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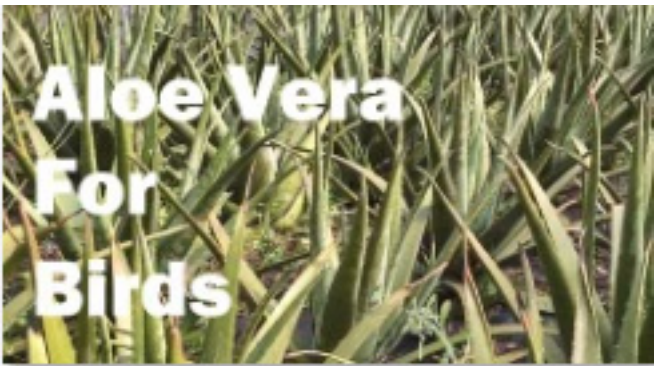
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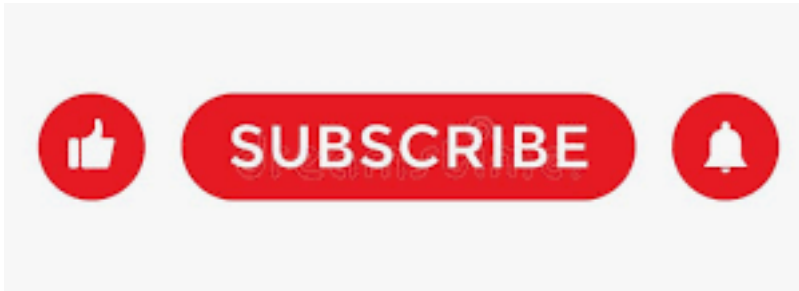
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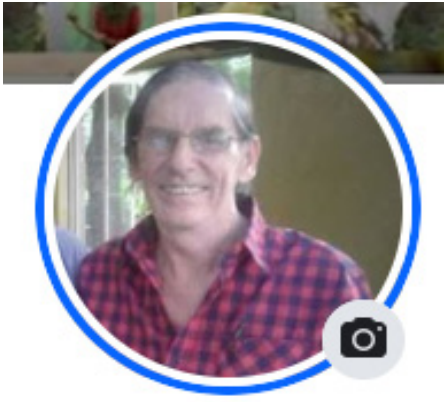
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I want to give special thanks to Laurella Desborough for giving me permission to share her amazing experience in creating the Eclectus videos. And then, to Bob Wilson, for allowing me to create videos about budgies. I am looking forward to creating videos about budgie mutations, as Ghalib Al-Nasser permitted me. Thank you so much, everyone. If you want me to share your knowledge with other bird lovers so that we can all grow in the amazing passion, please e-mail 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.

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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.

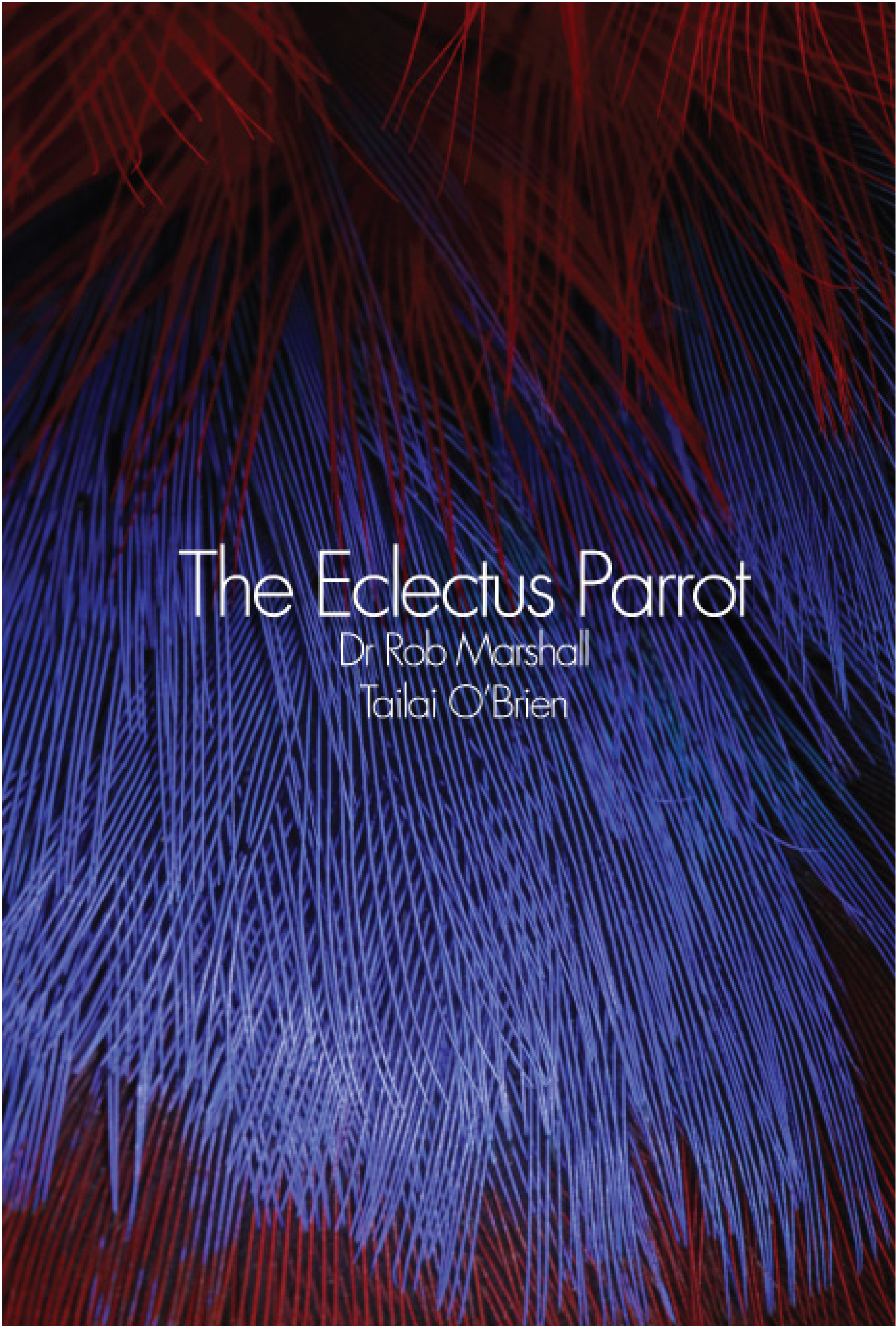
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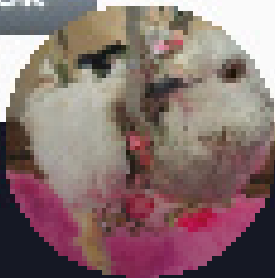
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Discover the secrets to successfully breeding Meyer's parrots.

(*Poicephalus meyeri*) with hands-on experience and expert advice from Rinus van den Broek. In this video, we'll cover everything from setting up the right environment, nest box requirements, diet during breeding, chick care, and how to support healthy parent birds.

Meyer's parrots are intelligent, playful, and highly rewarding to keep and breed — but they also come with unique challenges. This video gives you the knowledge and confidence you need to succeed in their care and breeding.

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# How To Feed Show Budgies



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Thanks so much, Bob Wilson, for allowing me to share your expert advice.



# **How to Breed the Galah: Expert Tips from Tony Silva**

## **Egg Breaking Behavior Explained.**

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Discover everything you need to know about breeding the Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*).

Also known as the rose-breasted cockatoo or pink and grey cockatoo. With expert guidance from Tony Silva, this video covers essential breeding advice, insights into their unique egg breaking behavior, and tips for ensuring a successful breeding season.

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# PET ECLECTUS PARROTS BASIC CRITICAL INFORMATION

By Laurella Desborough

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Laurella Desborough shares critical basic information every Eclectus parrot owner needs to know.

With years of hands-on experience and deep knowledge of the species, Laurella provides invaluable guidance for keeping Eclectus parrots healthy, happy, and thriving.

## **More resources from Laurella:**

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A huge thank you to Laurella Desborough for making this video possible and for her dedication to improving the lives of Eclectus parrots worldwide.

## 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.*

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Regards  
Graham Venter

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

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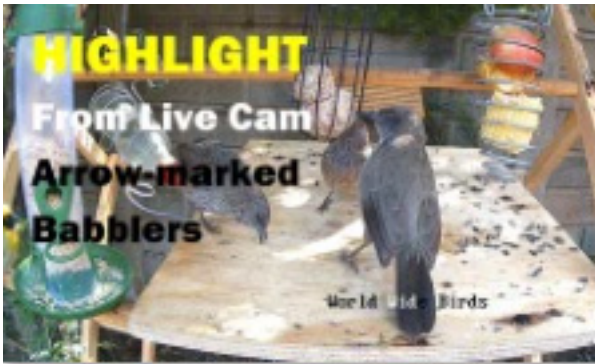
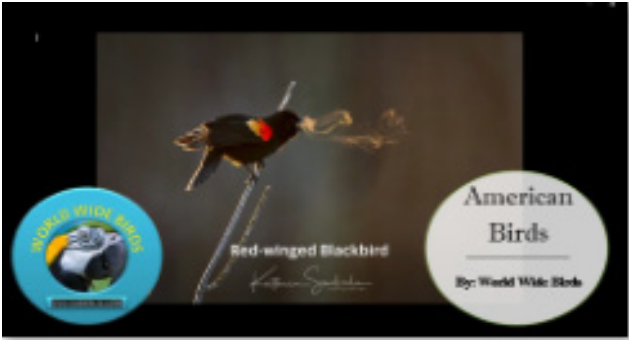




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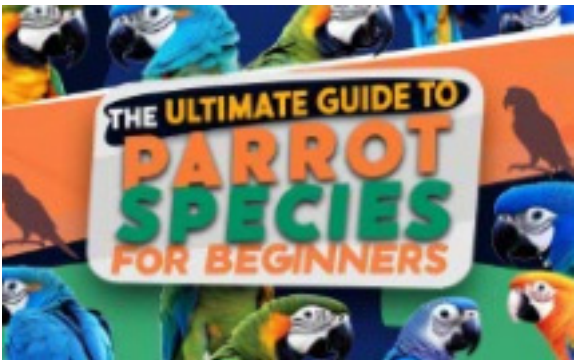


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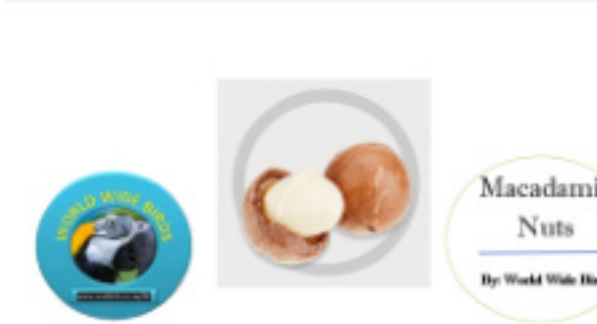


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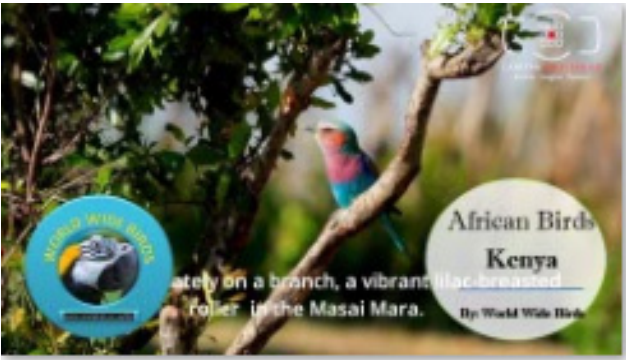




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## Complete Guide plus Rare Mutations

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At the end of the video, we also look at some rare and beautiful Amazon parrot mutations, giving you insight into what makes these birds even more special.

Whether you're a beginner breeder or an experienced aviculturist, this guide will help you better understand the needs of Amazon parrots and how to care for them responsibly.

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- Popular Amazon species kept as pets and in aviculture
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- Aviary setup and nest box requirements
- Proper diet for breeding success
- Egg laying, incubation, and chick care
- Challenges to prepare for
- Amazon parrot mutations

Watch till the end to see some rare Amazon parrot mutations!

**Remember:** Ethical breeding not only ensures healthy parrots but also helps reduce pressure on wild populations.

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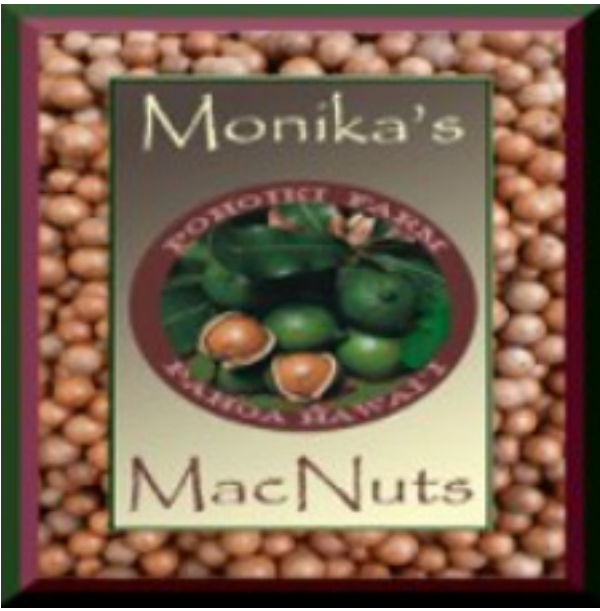
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## Behavior Vocabulary - Functional Analysis (FA)

By Kashmir Csaky



Now that we covered the meaning of reinforcement, punishment, antecedent and consequence we can tackle functional analysis. The purpose of a functional analysis is:

1. Determine the antecedent conditions and non-conditions that predict behaviors.
2. To understand the function (purpose) the behavior serves the animal.
3. To determine what changes can be made to change unwanted behavior.

A functional analysis (FA) also called the ABCs (Skinner 1959). An FA is the smallest meaningful unit to analyze behavior. It uses the Antecedent (A), Behavior (B) and Consequence (C) to analyze and to determine a course of action to change an unwanted behavior. It is elegant, simple and easy to use once the ground rules are understood.

The immediate antecedent, normally referred to as the antecedent, happens just prior to the behavior and the consequence occurs immediately after the behavior, normally within 1 second. Anything that occurs even 10 seconds after the behavior is neither reinforcing or punishing. Within 10 seconds another series of antecedent, behavior and consequence can occur.

Lets look at a hypothetically situation.

Martha is getting ready to go to work and take her children to school, her parrots Waldo and Dee Dee are out playing on their gyms. The children are gathering their books and homework and have misplaced some of the things they need for school. Her dog Skippy begins running in circles and barking. Martha feels stressed and reaches for Dee Dee to step on to her hand. Dee Dee steps on her hand and is taken to her cage. Martha closes the door turns away and goes to get Waldo.

She yells at the kids to hurry up and reaches for Waldo. Waldo hesitates, steps on her hand. Martha takes Waldo to his cage and as she tries to place Waldo inside he runs up her arm onto her shoulder, to her back and clingy to back. Martha say,"No Waldo, not today." as she reaches around trying to grab him. She swings from side to side and finally is able to grab Waldo's leg. She pulls on his leg and he bites her hand. She screams, lets go and then grabs him again as he bites her a second time. She pulls him off her back and tosses him in his cage.

Martha has been told that Waldo behavior is caused by him trying to dominate her by a consultant who uses dominance training. It is a circular discussion, he is dominating you because he is aggressive and stubborn. He is aggressive and stubborn because he wants to dominate you.

If we were to do a functional analysis for the above situation we would have to first decided whose behavior we want to analyze, Martha, the children, Dee Dee, Waldo or Skippy. Let's pick Waldo. Now we have to decide which behavior to pick, hesitating, stepping onto her hand, running up to her shoulder, back and clingy to her back or biting her. Lets go with biting her.

Having the entire history above his helpful and I will discuss that later. We may want to rewrite the history as it pertains to Waldo.

Now that the behavior has been determine we write down A,B, C in a column and fill in B, the behavior.

- A.
- B. Waldo bites Martha
- C.

Note who did the behavior and what the behavior was very simple . Bites, alone is not enough information. However, Waldo bites Martha viciously while Martha struggles to remove him is both subjective and is too much information. It includes Martha’s behavior not just Waldo and this is about Waldo, not Martha.

Above B, fill in the blank after the letter A. The antecedent. Remember that the antecedent happens in the environment. It is never something that the animal does.

- A. Martha grabs Waldo’s leg.

Now we have the stimulus that caused the behavior to happen. Our functional analysis (FA) looks like.

- A. Martha grabs Waldo’s leg.
- B. Waldo bites Martha.
- C.

Now fill in C, the consequence. The consequence is also something that happens in the environment. It is a common mistake to fill this spot in with another behavior such as Waldo scream or struggles. However, scream and struggles are more behaviors and not the result of a behavior.

- C. Martha screams and lets go of Waldo.

Our FA looks like.

- A. Martha grabs Waldo’s leg.
- B. Waldo bites Martha.
- C. Martha screams and lets go of Waldo.

At this point we ask, “Will this behavior increase, decrease or stay the same in the same or similar circumstance?” Odds are good the biting will increase if Martha continues to pull on Waldo’s leg, then screams and let go when he bites her.

In both cases of biting Martha ends up letting go of Waldo, even when she toss him in his cage. At this point we now know what caused the behavior and what reinforced it. We can begin working on a solution.

Earlier I said the history is important. Look at all the antecedents that could be changed to help improve the situation. Before going to bed at night the children would be asked to make sure that everything they need is in one place and Martha could go over this with each child. Skipppy the dog could be taught to target and station when asked, reducing stress for everyone. Taking Waldo to his cage before Dee Dee might help. Reinforcing Dee Dee for stepping up and going to her cage would provide Waldo with an example and increase Dee Dee’s wanted behavior. Reinforcing Waldo when he stepped on to Martha’s hand would also help.

Notice that he hesitated when asked to step on to her is body language signaling that stepping up is something that he does not really want to do. Asking Waldo for another easier to do (higher probability behavior) behavior before picking him increases the odds that he will step up when asked. These are not things that are easy to think about when a situation is already tense, so planning ahead and reducing the odds of a stressful situation is the way to go, along with some training for everyone involved.



**Budgerigar Health, Quarantine & Natural Remedies**  
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Thanks so much, Bob Wilson, for allowing me to share your expert advice.



## Meyer's parrot

### Poicephalus meyeri

#### The identification of subspecies.

By Rinus van den Broek

(Directly translated from Dutch.)

#### Introduction:

When I started with the first Meyer parrots at the end of 2016, I discovered that the well-known Meyer's also had 6 subspecies. What do they look like, what is the difference between these subspecies? Questions that, even after a lot of searching, were answered only fairly briefly. Olivier Vercauteren's exam piece for his bachelor's degree already brought some light into the darkness. His test piece was based on his study of the various bellows in the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Tervuren (BE) and the conversations with and the writings of various enthusiasts at home and abroad. This description of the meyeri subspecies is largely based on his test piece, but with Olivier his new pictures have been approved and where necessary adapted and expanded, for which I thank.

I also thank Piet Onderdelinden for his photos and support, the Verburg family for the cover photo and the specialized breeders who have allowed us to have their beautiful birds photographed. Thank you very much Rudi Kock, Gert Groen & Jos Jansen!

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## Faith in Parrot Conservation

By: LoraKim Joyner

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole.."

- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On my final night in Paraguay at the end of August 2025, I was asked if I believed parrot conservation would succeed over the long term, and if I had hope. I said no. But I do have faith in parrot conservation.

Just because hope is problematic in conservation, this doesn't keep us from doing all we can to work towards transformation and for saving lives, now, while we can. While in Paraguay in August 2025 we started a National Chapter of the Parrot Conservation Corps in Paraguay at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences at the National University in Concepción. We work for a better future, even if we can't foresee what that looks like or if it will happen.

This discussion begins by examining my reasons why I believe that hope is not regarded as a significant factor in conservation dynamics. It is because after 40 years in front-line parrot conservation I have seen so much death and suffering of individual parrots and people, and of parrot populations and ecosystems. I have not been able to curb this destruction nor have our projects.

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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

Palm cockatoo  
(*Probosciger aterrimus*)

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The palm cockatoo (*Probosciger aterrimus*), also known as the goliath cockatoo or great black cockatoo, is a large, smoky-grey/black parrot of the cockatoo family native to New Guinea, the Aru Islands and the Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, Australia.

The palm cockatoo is:

55 to 60 cm (22 to 24 in) in length and weighs 910–1,200 g (2.01–2.65 lb).

It may be the largest cockatoo species and largest parrot in Australia.

Source: Wikipedida

Palm cockatoos fashion individual musical tools, in the form of wood and seed pods, to drum on trees to mark their territories and attract potential mates. These musical tools are used by the cockatoos to drum out highly personal rhythms and the tools are often highly decorated.

The palm cockatoo is still relatively common in Cape York, where it is nonetheless threatened by habitat destruction (particularly due to bauxite mining around Weipa) and altered fire regimens in the region. Palm cockatoos are also hunted traditionally in New Guinea. The species is currently listed as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. It is listed on Appendix I of CITES.



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- **Why Processing Matters**

Processing changes the physical structure of ingredients, affecting how nutrients are absorbed in the digestive tract.

- **Extrusion & Heat Treatments**

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- **Pelleting**

Pelleting is a simpler, more cost-effective process that doesn’t fully cook the ingredients. While this can preserve some heat-sensitive nutrients, it may also reduce digestibility. In some pelleting processes (not HOPP), untested grains can raise the risk of mycotoxin contamination.

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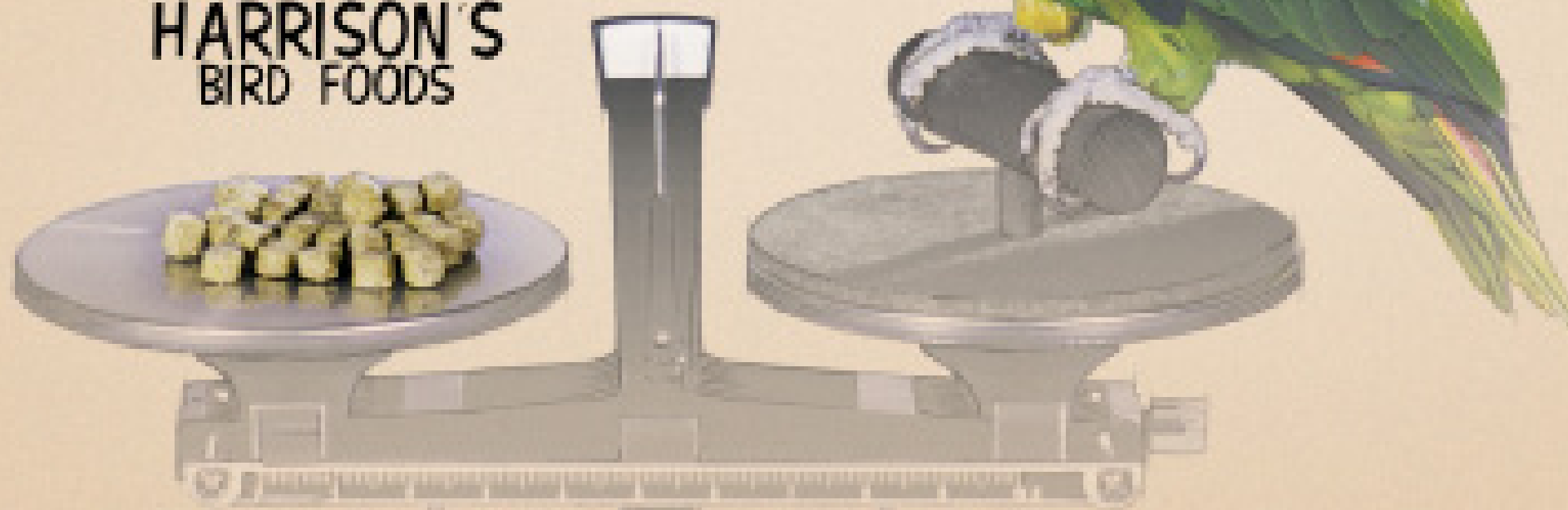
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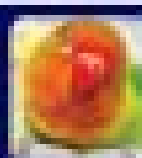


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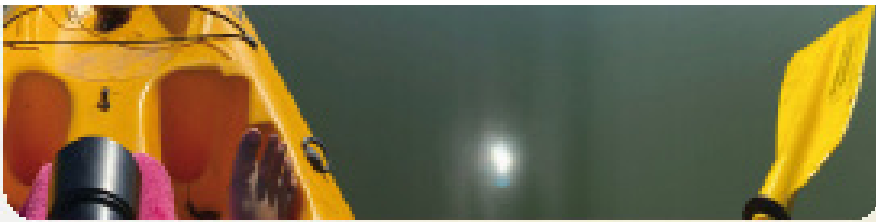
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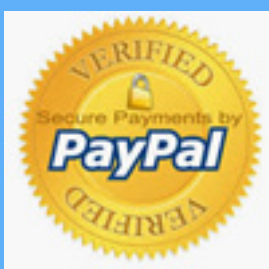
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