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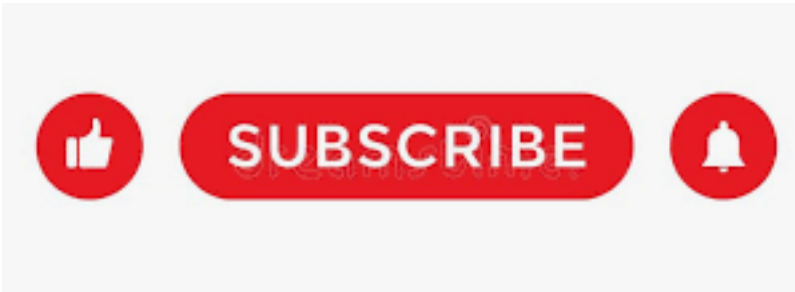
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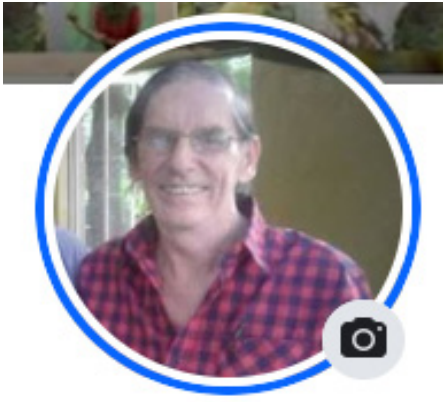


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WELCOME

Dear Bird Friends,

Welcome to the August edition.

I'd like to begin by extending a very warm welcome to our newest Premier Magazine subscriber, Danielle Aneja from Florida, USA. Danielle, thank you for becoming part of the World Wide Birds family. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps me continue producing the magazine, creating educational birding content, and sharing my passion for birds with readers around the world.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Carol Buess and Rose Essex, whose ongoing monthly support through Buy Me a Coffee helps keep this project alive. Their generosity goes directly towards purchasing bird food for the feeders, making it possible for me to continue filming the incredible birds that visit and providing free bird videos on the World Wide Birds website for everyone to enjoy.

A special thank you also goes to my YouTube Channel Member, Suzanne Taylor. Your continued support and encouragement are truly appreciated. Every subscription, membership and contribution, no matter how large or small, helps me continue building this project one step at a time.

The cover photograph featured in this month's magazine has a special meaning to me because it was taken by myself. It shows a beautiful Reed Cormorant (*Microcarbo africanus*), photographed at the Gonubie Bird Sanctuary in East London on 24 July 2026. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Gonubie Bird Sanctuary for organising the Nikon photography course on that day. The course inspired me to spend more time using my camera properly and motivated me to improve my bird photography skills.

I look forward to sharing many more of my own photographs with you in future editions of the magazine.

Finding the time is often the biggest challenge! Behind every edition of World Wide Birds is a great deal of work. Besides producing the magazine each month, I am also creating YouTube videos, writing and publishing new blog posts, managing the website, sending email newsletters, developing my biodiversity project to attract more birds to my micro-patch, promoting World Wide Birds across social media, photographing birds, and continually expanding the collection of free educational resources available online. It is certainly a busy schedule, but seeing more birds visit the garden and hearing from readers around the world makes every hour worthwhile.

If you enjoy the magazine and would like to help this project continue to grow, I warmly invite you to become a Premier Magazine Subscriber, a YouTube Channel Member, or a monthly Buy Me a Coffee supporter. Your support helps me expand the biodiversity project by purchasing more bird-friendly plants and, just as importantly, provides the bird food needed to keep the feeders full. Those busy feeders create the wonderful opportunities to film and photograph Africa's birds that I can then share freely with bird lovers everywhere.

Thank you once again for your continued encouragement, friendship and support. Together, we are building more than a magazine—we are creating a community that celebrates birds, conservation and the incredible beauty of nature.

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BY PETRUS ALBERTUS VAN TONDER · FEBRUARY 1, 2022



Written by: [Petrus Albertus Van Tonder](#)
February 01, 2022 Updated on June 20, 2026

Nancy Ingram, one of our [Premier magazine subscribers](#), is the expert on breeding Strawberry finches.

Red-rumped Parrot: Breeding, Parakeet, Foster

BY LOUIS BOTHMA · AUGUST 31, 2024



Written by: [Louis Bothma](#)
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The Red-rumped Parrot:*Psephotus haematonotus*- The natural range of the Red-rumped Parrot is in south-west Australia, particularly inland. It is one of the few Australian parakeets that has benefited from the arrival of man. With the large-scale deforestation and the cultivation of crops, as well as the planting of grasses for pasture, the numbers of red-rumps have soared.

Green-Cheeked Conure Mutations & Breeding Guide | Complete Aviculture Overview

By: [Louis Bothma](#)

The Green-Cheeked Conure (*Pyrrhura molinae*) has established itself as a cornerstone species in aviculture due to its high adaptability, prolific breeding habits, and manageable temperament. Found across diverse habitats in Central South America, the species has transitioned successfully to captive environments. The primary driver of its contemporary popularity is the emergence of diverse color mutations, which carry significant economic and sustainable value for the global pet trade.

Breeding conures: Nest box, feeding

BY TONY SILVA · MAY 15, 2021



Written by: [Tony Silva](#)
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We asked Tony Silva about breeding conures.
Why are some conures like *Psittacara* harder to breed than others? By: Tony Silva

Conure is a term used to describe neo-tropical parakeets of the genera *Guaruba*, *Tectocercus*, *Aratinga*, *Psittacara*, *Eupsittula*, *Pyrrhura*, *Cyanoliseus*, and *Enicognathus*, all known in aviculture, plus the almost unknown *Ognorhynchus* and *Leptosittaca*, which to my knowledge have only been reproduced in a private collection in Colombia. The vernacular name is derived from *Conurus*, a former catchall name for a broad array of distinctive neo-tropical parakeets.

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One of the things I enjoy most about this group is seeing the incredible bird photographs shared by members from around the world. Every image tells a story and reminds us why we love birds and nature so much.

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I'm delighted to announce that the first featured photographer is André Steenkamp! His stunning photograph of a Black Heron (*Egretta ardesiaca*) fishing at Austin Roberts Bird Sanctuary in Pretoria, South Africa, immediately caught my attention. It's a beautiful wildlife moment, captured with excellent timing and composition, and I'm proud to showcase it as the group's cover photo.

Congratulations, André, and thank you for allowing us to share your wonderful work with the community!

I hope this inspires everyone to keep sharing your favourite bird photographs. You never know—your photo could be the next one featured as our group cover! Thank you to every member for making World Wide Birding such a friendly and inspiring place for bird lovers.

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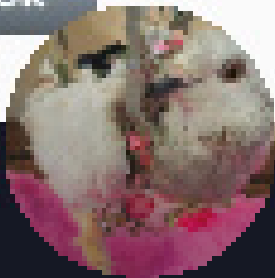
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Have you ever attended a bird photography workshop or birding event? One of the biggest lessons I learned during this outing was that patience often produces the best wildlife encounters. Staying behind in the bird hide allowed me to witness a Reed Cormorant catching a fish—something I might have missed had I continued walking with the group.

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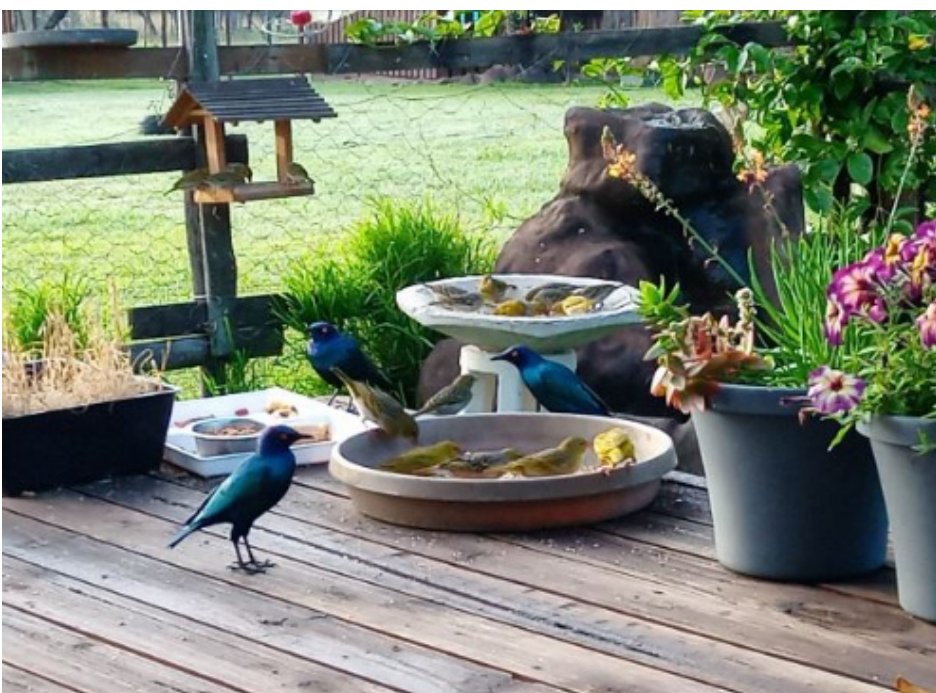
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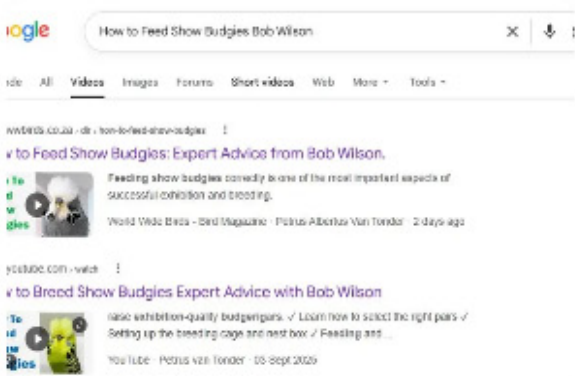
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By: Keriellen Lohrman

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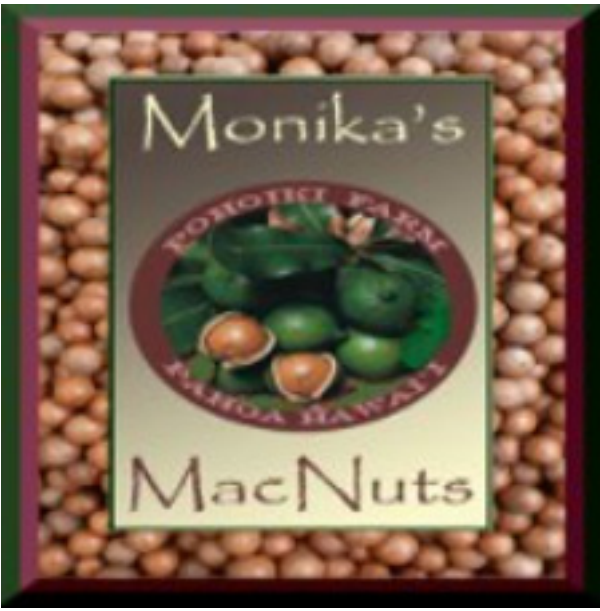
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Petrus van Tonder
Reed cormorant (*Microcarbo africanus*)
Photo taken at Nahoon Estuary
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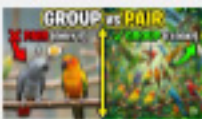
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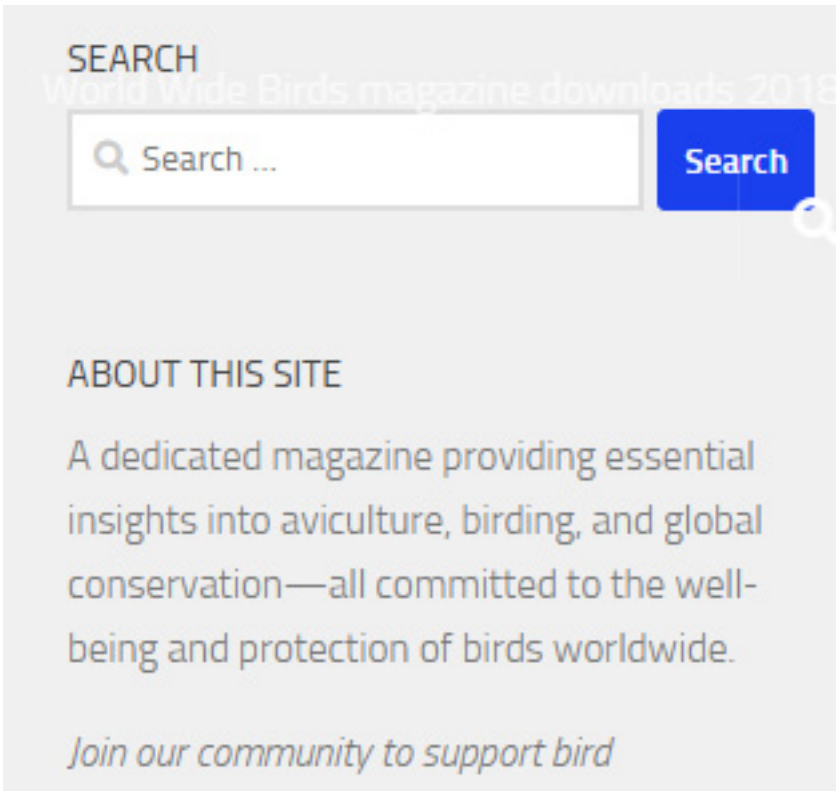
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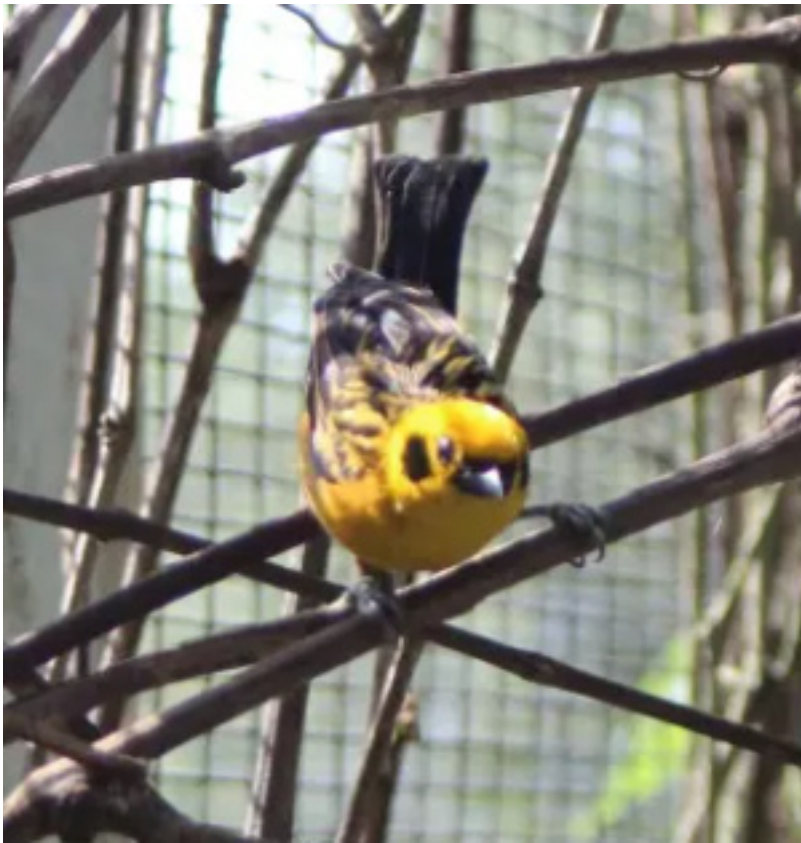


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Respiratory Infections

By: Kashmir Csaky

A question about respiratory infections was asked in another group. This was my response.

The symptoms are different for upper respiratory and lower respiratory problems. Upper respiratory can manifest as sneezing, runny nose, head shaking, excessive yawning, matted or missing feathers around the nares, runny ears, and bulging eyes, depending of the severity of the infection. Lower respiratory infections, include coughing, labored breathing, bobbing tail, and feather picking, mostly the chest. Activity, posture and balance can be affected in both upper and lower respiratory problems.

I would not be concerned about some minor and infrequent sneezing. I would recommend getting an air cleaner. I cannot really recommend any good brands, but other people may have favorites. If you can, look down her throat. There is a slit in the roof of her mouth called the choanal slit. The edges of the slit and the throat have spiny bumps called papillae.

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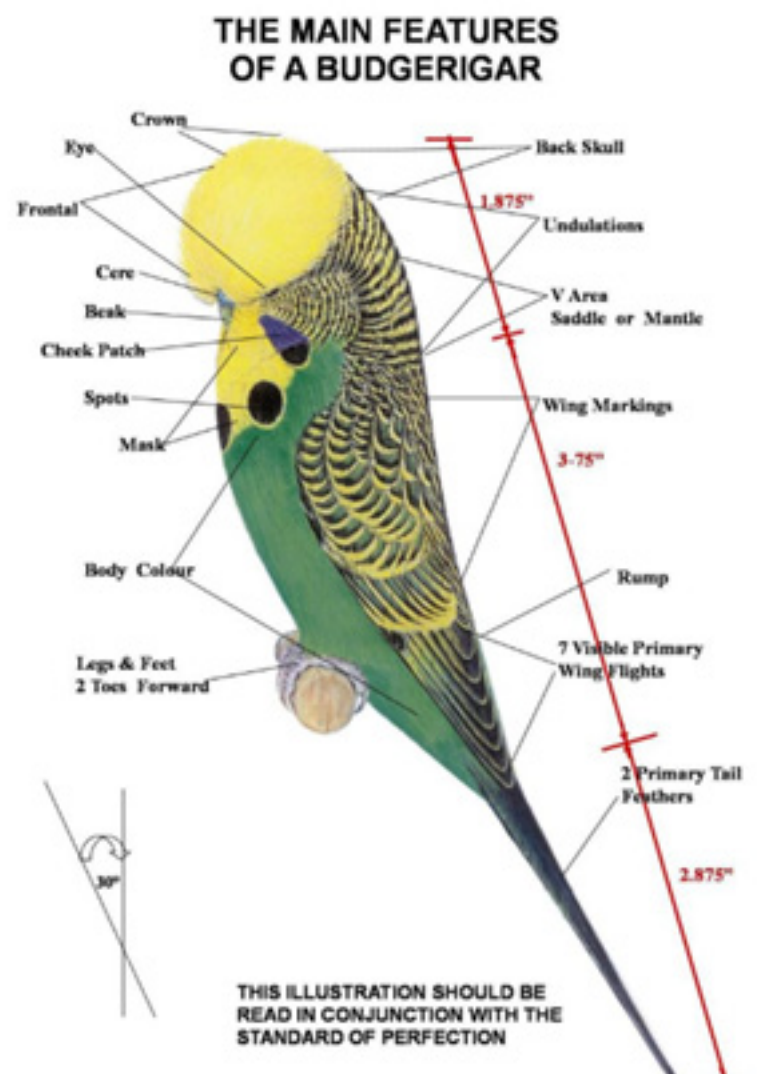
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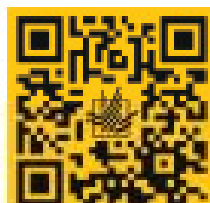
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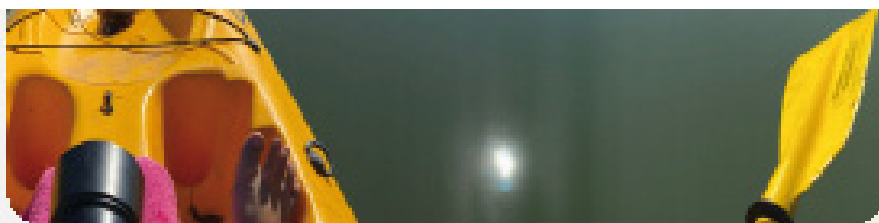


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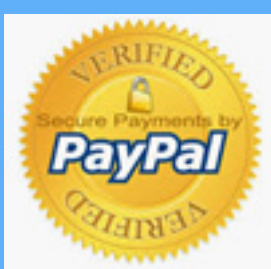
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