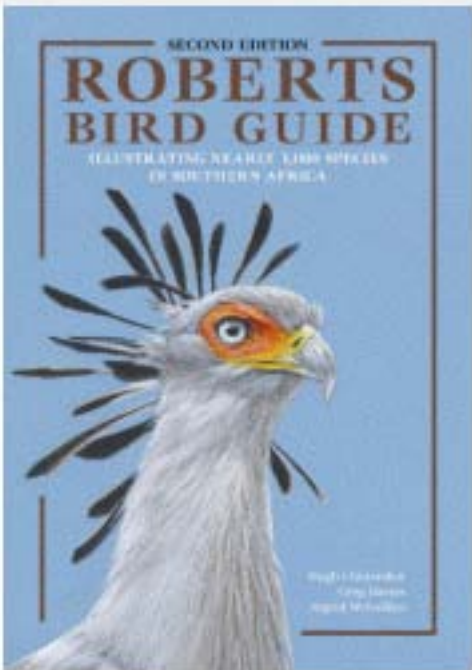
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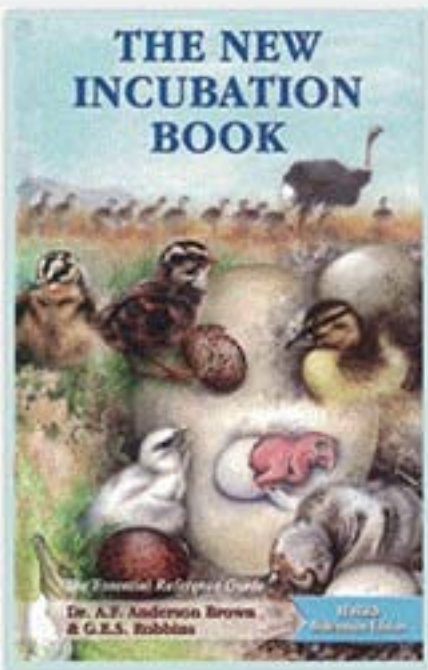
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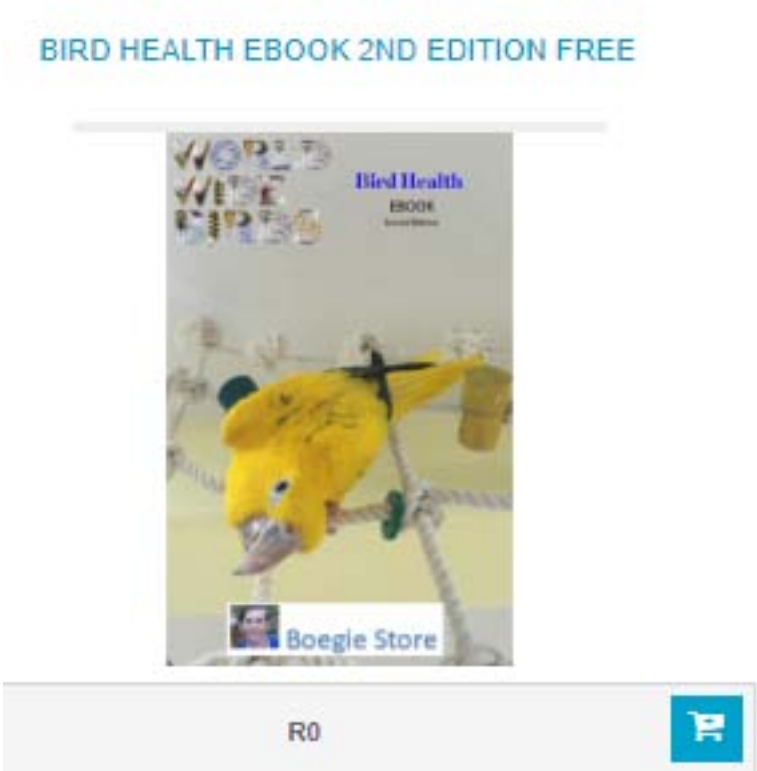
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I am planning to visit them shortly to hand  
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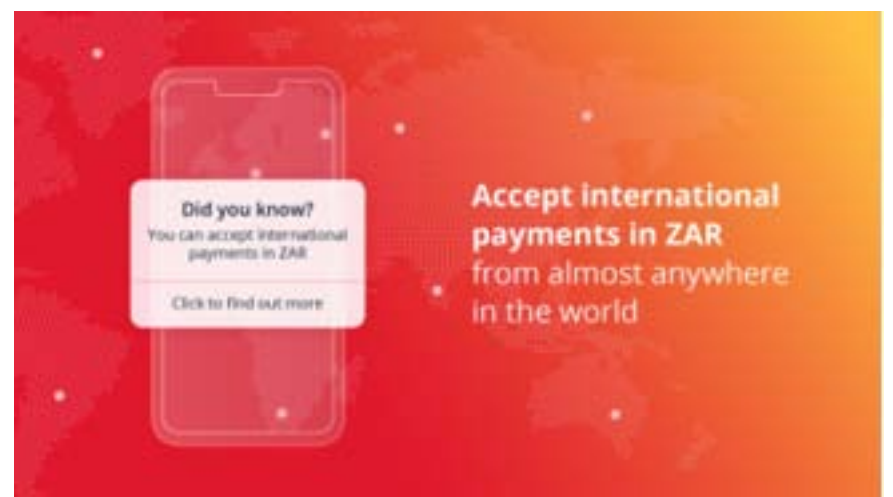
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## Parrot Behavior Consulting (PBC) by Hildegard Niemann

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Parrot Behavior Consulting's webinar series is growing in popularity among parrot enthusiasts. Since 2016, viewers have been meeting online to find out about various current topics for 90 minutes. If you only became aware of the webinars later or if you missed one or the other webinar because you were unable to attend on the day of the live presentation, you now have the opportunity to record the 90 minutes in a private demonstration via the Easymeet- Watch Hildegard Niemann's online channel (at a price of 30 euros). It is the original recording of the respective webinar, in which interaction is of course no longer possible.

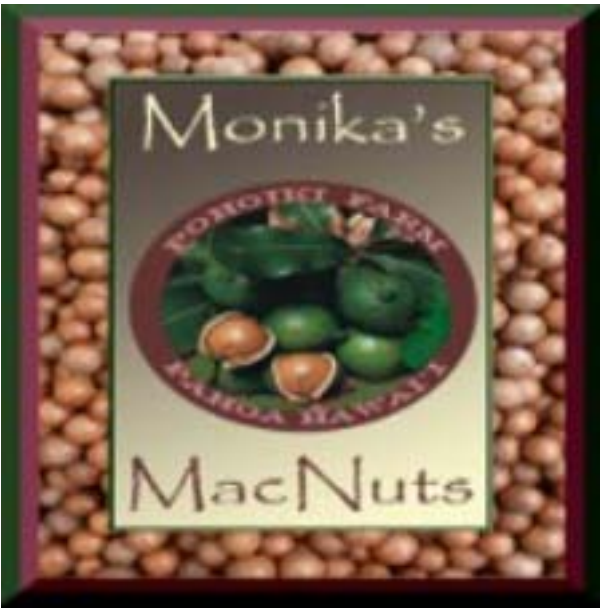
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# Feather Tails Therapies

## 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: Taveta Golden Weaver



Each day at Safari West a small army of keepers and groundskeepers crisscross the property. Their activities go largely unnoticed as they trim grass, prune trees, and shear hedges. What looks like and is, in fact, groundskeeping also serves as a helpful bit of conservation. You see, almost everything that grows at Safari West gets eaten here. The lawn clippings wind up as treats for the sulcata tortoises and watusi cows. The slender branches and broad leaves of the cottonwoods turn into browse for the giraffes. While we work to make sure nothing goes to waste, that doesn't necessarily mean that everything winds up as food.

Every day at some point, a keeper crosses property with a hefty handful of long grasses or reeds. Upon arriving at the cylindrical aviary nestled against the front office, the keeper enters and places the plants carefully around the habitat. An observer would notice a small flock of sparrow-sized birds perched patiently overhead, waiting for the keeper to complete his or her task. The patient yellow songbirds wait eagerly for the keeper to leave because once they get their beaks on those blades of vegetation, that's when the magic happens.

## Master Craftsmen

We call these songbirds Taveta golden weavers. Golden weavers make up but one branch of the extensive weaver family, a family known for crafting some of the most elaborate nests in the world. Weaver nests tend to be round or oval-shaped and made of fine grasses or reeds. Like a basket, these carefully-crafted nests require a tremendous degree of skill to produce, a fact not lost on female members of the weaver flock.

Once our keeper moves on to the next habitat, the male weavers dive down to collect the long strands of fibrous vegetation. Using particularly strong and dextrous beaks and talons, the industrious little birds get to work. Relying on complex knots and careful interweaving they build their nests. Suspending them—at Safari West at least—from the wire mesh top of the aviary.

As the males work, the females keep a careful eye on the boys. Just as the female peacock selects the mate with the most impressive tail, the female weaver looks for the most skillful builder. For a female weaver, a strongly-built nest signifies a choice mating partner.

Continue at:

<https://www.safariwest.com/2017/08/safari-spotlight-taveta-golden-weaver/>





## Dusky-headed Conure *Aratinga weddellii*

By: David Dennison



The Dusky-headed Conure, along with the Peach-fronted Conure and Pet's Conure, make a very pleasant group of small Aratinga conures to keep and work with. They are of similar size, ranging from about 26 cm in length to 28 cm in length. Not only are they of similar size, but their dietary requirements are the same, making feeding very simple. While Aratinga conures are notoriously noisy, this species is relatively quite and not nearly as noisy as Sun Conures, for instance.

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## Breeding activity begins

By: Rafael Zamora Padrón  
Scientific Director  
Loro Parque Fundación



Courtship T moluccanus M Perez LPF.

Rainbow lorikeets on Australian coasts carry out their breeding activity from June until January. However at Loro Parque Fundación, although some pairs may be active breeding virtually all year round, most begin breeding in late December and continue until early summer.

For most parrot species the courtship phase will take place in the early months of the year and means changes in the birds. The keeper must be vigilant because it is normal for males to respond to any stimulus in anticipation of females. Between January and March, observation of both new and established pairs should be increased in order to make the necessary changes and to provide the necessary elements in time for successful incubation.

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## Preparing Birds for Exhibition

By G. Nicholson, U.K.

One of the fascinating aspects of budgerigar culture is exhibiting at Local and Open Shows. To be a successful exhibitor of budgerigars, it is necessary to know how to prepare and train them. They need to be spotlessly clean, perfectly steady and display themselves to their best possible advantage.

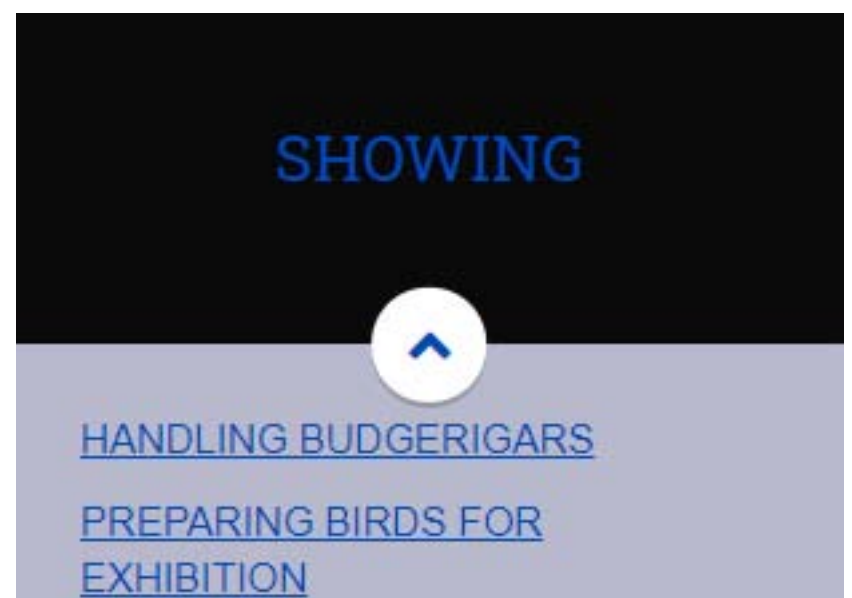
Condition is one of the most important items for a show bird. Many excellent exhibits have been put down just because they were out of condition. It is better to leave the bird at home or to send a substitute, if one is available. Budgerigars differ greatly from many other exhibition birds. The irregularity of their moult often upsets our well laid plans.

Fanciers have different “specialist” techniques for show preparation, but in principle they are basically the same.

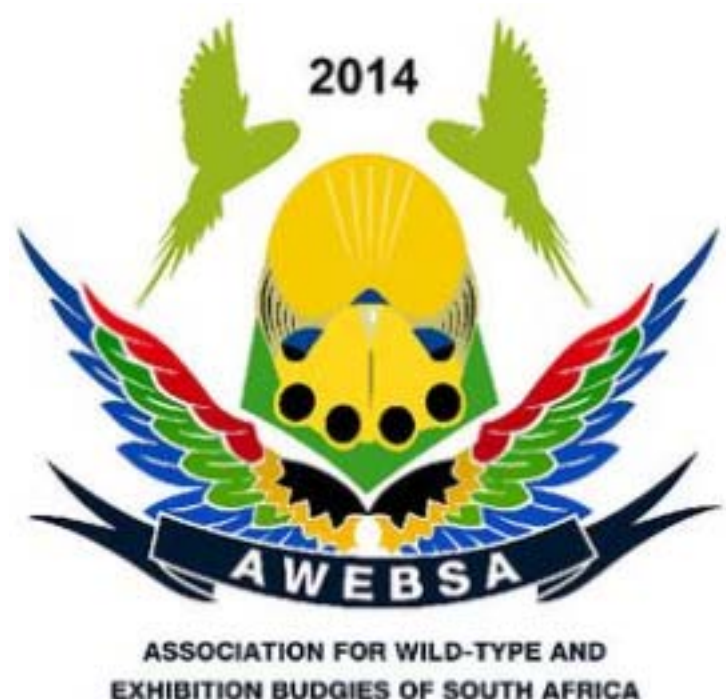
Initially we select the birds, which in our opinion are worthy of being shown. To get the birds steady we cage them in ‘stock’ cages approximately three feet long (1 metre). Do not put cocks and hens together. Apart from fighting it quickly puts young birds out of condition when the sexes are mixed in this way. Six to eight birds to a cage is quite sufficient.

These cages should be kept spotlessly clean as Budgerigars have a habit, after being sprayed, and while preening themselves, to continually rub their heads against the wire fronts. If they are slightly dirty this dirt will soil their masks and heads, very quickly.

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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:  
<https://www.cites.org/eng/disc/how.php>

**In summary:**  
**Appendix I** includes species threatened with extinction. Trade in specimens of these species is permitted only in exceptional circumstances.

**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.

The article from Tony Silva is absolutely informative.

Once again many thanks for the book.

Best regards,

Diana Eberhardt



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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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<b>Name:</b>
Abyssinian lovebird
<b>Scientific name:</b>
Agapornis taranta
<b>Also known as:</b>
Black-winged lovebird
<b>Distribution:</b>
Native to Eritrea and Ethiopia.
<b>Male/Female:</b>
The adult male is easily identified by its red forehead, and the adult female by its all green head.
<b>Life Expectancy:</b>
10 to 15 years.
<b>Nest box:</b>
Vertical box 6” x 6” x 10” (15cm x 15cm x 25.4cm).
<b>Clutch:</b>
Usually three or four eggs in a clutch.
<b>Incubation:</b>
Incubates the eggs for 23 days, and the chicks fledge from the nest about 45 days after hatching.
<b>More info:</b> Breeding in aviculture is on a small scale, so it is an uncommon pet.
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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).

**BIRDER-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION**

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# Mexico

## Birding Los Cabos México

By: Maria Elena Muriel

### Endemic Birds In Baja California Peninsula bird-watching 7 endemics & many Subspecies in 7 days



The Baja California Peninsula was separated from main land 6 millions years ago. Due its Natural history, geology and location offers diversity in ecosystems there are over 300 birds reported in Baja California Peninsula.

Join Local Birders and NGO's. Along these program we will enjoy 7 endemics many subspecies, residents, migrants and vagrants. Plus other cultural and natural attractions present and handy during the birds program , everything lead by local keen birders.



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## General Information

Our groups are small:  
8 participants maximum

### Lodge:

Due nature of program we will stay in comfortable hotel Mexican Style with en-suite bathroom one or two beds , hot water shower, and air conditioning or a business class hotel.

### Departure & arrivals:

Program will begin and end in San Jose Del Cabo , Baja California Sur , Mexico

Please plan to arrive /depart Los Cabos International airport code: SJD

Timing, order of itineray might change depend upon weather conditions and sunrise/sunset time .

### Booking conditions:

A reservation in advance is required warranted with a non refundable 40% deposit , 60% balance paid no latter than 30 days prior to departure.

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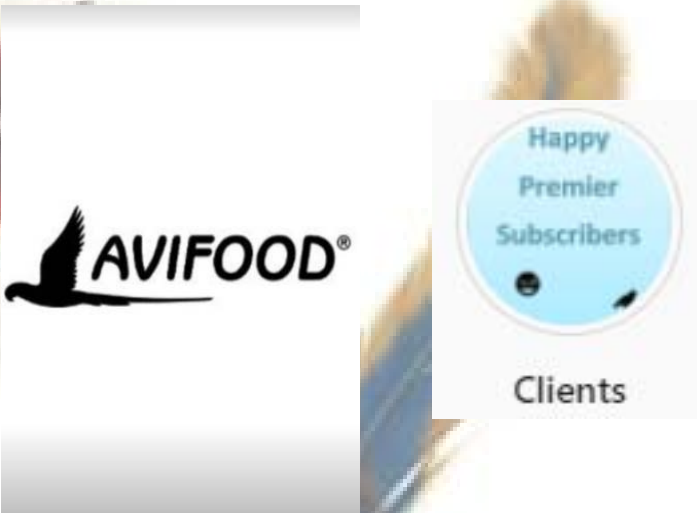
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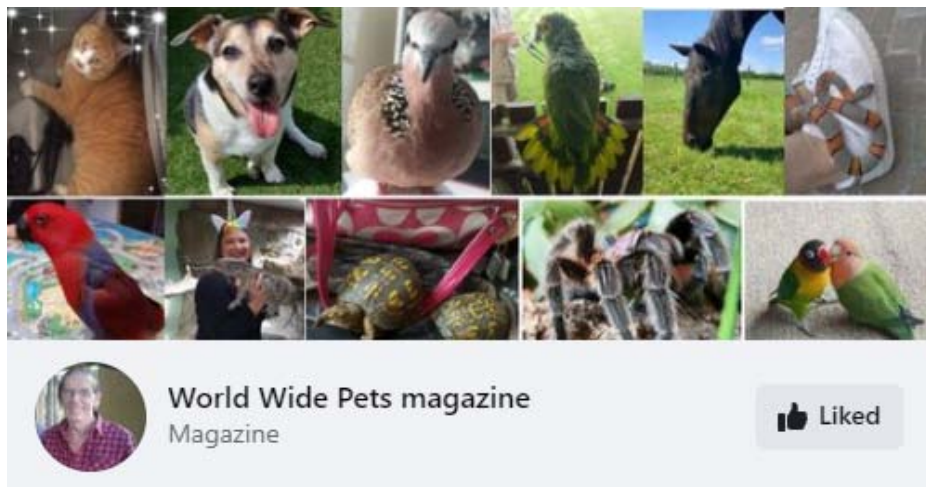




## New website World Wide Pets

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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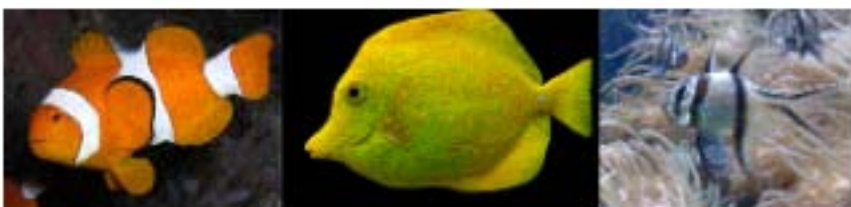


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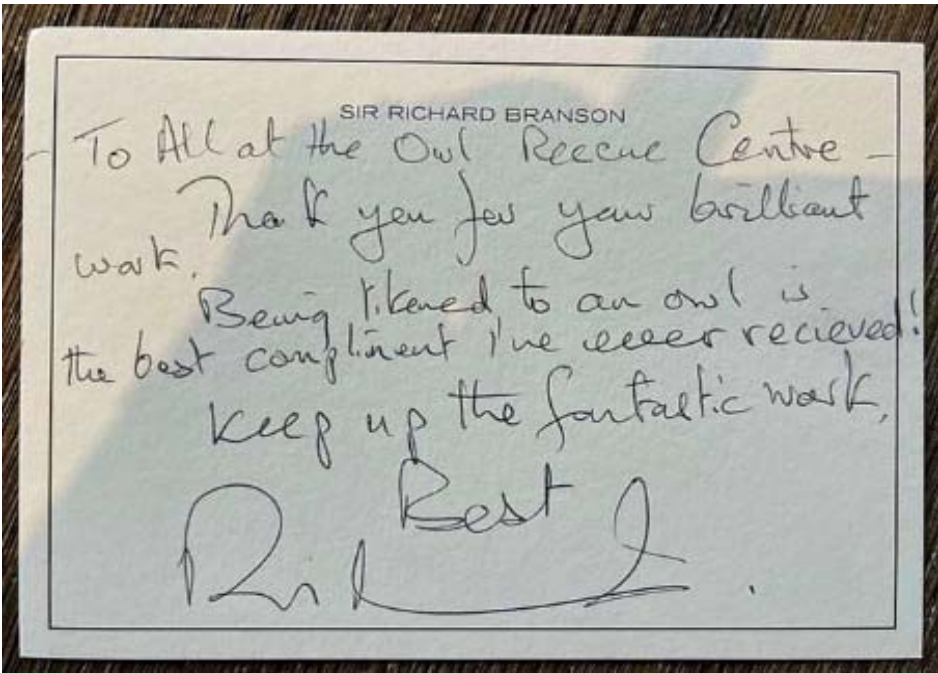
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# Owl Rescue Centre

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A young Puffback shrike that we rescued yesterday. His name is Snowball.



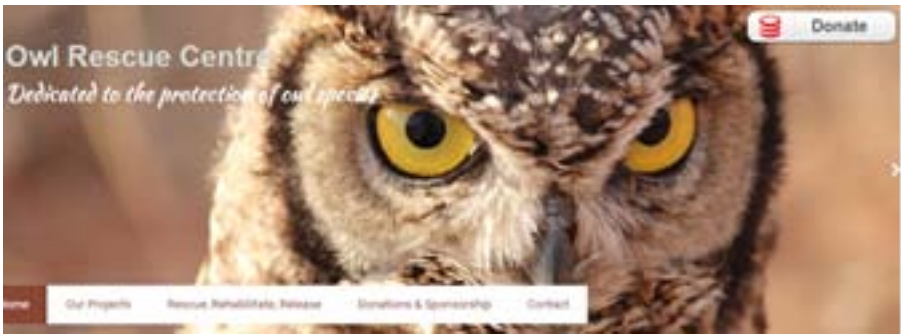
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