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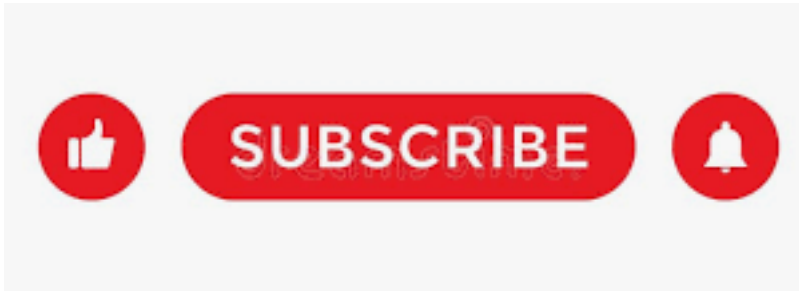
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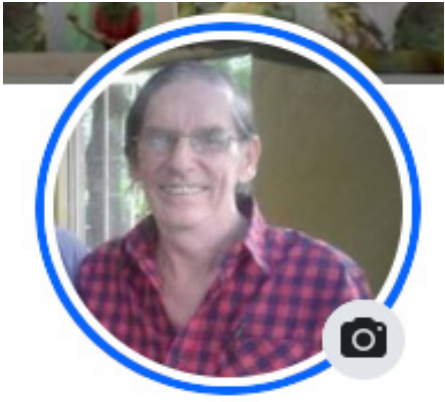
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In this month's Standard edition: Live from the Backyard - A Front-Row Seat to Gauteng's Feathered Visitors, Avicultural tips from PASA webinar by Tony Silva, Understanding Your Bird's Excessive Screaming Part II, and much more.

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Happy reading, and please don't hesitate to provide feedback to inspire me.

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# **The Eclectus Parrot**

By Dr Rob Marshall & Tailai O'Brien

This groundbreaking publication is both a comprehensive resource offering in-depth knowledge of the eclectus parrot and a valuable reference for carers of all parrot species kept as pets or in aviculture.

Through the lens of the wild eclectus parrot, we explain a complete system of care for pet birds. This gold standard level of care is the foundation of superior health necessary to fulfil the cognitive potential of pet parrots of any species. Our pioneering approach creates a robust and resilient companion bird with the extraordinary ability to communicate using human language in context.

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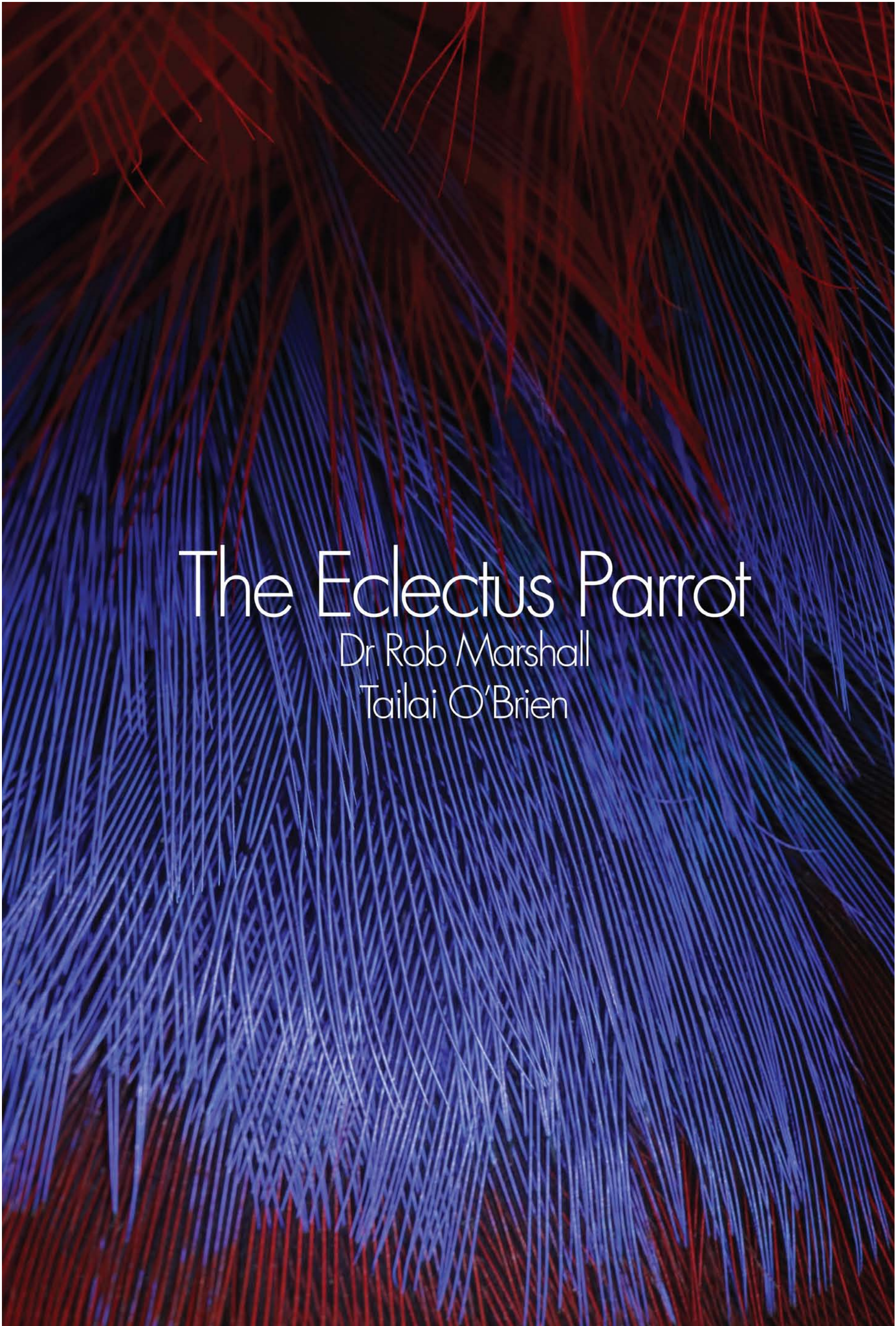
The book combines two decades of fieldwork and over 40 years of avian clinical experience across 740 pages of full colour and is a must have reference book for all parrot owners, avian veterinarians, aviculturists & conservationists. The book is broadly divided into two halves.

Part one examines the evolutionary origins, life history, wild diet and breeding behaviour of the eclectus parrot and contains a detailed chapter on species and sub-species identification. With a focus on conservation-based aviculture, part one is a useful reference for those wishing to learn more about this captivating species and is a blueprint for those interested in developing conservation strategies for other endangered bird species.

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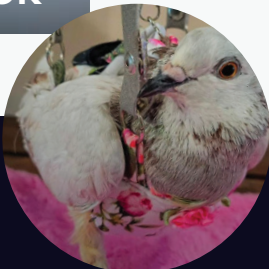
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Leafy Love For Parrots

Which leafy green is great for parrots and rich in calcium?


65 answered

Iceberg lettuce

Kale

Cabbage

Spinach



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Foraging Fun

What is foraging in pet bird care?


48 answered

Looking for food in the wild

Searching for food through toys or puzzles

Clipping wings for exercise

Singing to music



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Toxic Trouble

Which of these household items is dangerous for birds due to fumes?

58 answered

Scented candles

Non-stick cookware (Teflon)

Air fresheners

All of the above

# YouTube Members only video.



## African Birds B and Canaries with Sounds Bird ID, Gender Differences & Maps

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By: Rafael Zamora Padrón  
Scientific Director  
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## **Live from the Backyard A Front-Row Seat to Gauteng's Feathered Visitors!**

### **New Arrival Speckled Mousebirds**



I first thought the Speckled Mousebirds are to shy or scared of the camera to come visit. But, when they discover there are banana and apple, they are now daily visitors.

The speckled mousebird (*Colius striatus*) is the largest species of mousebird, as well as one of the most common. It is found throughout most of Central, Eastern and Southern Africa.

The speckled mousebird may breed at any time of the year. The nest is a large (for the bird) and untidy cup made of vegetable and animal material (sometimes including cloth and paper) and is constructed by both the male and female.

The speckled mousebird is a frugivore which subsists on fruits, berries, leaves, seeds and nectar, and is fairly strict in its choice of food from area to area.

The camera is available to everyone. I hope this project brings joy, learning, and connection to nature, especially for those who can't always get out into the field themselves.

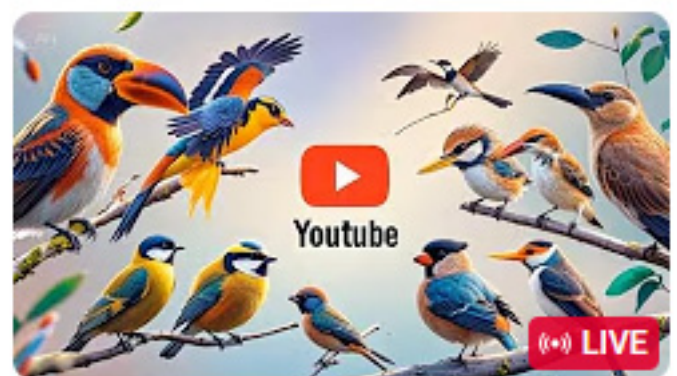
**So far, the following birds already came to visit:**

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Cape robin-chat  
Cape sparrow  
Dark-capped bulbul  
Grey go-away-bird  
House sparrow  
Karoo thrush  
Laughing dove  
Red-headed Finch  
Ring-necked dove  
Southern Boubou  
Southern masked weaver  
Speckled Mousebird

I cannot wait for spring to start getting new bird visitors.

The webcam is live every day, weather permitting, from about 09:00 am to about 17:00 South African time.

When live, it will show on my YouTube channel's home page.



# **The Ultimate Guide to Parrot Species for Beginners**

## **Choosing the Right Parrot for You**

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“Thinking about welcoming a feathered friend into your life? But overwhelmed by the countless parrot species? This video is your ultimate guide to choosing the perfect parrot for your lifestyle, from playful budgies to majestic macaws. Let’s dive into the personalities, care needs, and unique traits of popular parrot species, helping you make an informed decision about your new avian companion.”

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- Overview of beginner-friendly parrot breeds
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- Tips on choosing the best parrot for your lifestyle

Whether you’re considering a budgie, cockatiel, conure, African grey, or macaw — this video will help you make an informed choice.

## Feedback

WOW, what an amazing magazine! I really love all the valuable information. Keep up the good work. I know it's not always appreciated and you spend so much time on the magazine. And now you also create videos, you are a legend, thank you.

Best regards,  
Maria Kane

*Thank you very much for your feedback Maria. You made me feel special and inspired.*

This is the best on-line magazine out there, no question. Thank you, just love it.

Regards  
Graham Venter

*Thank you so much. It makes me happy hearing such inspiration words.*

Thank you for your YouTube channel. I learned about it through the happy birthday video you shared on my Facebook page. I was very surprised to see all the variety of videos. You are doing great work, keep it up.

Sonia Martin

*Thank you Sonia, you are very kind. Thank you for inspiring me.*

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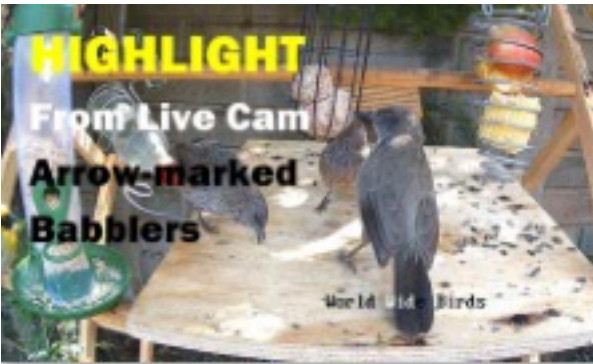
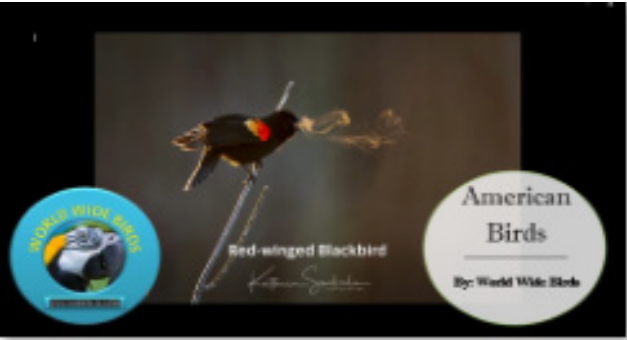
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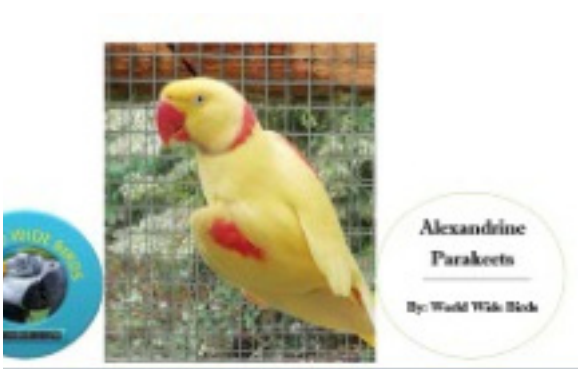
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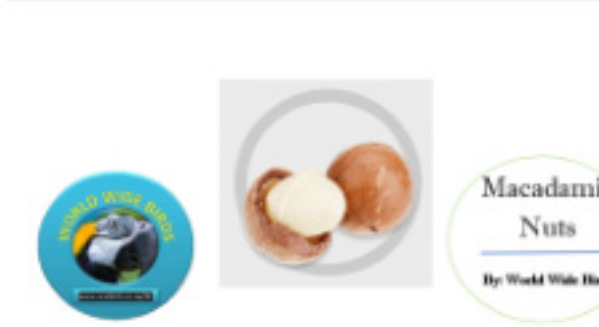
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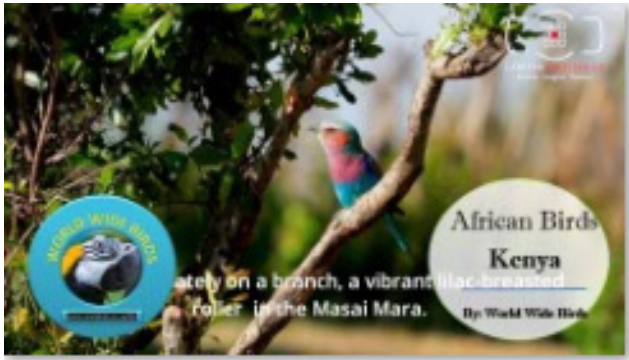
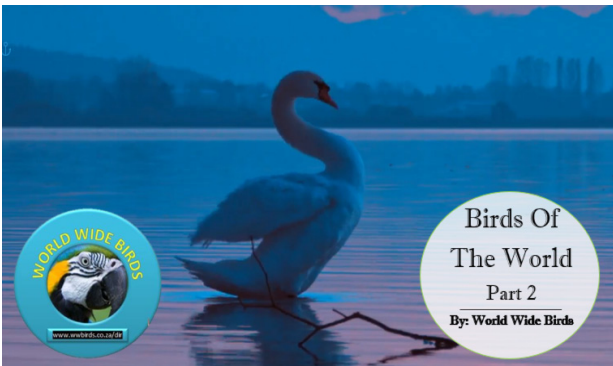
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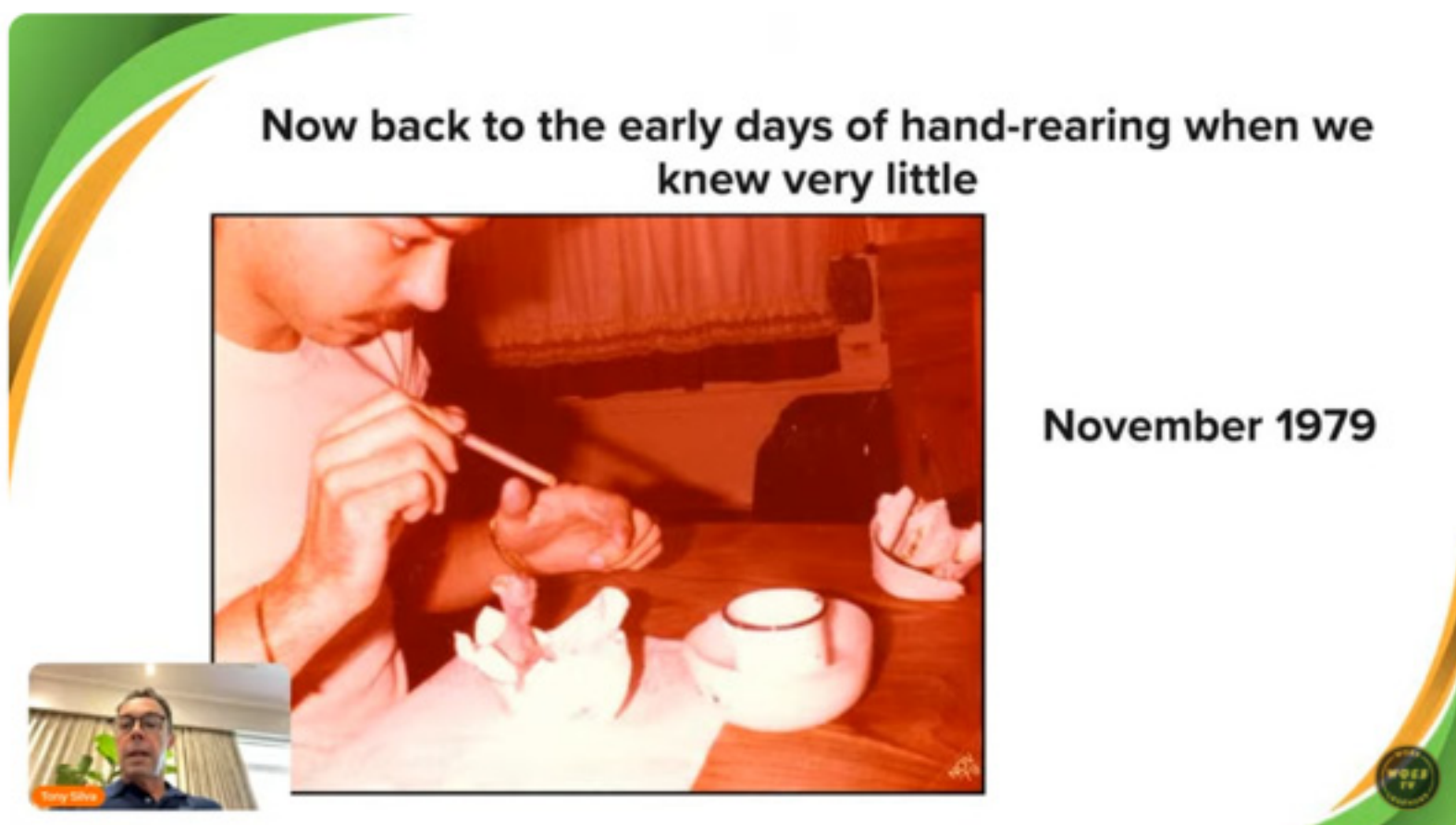
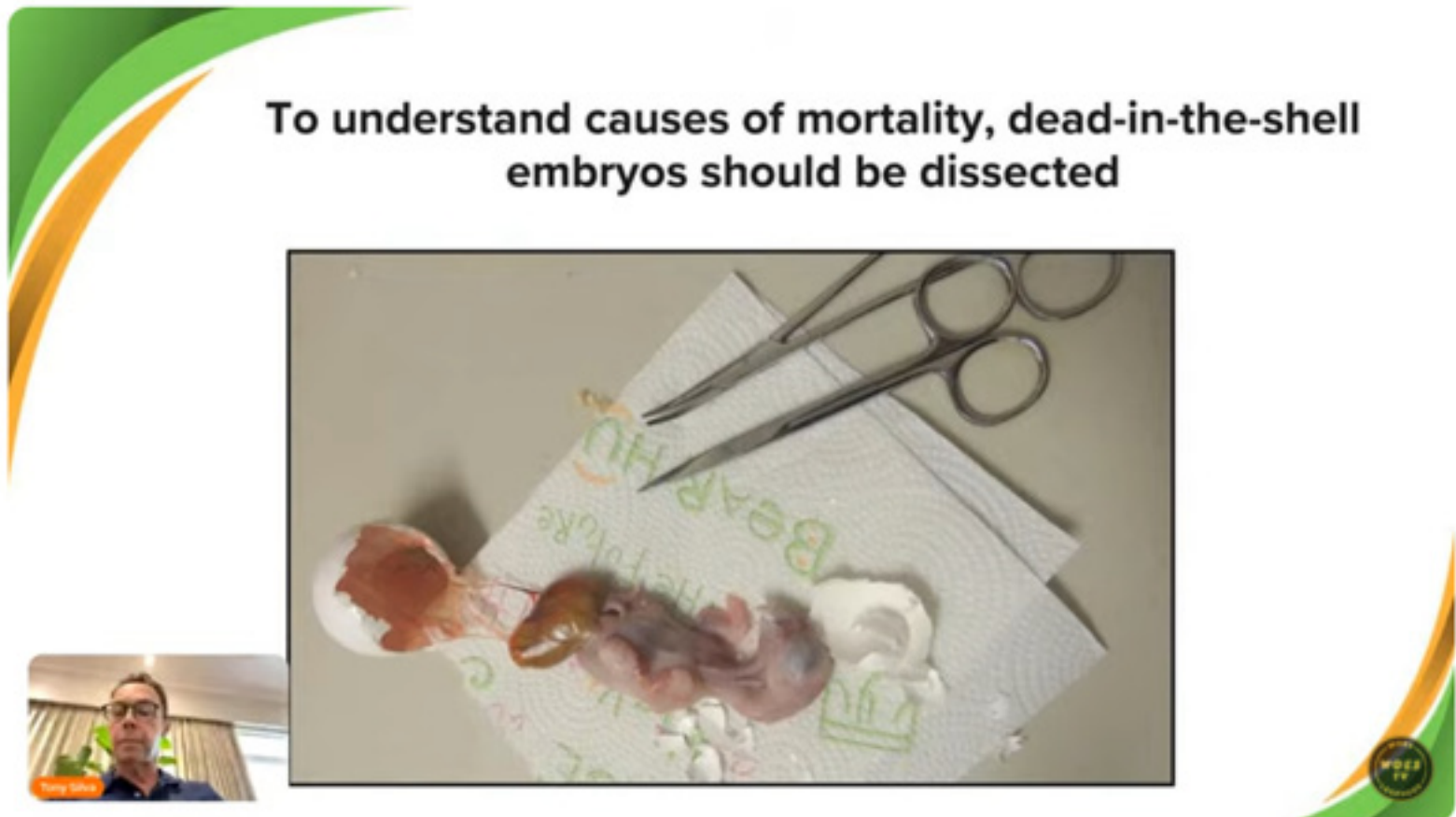
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By: Keriellen Lohrman

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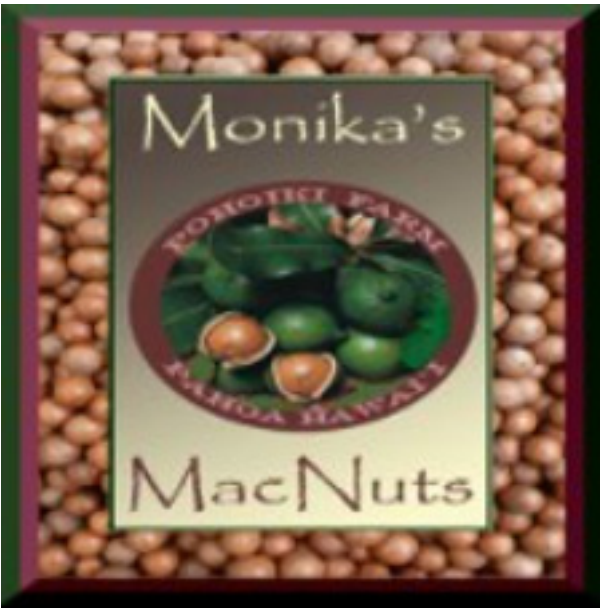


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### Understanding Your Bird's Excessive Screaming Part II

By: Kashmir Csaky

After extinction burst, there will be many occasions when the behavior will be presented; and if it is never reinforced, in any way at all, it will disappear. However, that is not the end of the story. The behavior can spontaneously reoccur and you are back to having a bird that screams excessively.

#### What Does Work?

What can you actually do to reduce screaming? Be observant; make sure that your bird is not screaming for a reason that is easy to deal with. Perhaps the neighbor's cat likes to take a stroll through your yard and stalks birds at your feeder. If that is the case, you may be able to remedy the situation by attaching a sensor to your garden hose which detects movement. It will spray the cat with water and keep it out of your yard. Or you may prefer to just draw the curtains.

Screaming often indicates a desire for attention. If it is possible to predict when your bird will scream, show your bird some attention before he screams. This is not something that most people can predict, so I recommend putting the bird on a schedule. A schedule can let the bird know that if he waits, he will be provided with the attention he craves. Of course this is easier for people who are retired or who work from their homes. So, I will provide a outlines for people who spend a lot of time at home with their birds and for people with 9-to-5 jobs that take them away from home.

### The Purpose of Training and a Schedule

The purpose of training is not merely to teach a behavior. It is to foster a better relationship with your bird, and that is why it is highly recommended that you do not use unpleasant and forceful methods when training. The purpose of a schedule is for your bird to be able to predict what events will take place during the day. You do not have to adhere to a strict schedule. You can combine training sessions with other activities such as time outside in a flight with new toys, a bath, or a trip out of the house. Your bird should expect that there will be some activity for you both that is fun and delightful.

#### A Schedule for People Who Are Home Most of the Day

**Breakfast** – Place a stand near the table for your bird. The stand should have a bowl with a small amount of food in it. While you eat breakfast, share some food from a special bowl just for your bird that you placed on the table.

**Midmorning** – First training session of the day. Review behaviors your bird already knows, and teach new behaviors. This session should not exceed 15 minutes of actual training time, if you are not used to setting time aside just for training. You can train for 15 minutes straight. However, it is better to train for five minutes and then rest for five minutes, until you have trained a total of 15 minutes.

A pattern of shorter training sessions with equal periods of rest is more effective than one long training session, especially when attempting to train a new behavior. Shorter sessions not only allow your bird to absorb what you are trying to teach, they also allow you to reflect on potential improvements for the next five-minute session.

**Lunch** -- Repeat what you did during breakfast, only this time all the food should be offered by hand.

**Mid-Afternoon** – Second training session.

**Dinner**—The setup is the same as it is for breakfast and lunch. However, this time make sure that your bird has plenty of food in his food bowl on the stand, so that he does not go to bed hungry.

### **A Schedule for Busy People Who Work Outside Their Homes**

**The Night Before You Go to Work** – Wrap up dried foods in various different types of paper, and some edible wraps that do not need refrigeration. Also wrap pieces of wood, paper or other small toys in paper. You can do this while watching television while your bird watches you. Give your bird a couple of these small bundles and let him discover that they are fun to dig into.

Place some of the bundles into cardboard tubes, small safe cardboard boxes and plastic containers. Wrap them all up in an old sheet and place them near the door.

**Breakfast** – Take time to have breakfast with your bird every morning. Place a stand near the table for your bird. The stand should not contain a food bowl. However, place a bowl on the table and give your bird food by hand while you eat.

**Before You Leave for Work** – Fill several little paper cups full of food and stuff them between the bars of the cage, add some extra cups that have nothing in them or small toys like pieces of wood or paper. This allows your bird to spend time foraging. The first time you try this, you should be at home all day. Your bird may dump all the cups and not get any of the food.

If this should happen, put half the food in his bowl and the rest in cups. He will learn to be careful not to dump the food and he won't go hungry.

**When You Get Home From Work** – Grab the sheet near the door, spread it out on the floor with the bundles, cardboard tubes, cardboard boxes and plastic containers that you prepared the night before. Place it where you can watch your bird while you do the things that must be done as soon as you get home. Give your bird a few minutes of “bird time” and then let him forage. Any trash that is left on the sheet can be discarded and the sheet can be tossed in the washer if it is soiled.

Make sure that you try this on a weekend. Your bird may be afraid of some of the items or the sheet. Then you will have to do some desensitization training.

**Once You're Relaxed** – Spend 15 minutes training your bird as described above in the mid-morning section of “People Who Are at Home Most of the Day.”

**Dinner** – Handle dinner in the same way as described for people who work at home.

### **The Pet Tutor**

In addition to these training schedules, you can purchase a Pet Tutor. They are an expensive tool. If you decide to purchase one, you must inform the manufacturer that the Pet Tutor is meant for a parrot, because the mounting bracket is different for a parrot than other animals. Although it is called a feeding device, it is much more. It is a programmable food dispenser that can be operated by a remote, voice or a smartphone.

You can sit comfortably in another room, wait for your bird to stop screaming or to begin talking or singing, then click the remote.

The Pet Tutor will produce one of the many tones it is programmed to make (you pick the tone) and then it will dispense a treat. You do not even have to get up to reinforce the desired behavior.

You can now shape longer and longer periods of quiet by waiting for your bird to be quiet slightly longer before reinforcing quiet behavior. You can begin by reinforcing three seconds of quiet. Then slowly increase to 10 seconds, one second at a time. Then to 20 seconds, again one second at a time, and continue lengthening the time till you reach a reasonable length of quiet time. If you decide to reinforce talking or singing, reinforce immediately after your bird produces a desired vocalization. Repeat this several times so that your bird understands that if he talks or sings he will receive reinforcement. To shape the behavior, wait until your bird adds another word or phrases before reinforcing the behavior. Take it slowly, because when teaching new behaviors that is the fastest way to learn. It is your bird that sets the pace for learning, and you must recognize that pace and adjust to it.

When you leave home, the Pet Tutor can be programmed to dispense a treat at any interval that you preselect. You can also teach your bird to target a device that comes with the Pet Tutor. The Pet Tutor will produce a tone that is a cue to your bird to target the device. Once that is successfully achieved, it will produce a second sound that marks the behavior and dispenses a treat. You must teach him to target the device and then program the Pet Tutor when you leave.

Since the Pet Tutor is expensive, I cannot recommend it for the casual user. However, I strongly recommend it in severe cases when a quick resolution is necessary. Screaming can be reduced without the use of the tool, and spending a lot of money is not required if you have the time to work on the problem.

Still, it can be fun for both the owner and the bird, especially if the owner is into gadgets or there is a desire on the part of the owner to teach the bird multiple behaviors, such as a decrease in biting or an increase in targeting. One drawback (or advantage) is that the Pet Tutor can be voice controlled, so a smart bird may figure out how to cue it to dispense treats.

## Review

- Be observant - What stimuli in the environment caused the behavior to start and stop? If changing the antecedent or consequence of the behavior is possible, it is the easiest way to change behavior.
- Screaming can only be reduced to baseline normal.
- “No” does not teach a bird what to do.
- Extinction is a long and arduous task and the behavior will get worse before it gets better. It may not improve at all, since the behavior may be reinforced by bootleg reinforcers. Even if it is extinguished, it may spontaneously reoccur.
- Put screaming birds on a schedule so that they will know when to expect one-on-one attention.
- Replace screaming with some other type of vocalization such as talking or singing.
- Shape quiet behavior or talking.
- Do not try to teach a behavior too fast. Your bird sets the pace for learning.
- If it is urgent that your bird learns to be quiet longer or vocalize with a sound that people find more acceptable, the Pet Tutor is an option.

Screaming is a difficult behavior to change because it is a normal, natural behavior. However excessive screaming is not normal or natural and it can be reduced with a little patience and proper training. Your screaming bird can go from being difficult to live with to a pleasurable companion.

## **Spangles - The Early Days**

By: Jeff Attwood



I have now been involved with the Spangle mutation for some thirty years since acquiring my first specimen, a small Grey Green Spangle cock from the late Alf Ormerod during 1982.

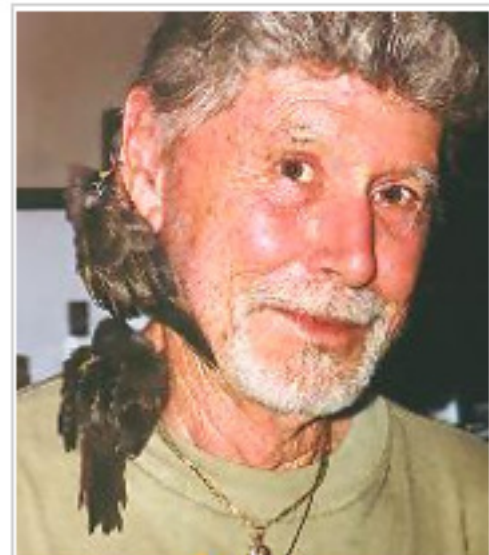
This early start just a couple of years after the first Spangles were introduced to the U.K., was supplemented in 1983 by six further Spangles acquired from the well known German breeder Reinhart Molkentein. All these birds had direct links with the first of this mutation imported into Europe from Australia in the late 70's.

An added interest was also contained in these six spangles, as one of them also carried the Australian Goldenface factor which has also led to many beautiful color variations since that time.

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## **Softbills As Pets**

By: Kateri J. Davis



Handraised Speckled  
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### **Pet Softbills?**

The term “pet” can mean different things to different people, so a hobbyist is wise to analyze carefully what their expectations are of the bird that is to share their life.

Generally, a “pet bird” means the bird craves human contact and touch. They like to be cuddled and stroked, and are happiest when with their owner. The pet bird is usually expected to be able to be carried around on the owner's person and to stay in certain areas of the owner's choice, like specific perches, so it may be enjoyed and interacted with for lengthy periods of time.

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### Do Budgies breed better as a flock in a large walk-in cage (a flight)?

Budgerigars can be bred as flocks in flights. The only good reason to do this is to save labour. Feed will be wasted. Less young per pair will be produced.

In a flight make sure that the number of males and females is exactly equal. Extra males are a waste. Un-paired hens will raid the nests of the breeding birds. Use twenty-five percent extra nest boxes, for the budgie hens always squabble over nests.

These are social birds. A single pair will very rarely breed. Four pairs, in the same room, are the minimum for successful breeding. There are many exceptions to this rule, but if you really want to raise budgies, start off with a number of pairs.

**My bird's beak is starting to grow crooked. Somebody tells me that it is mites. What do I do about it?**

Mites are a terrible affliction of Budgies. Infestations can be prevented and controlled by spraying the bird, the cage, and the area surrounding it with a commercially available product.

If the beak itself starts to look flakey, the cere starts to get a "spongy" look, or a male budgie's cere begins to turn brown, stronger measures are required. Also called scaly face.

Mites can be eliminated by using commercially available products. Left untreated, the beak will begin to grow in a horrible, twisted shape. Death from starvation is possible.

### How can I tell the age of a Budgie?

A young Budgerigar has a smooth cere, black stripes (except for the light coloured types) on the forehead (giving the term "bar-head" for an immature budgie), and a completely black eye.

Within six months, the forehead is white or yellow and the eye has a white iris in most instances. Some varieties, such as a recessive pied do not have an iris.

The male's cere remains smooth. The hen's cere darkens in colour and becomes crusty and flakey in appearance, not to be confused with a mite infestation. This is a normal sign of sexual maturity and can be used to differentiate the genders in Albinos and Lutinos, where cere colour is no help.

Budgies are normally ready to breed by nine months to a year. Hens as young as five months old producing healthy nests have been seen but not encouraged.

After a bird has moulted it's not easy to establish its age other than in instances when it has been rung with a closed coded ring and the details such as date of birth have been recorded.

# Avifood Products

By Dr. med. vet. Friedrich Janeczek,  
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## How do you recognize well-fed young Hyacinth macaws?

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# CITES BIRD OF THE MONTH

Blue-headed racket-tail  
(*Prioniturus platenae*)  
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The blue-headed racket-tail (*Prioniturus platenae*), also known as the Palawan racket-tail and locally as kinawihan, is a parrot found in the western Philippines around Palawan.

The species was formerly considered conspecific with the blue-crowned racket-tail. It is locally known as ‘kilit’. It inhabits humid lowland forest in small flocks. It is threatened by habitat destruction and limited trapping for the cage-bird trade.

Source: Wikipedida

Welcome to another highlight from our peaceful live garden bird cam based in Gauteng, South Africa!

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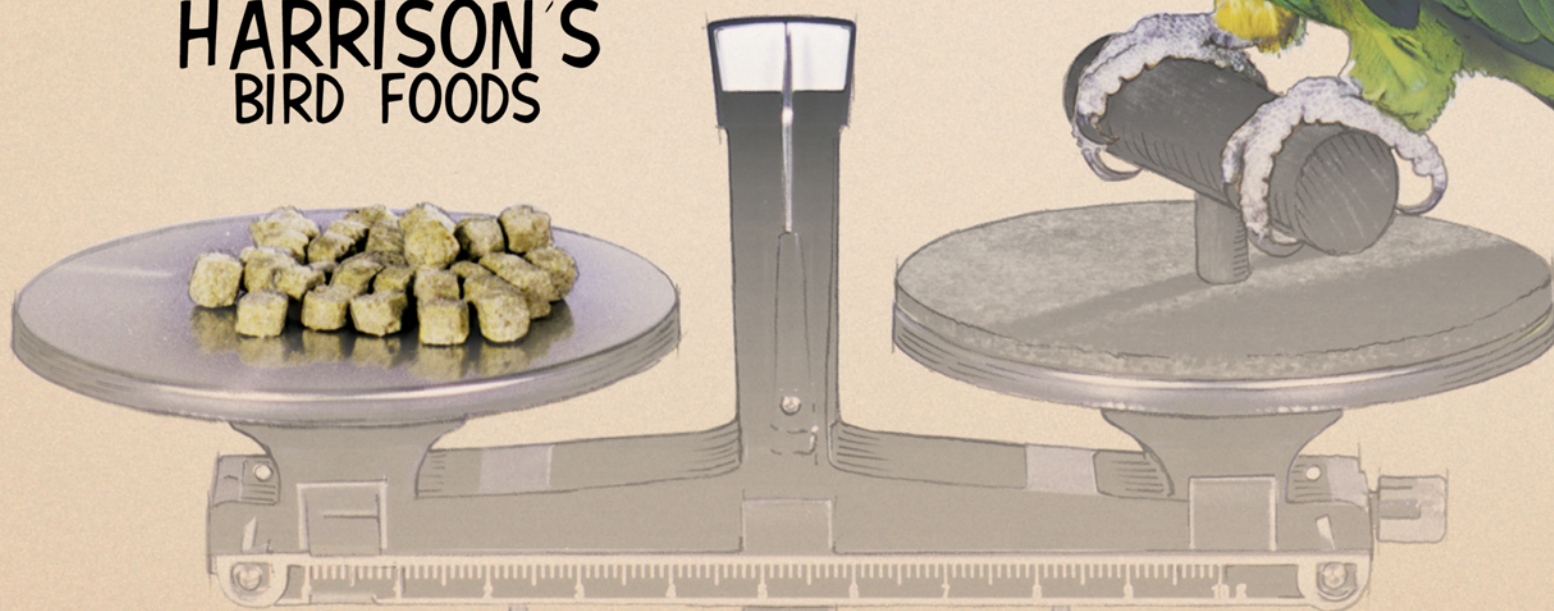
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#### About Kākāpō Recovery

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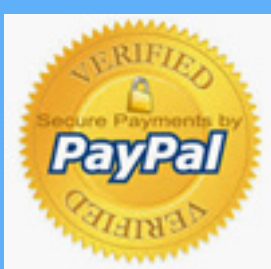
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