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## **RDCBS' PET BIRD FAIR COMMITTEE:**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FAIR CHAIRMAN

Welcome, I hope you enjoy our Twenty-Seventh Annual Pet Bird Fair, I am sure it will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you and your family. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beauty and intelligence of the birds on exhibit, and learn about the joys of keeping birds and about their care. If you haven't already, please join the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society. The cost of membership is minimal in comparison to what you will learn and the friendships you will make with the fellow bird lovers in our club. I hope to see you at future meetinas.

#### John Marquis, Bird Fair Chairman, RDCBS

#### **RULES GOVERNING BIRDS FOR SALE**

Every bird must be evaluated by our on-site avian veterinarian before it can enter the building. -16 Any bird judged by our veterinarian to be in illhealth must be removed from the premises. Non-psittacine birds will not be allowed to enter.

All out of state birds must have a health certificate from a veterinarian from their state and a permit from NC.



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## **THE RDCBS 2015 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

The members of the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society join me in welcoming you to the 27th Annual Pet Bird Fair. Throughout the years our club has remained faithful to our original purpose of education, promoting good bird ownership and fellowship among bird lovers of all ages.

Please take the time to visit with our terrific group of vendors, many of whom attend year after year. They are selling toys for our birds, food, cages and accessories, and representatives from our local Veterinarian Services for your exotic pets. Be sure to stock up on toys, food, and collectibles. Many of the items are unique, and cannot be found in stores. Several of our members are also vendors.

Visit our Pet Bird Display where you can see pet birds of all kinds and have an opportunity to ask questions and talk to bird owners.

Get your tickets for the Giant Raffle and enter each of the Raffles held during the day for your chance to win some great things for you and your birds.

The 4Feathers 4-H club will be at the Kids Raffle Table, and will be selling treats for your feathered friends.

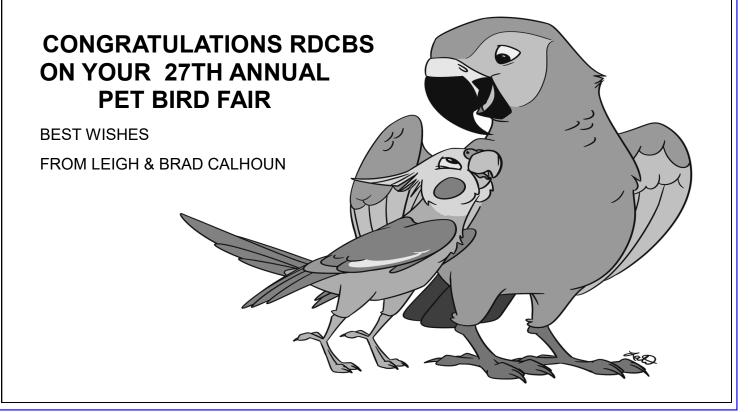
As always, profits from the Pet Bird Fair go into the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Societies Grant Program for Avian Research, Education, and Conservation.

We hope you have a great time and we hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings to continue the good times.

Thanks to our vendors, members and volunteers who support the Pet Bird Fair and help make it better with each passing year. Without your support none of this would be possible.

Sincerely,

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RALEIGH-DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY (RDCBS)

The RDCBS membership is comprised of over 100 families or individuals, including pet bird owners, bird breeders, pet store owners and employees, and veterinarians and their assistants and students. A large number of species are represented among members' bird families, with psittacine birds ranging from budgerigars to Hyacinth macaws and non-psittacines from finches to peafowl. The primary purposes of the RDCBS are to educate club members and members of the general public about the care and breeding of caged birds and about larger avicultural concerns such as captive propagation of rare and endangered species and conservation of avian species in their native habitats.

The club meets on the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 P.M. at the Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Building on the west side of Raleigh. Meetings include lectures, hands on activities or demonstrations on a variety of avicultural topics and also feature a "bird species of the month". Our meetings also provide a chance to cultivate friendships with other aviculturists and pet bird owners.

A bimonthly newsletter, *The Carolina Parakeet*, is published via e-mail for members and provides useful information on a variety of avicultural topics and current concerns. The RDCBS' educational outreach program includes its annual Pet Bird Fair held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each year. In addition, the RDCBS provides bird exhibits at the North Carolina State Fair and at special events of institutions such as the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science. Various members also provide educational demonstrations about cage birds for 4-H groups, school classroom projects or field trips, nursing homes, etc. The Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society is a non-profit organization. Information about RDCBS and avicultural topics of interest are also accessible online at RDCBS' Web site: http://www.rdcbs.org. This site includes the latest information about upcoming RDCBS events, selected articles from *The Carolina Parakeet*, and links to the Web sites of the aforementioned national societies with which we are affiliated.

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RDCBS

In the late 1970's, a Raleigh woman, Helen Brock, developed an interest in raising caged birds. By 1985, she had a large flock of cockatiels and other parrots. Over a nine-year period in which she established this flock, one fact had become clear-there was a general lack of knowledge regarding health, nutrition, housing, and other needs of many species of birds. Thus, Helen took it upon herself to organize a club comprised of caged bird enthusiasts, who could share their knowledge and experience for the benefit of all. The first meeting of the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society was held in March of 1986. By the end of the first year, monthly meetings were being attended by about 10 to 15 members. Our first Pet Bird Fair was held in 1989. This fair has become an annual event which has grown with the club. Through the fair, RDCBS has raised thousands of dollars for avian research and conservation, generated national recognition for the club, and attracted many new members. Among members attracted by our first fair were April Blazich, Cindy Chappell and Laura Barwick. Through their efforts and efforts of several others, the RDCBS developed affiliations with several national societies, including the American Federation of Aviculture. By 1991 RDCBS organized and hosted a two-day educational seminar series on avicultural topics for a statewide consortium of bird clubs (Bird Clubs of North Carolina; BCNC). In subsequent years, RDCBS has hosted several lectures and/or lecture series by nationally recognized aviculturists, avian behaviorists, scientists, and avian veterinarians including: Sally Blanchard, Dr. Al Decoteau, Dr. Matthew Vriends, Liz Wilson, Dr. Keven Flammer, Dr. Branson Ritchie, Irene Pepperburg, Layne Dicker, Dr. Rose Marie Asterina Dr. Donald Brightsmith and Barbara Heidenrich. In 1998 the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show introduced the first NCS Affiliated Cockatiel Show, coordinated by Keith Reimer. In 2002 the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show introduced the first ALBS Lovebird Show, coordinated by Wendy Edwards. In 2012 the Board of Directors revised the RDCBS Bi-laws and have added the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President as Board Members with voting rights. Family members can now be on the Board. The RDCBS has depended on the hard work of many past and current directors, officers, and general members who have contributed substantially to the development and success of the RDCBS and its activities. Of course the most intensive effort of the year is our annual Bird Fair, which would not be possible without the hard work of many individuals, most notably the RDCBS Bird Fair Chairman, John Marguis, It is our hope that individuals attending this year's fair, perhaps even for the first time, will be writing the future history of the club.

## **4Feathers 4-H Club of Wake County**

A year ago Pilar Riley, a RDCBS member, got the inspiration to create a club for our younger parrot lovers. Along with fellow member, Jennifer Baldwin, the 4Feathers 4-H Club of Wake County got its start. Pilar has a background in childcare and client assistance. Jennifer's background includes teaching and volunteer work. Both have hands-on avian experience (they have 12 birds between them!) and extensive work in bird fostering and rescue.

The 4Feathers is part of the internationally recognized youth organization known as 4-H. According to the 4-H website:

"Since 4-H began more than 100 years ago, it has become the nation's largest youth development organization. The 4-H idea is simple: help young people and their families gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities' and develop ideas for a more innovative economy.

4-H opened the door for young people to learn leadership skills and revolutionized how youth connected to practical, hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom."

Under the umbrella of 4-H and with the support of the RDCBS who allows us to hold our meetings prior to their events at the Glen Eden Community Center, the 4Feathers currently gathers about 8 to10 members, ages 8 to 13 for monthly meetings. The young club members learn about avian care, grooming, foraging activities, toy-making, proper handling, and avian nutrition. They also work together to brainstorm fundraising opportunities and will be making an appearance at this year's RDCBS Annual Bird Fair. Their current president is Elsa Eng-lebrecht and the vice president is Sienna Baldwin. Look for them and all the 4Feathers members at the RDCBS booth on Saturday, May 23rd and see what they've been up to! They will be hosting a Birdie Bake Sale to raise money for the 4-H members to go on educational field trips and for supplies for club activities. The kids will also be presenting educational material about parrots such as the opportunity to look at feathers under a micro-scope!

Parent Club Leaders Pilar and Jennifer appreciate all the support and encouragement they've gotten from their sister club, the RDCBS. Anyone interested in the 4Feathers can contact Jennifer or Pilar at jenbaldwin4@gmail.com or rosaliadelpilar71@gmail.com. The 4Feathers also has a Facebook page. Search for 4Feathers 4-H Club!





## A SAMPLING OF RDCBS' EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our 26 previous pet bird fairs. Perhaps the most important contribution the RDCBS makes to aviculture is public education through our various educational outreach activities. These activities range from single-member, free-lance volunteer efforts to large organized club events. Many individuals in the club accept invitations to present informal programs including live bird demonstrations for school classroom projects or field trips, nursing home entertainment, etc. If your school or organization would like to host an educational bird program, email any of the officers or board members on the contacts page of RDCBS.org. Of course, the largest educational program-exhibition sponsored by the RDCBS is our Annual Bird Fair, held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each May. An additional program/ exhibit has become a major annual event for the RDCBS, at the NC State Fair each October and the Got to be NC event in May.

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR:

Our participation at the State Fair developed through contacts of the Fair staff with RDCBS member, April Blazich. Several years ago, the Fair developed a Tropical Garden next to the Flower Show. At this time the Superintendent of Grounds asked April to arrange a small exhibit of some tropical birds which would add to this popular corner of the Fair. What began as the occasional-presence of two people with a bird or two on the grass has evolved into a formal exhibit in a tent, meeting hundreds of people, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm through out the duration of the NC State Fair.

#### GOT TO BE NC:

RDCBS was invited to join the Got To Be NC Agriculture Fair through the contact with John Marquis the Bird Fair Chair Person. RDCBS members bring their parrots to display and educate the public about proper care of these unique and exotic Parrots. We meet and talk with hundreds of people who attend this event from 10:00 am until Dark.

#### CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

The RDCBS believes that public education is the best way to preserve and promote aviculture (the care and breeding of captive birds), to promote conservation of birds in their native lands, and to ensure that owners of pet birds have adequate knowledge to provide proper nutrition, housing, and socialization for their pets. By becoming involved as an Educational Outreach Volunteer, you can help to fulfill these educational purposes of the RDCBS. SO, ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE RDCBS TEAM AND VOLUNTEER? HERE'S HOW – Just contact any of the RDCBS Club Board Members or Elected Officers listed in this book and we will be happy to get you started.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED BY RDCBS BIRD FAIRS

Since its inception, the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society has contributed yearly monetary donations in support of avian veterinary research, parrot conservation, and/or public education pertaining to same. In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our previous pet bird fairs.

The RDCBS has contributed to organizations such as Veterinary Colleges across the Country, Dr. Donald Brightsmith at Texas A & M, Dr. Branson Ritchie,LSU Foundation, Comparative Medicine Fund, Duke University, NC Zoological Society, RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, Bahama Parrot Conservation Project, American Federation of Aviculture, Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park and World Parrot Trust.

## For details and applications of the selection process for RDCBS grants and awards, you may submit your request by going to www.RDCBS.org or mail your request to:

#### **Raleigh Durham Caged Bird Society**

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## **6 Things To Keep In Mind About Rehomed Parrots**

A rehomed parrot often has a second chance at happiness that it might not otherwise get. When a parrot's past is a mystery, sometimes we need to see things from their perspective in order to help them acclimate.

Cathy Coleman

Allow your parrot to learn your body language ... but more importantly, take the time to learn theirs before asking something that might initially be seen as a demand instead of a request.

It's an amazing feeling, adopting a parrot. We want to make a positive difference in their lives, give them as much love as possible, share our lives with them and provide for their every want and need. Sometimes, it takes a fair amount of "sleuthing" to understand what a

re-homed parrot has been through. Some are fortunate enough to have had loving caregivers. But sadly, the larger majority are acquired on "whimsy" ... and then dumped after the newness wears off and the reality of responsibility sets in. Those parrots need us to understand and help them the most.

#### 1) Don't Lay Down "The Rules" Immediately

How would you feel if someone you just met started making demands of you right away? You'd probably turn and run the other direction, right? Parrots don't have that luxury, and their typical defense is to bite, which does not good friends make.

When we first brought home Thor, a Moluccan cockatoo, I immediately tried to establish dominance by telling her to "step up" in a very firm voice with a very firmly held arm in her face. She looked at me with an expression that simply said, "I know nothing ..." and clamped her feet tightly onto her perch. The more demanding I became, the more upset she got, which soon resulted in a very "polite" pinch with her beak to prove her point. As I sat there trying to soothe my wounded pride, I asked her "What am I going to do with you?" Thor looked at me and quietly raised her foot to step up. I learned that I never really gave her the opportunity to respond ... only to react.

#### 2) Allow For "Soak Time"

Going from one environment to another can be very stressful for a parrot. They may often assume that how they were treated previously — especially if it was bad — is how they are going to be treated in their new home. Allow your parrot to get to know "you" and your household from a quiet distance. Putting their cage in a quiet but visible area where they can observe will be much more effective than putting them in a middle of what they might perceive as a terrifying "circus" of unfamiliarity.

3) Lower Your Expectations & Wait This is a tough one, especially because we know we mean well ... but a newly re -homed parrot may not. Building a relationship often takes more time than we can possibly imagine, especially if a parrot has been in a difficult situation previously.

It's important not to expect a lot in the beginning. Give your parrot plenty of "space" — mentally as well as physically — to come to their own conclusions about their new life and being able to trust you.

If you take the time it takes to be patient in the beginning, regardless of how long that is ... it will take less time to become their trusted friend in the end.

4) Don't Get Your Feelings Hurt As humans, how many times do we have to remind ourselves, and each other, not to "take it personal?" And yet, we do that very thing when the parrot we adore and want to adore us gives us the cold-feathered shoulder. For a newly rehomed parrot, sometimes this is merely a self-preservation technique. But occasionally, this tactic does backfire!

I knew that Petrie, our adopted timneh African grey, came with baggage. In fact, he came with a whole matching set of hateful. But I knew there had to be a sweet bird in there ... somewhere.

At first, no matter how hard I tried, I got nothing short of the birdie "finger."

Offering any sort of treat was thrown on the floor with great Scarlett O'Hara drama. A simple "Hi Petrie" was rewarded with gunfire. Putting my hand in a tank full of piranhas was no different than asking Petrie to step up. And using a stick for stepping up only gave him a runway up my arm in order to bite my ear.

Of course my feelings were hurt, among other things. I was trying so hard and he was just kicking seed in my face with every attempt. Finally, I decided on another approach: Doing absolutely nothing. No going out of my way to offer treats. No sitting by his cage chatting or reading stories. Nothing. Nada. Zippo. To my surprise, Petrie quickly became VERY interested in trying to get my attention: talking, whistling and just making a general fool of himself any-



time I was in the vicinity. It was only THEN that Petrie began to understand that bad behavior didn't get him anywhere, and his behavior subsequently began to improve.

5) Expect A Little ... Reward A Lot

It's the small things that count, especially for a parrot trying to fit into a new household. Their initial efforts are often imperceptible and sometimes go unnoticed because we're usually looking for a "fireworks" response to our own big efforts.

Remember how your parents celebrated your first attempt at riding a bicycle? It didn't matter that you only pedaled two feet before toppling over — they were full of enthusiasm and excitement... and that made you try even harder. Parrots are no different, really.

When we notice the smallest effort and reward the slightest try, it tells a parrot that we are aware of their presence ... and that they matter.

A reward can be something as simple as an acknowledgement in their direction, a small treat, or a scratch on the head.

6) Put Yourself In Their Feathers Look at the world through the eyes of your parrot. It is important to remember to have not only empathy for each other, but also for them.

Too many people forget that parrots live and breathe just like us. They fear, they hurt, they worry. They feel what we do, but do not always understand. Imagine the terror in their hearts, the fear that strikes them as they wonder why things are happening ... why they are being hurt. Imagine you are captive in a place you do not know with people you cannot communicate with. Imagine how horrifying that could be.

It is important to be compassionate, and to be patient enough to allow our rehomed parrots to learn to trust us as humans all over again.

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## Hatched to Fly Free By Ilona Thewissen

Reprinted from "The PsittaScene", August, 2011 World Parrot Trust THE NEW BIRDS will join the established flock of over 50 released macaws and their wild hatched offspring in Tiskita Private Biological Reserve in the lush jungles on Costa Rica's pacific coast. They are in the midst of a two-month acclimatisation in a new onsite pre-release aviary. The aviary was built with the help of the Beirute Family of Costa Rica, Ford Motor Company, the World Parrot Trust and BOSS Orange (see PsittaScene 23.1, February 2011).

The ARA Project is a non-profit organisation that has been releasing captive bred macaws for over ten years. The largest release site is at Tiskita where seven groups of Scarlet Macaws were released between 2002 and 2009. The birds are now repopulating an area where the species disappeared some 40 years ago. These are "soft releases", meaning



that the newly released macaws receive locally collected food at the release site until they learn to forage for themselves. The released birds have been monitored almost daily since 2002 to ensure successful adaptation to the wild and to collect scientific data on Scarlet Macaw reintroduction. To date, the overall survival rate is close to 90% and at least five pairs have successfully fledged chicks in natural nest cavities since 2008. After release, the new macaws will experience the established hierarchies and social bonds of the released macaws and establish their own position within the flock For now, in the pre-release aviary, there are no exclusive pairs but strong preferences are apparent. The females named Alice and Rogue stick together as do the females named Orange and Scarlett O'Ara. A male named Hugo is friendly with the other macaws in the aviary, but frequently squabbles through the mesh with his sibling Rigby who was released in 2009. Three males, named Boss, Ford and Splice, are quite excitable. They often engage in playful squabbles and pretend take-off flights, especially when the released macaws are around. Two other males named Bob and Weasel are calmer. They will all be released in mid-May, when food availability will begin to be at its peak. Generally, the newly released macaws remain in the release site for up to about six months before slowly expanding their home range. Using experience gained in the pre-release aviary and by social learning from the previously released macaws, they quickly discover new aspects of their natural existence, like foraging on infinite Tropical Almonds, flocking high above the ridge tops, chasing King Vultures, getting drenched in the rainy season, and snoozing in the ocean breeze. Because many of the birds remain near the release site, The ARA Project has the opportunity to study them intensively, often for years. Because of this, not only is it possible to measure survival and reproduction, but also to collect valuable data on Scarlet Macaw behaviour, from foraging activities to social behaviour like mate selection. Studying mate selection in captive bred and released Scarlet Macaws offers an insight in pair formation because the age and sex of the macaws are known. This is usually not the case when studying their wild hatched counterparts. An example of how the life of a released macaw may evolve is that of a female named "Cyndi", one of the first seven macaws released in 2002. Now, nine years later, she still maintains her home range within an estimated two kilometers from the release site. Around the time of her release she paired up with a male named Big Boy, also released in 2002. After initially having an eye for her sister Rainbow as well, he became Cyndi's mate for years. Big Boy was alpha male for most of this period and fiercely protected Cyndi. After some years of trying, they successfully fledged their first two chicks in 2008. These chicks were the first fledged to any of the released macaws in Tiskita and are another indicator of success for the project. In 2009 this pair successfully fledged another chick. Shortly afterwards, Big Boy and Cyndi separated. He has since paired with a female named Red who was released in

2007. Months later, Cyndi also found a new mate in a male named Cosmo (2007 release) and is presently in the process of fledging her first chicks with him. To achieve long term success at the release site in Tiskita, The ARA Project will continue to monitor the released macaws and to develop new and more extensive education programs to involve the local communities in protecting them. Ilona Thewissen is originally from Belgium. She joined The ARA Project in 2005 as a volunteer at Tiskita Biological Reserve while writing her thesis on Scarlet Macaw Reintroduction. She joined the staff in 2006 as the field biologist at Tiskita and is now preparing for her 4th release



## Perfect 10

By Allan Taylor

Great Green Macaw (Ara ambiguus) Great Green Macaws have declined alarmingly in recent years due to poaching and deforestation, in particular the cutting of Mountain Almond trees. Once prevalent throughout the entire Caribbean half of Costa Rica their range has declined by as much as 90%. Recent conservation efforts have estabilised numbers with less than 300 birds and an estimated 25-35 breeding pairs remaining in Costa Rica. The Ara Project is charting new and exciting territory with the first release of Great Green Macaws in the world. These 10 birds are the first of their kind to be bred and raised specifically for release. Years of conservation efforts to preserve habitat and nest trees and reduce poaching have paid off to allow for an exciting new chapter for this highly endangered macaw. "That's a Mountain Almond tree and that's a Mountain Almond and that's another..."

The local landowner pointed out the trees as we stood on a ridgeline in the lush forests on the south Caribbean coast of Costa Rica. The jungle spread inland and the ocean stretched away behind us and the almost constant chatter of parrots came out of what seemed like every tree. We craned our necks to look at these incredible trees towering over the canopy and a surge of excitement came over us – it was December 2009 - we might just have found the site for the first ever Great Green Macaw release. Further investigation and lengthy discussions confirmed our instincts – it was perfect!

The Ara Project is a Costa Rican nonprofit organisation that breeds Scarlet (Ara macao) and Great Green Macaws (A. ambiguus) in captivity for the sole purpose of release into the wild. The project has released around 100 Scarlet Macaws in 3 locations over the past 15 years, including our 8th release of 10 Scarlet Macaws at Tiskita completed in May this year (See PsittaScene 23.2, May 2011). This year sees not only a brand new Scarlet Macaw release site but also our first ever Great Green Macaw release.

Preparation and moving A year of fundraising and we were finally ready to go. Sufficient funding from The World Parrot Trust and two Costa Rican sponsors have allowed for construction, which began in January 2011, of the new aviary and a house for the on-site biologist. Immediately we started the process of selecting the chosen 10 for the first release. A large group of suitable birds was whittled down to 10 spanning ages 3 to 7 including 5 males and 5 females; 5 hand-reared and 5 parent reared birds. The 10 were immediately separated from the larger flock into a quarantine aviary, causing a degree of consternation within the flock. Blood samples were taken from each bird and sent to Avian Biotech in the US for disease testing. The results came back clear of all diseases and parasites. A minimum of 28 days isolation and they would be ready to go. March 27 was the date chosen to transport the macaws to their new home. Moving 10 macaws 200 miles may sound straightforward but it required a huge team effort. The day began early. At 3:30 am the birds were caught up and put into their travel cases for the trip. These birds are amazing – they barely even complained despite the rude start to the day. A small convoy left the breeding centre in Alajuela, near the capital San Jose, and headed up over the volcanoes that divide Costa Rica before dropping down onto the plains that characterise the Caribbean side of the country. Before 10 am the trip was complete and the carry cases were placed into the new aviary. Calmly, the birds started edging out of their boxes and flew onto the perches in their new home. A few wobbly landings apart, all 10 birds were fine. Once all 10 were settled on the perches, a good feed was put out and all their worries were forgotten. The greens were on the first step to freedom.

Adapting Prior to release, several key challenges awaited the 10 macaws. Firstly – the surroundings. Trade the cars, aeroplanes, dogs, people and karaoke bars of Alajuela, for monkeys, hawks, vultures, ocean, forest, free flying parrots and the warm and sultry climate of the Caribbean! Secondly - the food. The macaws at the breeding centre have their food prepared for them, with as much grown on the site as possible. It is topped up with a mix of rice and beans and fruit purchased at the local market. Little or none of this food will be available to them in the forest, so one of the challenges for the on-site biologist is to teach the macaws the nuts and fruits available locally. The first few weeks in the release aviary were a period of settling in for the macaws whilst they got used to their new surroundings. Inquisitive as ever, the macaws watched everything but soon discovered that, as the new kids on the block, they were being watched too. A troop of howler monkeys were equally amazed by their new neighbours and stayed in trees watching the birds for three days – their harrowing call was the first of many new and unfamiliar sounds. Familiar with the odd vulture or kite in Alajuela (which still caused a considerable uproar) we hadn't considered the incredible hawk migration that would be underway at this time of year in this part of Costa Rica. Literally millions of migrating hawks and vultures funnel through the Caribbean coast twice annually. The sight of not just an occasional vulture or hawk but waves and waves of thousands flying overhead was all too much for the birds at first. They would need to get used to this spectacle as it is going to be a twice yearly part of their lives. On one hand, the migrants are not looking for food and on the other, the macaws, once free, will soon learn who's boss. Their huge bill and overall bulk combined with Continued on Page 14 acrobatic ability means the hawks are more wary of the macaws than the other way round!

Foraging The macaws were held in the release aviary for over 4 months. One of the key processes during this period is to teach the birds all the food they need to eat to survive unaided in the wild. The key food source for a wild Great Green Macaw is the nut from the Mountain Almond tree. Plentiful for 6 months of the year, the problem is not finding plenty to eat, but in opening these incredibly hard nuts, with shells as hard as rock. Used to softer fruits at the breeding centre, the jaw muscles of the birds were barely strong enough to open the nuts. Only one or two of the birds were proficient at this daunting task. Initially we aided them by crushing the nuts with a hammer to give the birds a taste for the delicious seed within. They loved it! Two months into the adaption period all 10 birds were happily opening the nuts that only a few creatures on earth are adapted to eat. They were not so happy when the source of these nuts dried up by the end of May. This period however was the ideal opportunity to teach the macaws all the other seeds and nuts which will help them thrive in the area year round. The number of trees containing fruit in this area is incredible and it is interesting not only to collect the foods are. We introduced these new foods whenever possible by putting in branches with the fruits still attached thus giving the birds the opportunity to associate the food source with the type of leaves on the tree. With some of the canopy trees this is all but impossible as the nearest braches can be 20 or 30 metres (65-100 ft.) up!

Final preparation After almost four months in the cage a discernible change came over the macaws. They started to show signs of frustration at being stuck in the aviary – they wanted out. Large groups of parrots such as Mealy and Red-lored Amazons (Amazona farinosa and A. autumnalis) regularly stopped by to eat in the trees and chatter loudly. When they flew past the cage the macaws called with frustration. It

was time to teach the macaws their final lessons by showing them the small release box in the aviary and the feeders that would serve them outside the aviary. The feeders would initially be used to supplement their diet post release. At each feeding the release box was opened from inside the aviary and filled with food. At the same time, the feeders outside were lowered and small amounts of food put on them. The macaws watched everything and seized the chance to explore a new part of the cage. One of the external type feeders was erected inside the aviary since it would become part of their daily lives once free. The first 10 Great Green Macaws we have ever released and that have ever been officially released anywhere in the world were ready to go.

Release The morning of Monday 8th August was sunny and warm. Around the release site there was a sense of excitement for all and nervous tension for some. This was the day. The first two Great Green Macaws were going to be released, not only by The Ara Project, but anywhere in the world. The chosen birds were RM363 and 64. They were chosen carefully, being in good condition, bold and hopefully intelligent! The first step in the release was to get the correct birds into the release box at the same time. However, after patiently trying for an hour with no luck, we decided to release the birds individually one immediately following the other. Now things moved quickly as RM363 got in the box. He was left to settle and munch a few more almonds before we opened the release box door. We also made a show of putting more food up on the feeders surrounding the aviary. Around 10:15 am we opened the door and he was straight out. He hopped onto the feeder and started silently munching almonds as if he did this every day. Only 5 minutes later RM364 was in the release box calmly munching almonds. Ten minutes later we opened the door. Ever so slightly more hesitant she sat on the flap, had a scratch and a nervous wipe of the bill before hopping onto the feeder herself. It was a truly amazing start. The birds ate and preened for an hour before scampering around on the roof of the cage – much to the bemusement of the remaining 8. Chris Castles, one of our Co-Directors, turned around smiling and said "that's what we like - no drama, all quiet." Incredibly, 10 seconds later RM364 flew off away from the aviary. It was beautiful to see the colours of this bird as she circled round in the back valley before disappearing out of sight around the corner. Apart from a small squawk from RM363 everything went quiet. Whilst it is great to see the birds fly free, this is the real danger period for them. They can go into shock and if they fly well out of range of the aviary they can even get lost and die. A search of the immediate area revealed nothing and without her calling it is very difficult to find even these most brilliantly coloured birds. We followed the line of her flight but had no luck. She was gone. Or so we thought. Around 3:30 pm we heard the smallest squawk some 100 m (330 ft) along the ridge. We froze and listened intently. Then we heard it again and we were certain it must be her. We hustled towards the noise and saw her! I am not sure who was most pleased - us or the wayward macaw! She was perched low down in the undergrowth and when she saw us she started calling loudly. This alerted the birds in the aviary and RM363 and everyone was happy. Following some tentative but high level flying both birds manoeuvred their way back to the trees above the aviary for a welcome nights rest, if probably a slightly restless one. The next 3 days passed in much



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the same vain with RM364 exploring more and more around the site. It was hard to tell whether the forays were by choice or not but every day new skills were learnt. All 4 feeders needed to be negotiated and one of the most difficult a completely new skill. Stopping from such speeds was also something totally new and a few practice runs were skills to learn was the stop. For one thing, the trees around the release cage are huge. Dropping down to the feeders is needed. To see RM363 drop vertically 20 m (65 ft) onto the cage without flapping his wings – just gliding using his tail as a brake – is something that will live long in the memory. The birds also needed to learn about the local wildlife up close and without the release cage as a barrier. One night poor RM364 thought she had an ideal spot to settle but that was before she caught the eye of a couple of passing juvenile howler monkeys. They thought it would be amusing to grab her tail! Another lesson learnt as she bolted out of the trees and decided on a new roosting site! As week one draws to a close it is "so far so good" for these 2 magnificent birds. Now we are all ready to start releasing the next 8 and look forward to all 10 gracing the lush forests where they belong. Allan Taylor is from the UK and joined The Ara Project as field biologist in 2008. Having completed the 7th Scarlet Macaw release at Tiskita in 2009 he is now overseeing the Great Green Macaw release site in Manzanillo.

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**How to Decipher the Information on a Leg-band**: Whatever its source, a leg-band is embossed with the following three items of information: 1) the year of issue, 2) the breeder's assigned code, and 3) the individual number of the band issued in a given year. In addition, bands issued by a society will contain the initials of that society. Bands issued commercially, for example by the L&M Company, will not contain society initials but may contain the initials of the State, e.g. NC, in which the breeder resides. The abbreviations for various societies issuing bands are as follows:

ABS—American Budgerigar Society ACS—American Cockatiel Society ALBS—African Love Bird Society SPBE—Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors NAPS—North American Parrot Society NCS—National Cockatiel Society AFA—American Federation of Aviculture

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## The Spix's Macaws Carla & Tiago have now been flown from Berlin to Sao Paulo

March 4th, 2015 | by LubosTomiska

The Spix's Macaws Carla & Tiago have now been flown from Berlin to Sao Paulo ACTP NEWS 0 CURRENTLY EXTINCT IN NATURE, SPIX'S MACAW EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED TO THE WILD IN 2021 Only 93 living Spix's macaws in global breeding programs German wildlife conservation organization ACTP from Schöneiche serves as a global leader Transfer to the Brazilian government for World Wildlife Day ACTP World Wildlife Day 2015 Schöneiche, 04 March 2015. The emergence of two Spix's macaw chicks in April of last year was a spectacular breeding success for the Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots e.V. (ACTP), which is based in Schöneiche (the Oder-Spree District of Brandenburg, Germany). The Spix's macaw has been extinct in the wild for decades. The two birds have been named Carla and Tiago after the heroes of the blockbuster movie "Rio 2". They were flown by airplane from Berlin to Sao Paulo and, on the occasion of World Wildlife Day on 3 March, transferred to the Brazilian government. The goal is for the Spix's macaws to return to the wild in their original habitat in northeast Brazil as of 2021.

Carla and Tiago's exciting trip, which took place in close cooperation with German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BundesamtfürNaturschutz, BfN), began last Monday in Berlin, then continued to Madrid before finally ending in Sao Paolo. After their arrival in Brazil, both birds were immediately put into quarantine, where they will remain under observation for 15 days. Afterward, they will be cared for in the national breeding project "Nest". ACTP1 German environment minister Barbara Hendricks and the curator of ACTP Enrico Sydow ACTP4 ACTP deputation in Brazil

ACTP Curator Enrico Sydow: "We are very proud that we have not only achieved regular breeding success, but that we've also been able to once again transfer animals to our Brazilian partners. We are especially thrilled that a little man is there for the tenth anniversary of our breeding program." Among the ten Spix's macaws that live in Brazil, only two are male. The global breeding programs in Schöneiche, Qatar and Brazil record a combined total population of only 93 Spix's macaws (53 females and 40 males).

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May, 2014 RDCBS Kids Day – Children brought their birds and told us about them, we had a very informational talk from some young ladies on feathers and were able get an up close look at a feather under the micro scope.

RDCBS Members attended and showed their birds at "Got to Be NC" Fair

**RDCBS 26th Annual Bird Fair** 

- June, 2014 RDCBS Members Terry Perry and Laura Marquis presented "Getting Started with Baby Birds" and we discussed hand feeding baby birds and the equipment necessary to have on hand.
- July, 2014 Guest Speaker Michelle Underhill spoke to us about Environmental Enrichment. Ms. Underhill also spoke to us about Phoenix Landing and their opportunities in learning.
- August, 2014 RDCBS Annual Summer Pot Luck Picnic and Raffle.
- September, 2014 CHOP. Members brought healthy ingredients and their magical kitchen utensils and we all got together and chopped a healthy salad to be shared by all members for our birds.
- October, 2014 Guest Speaker Dustin Foote from Sylvan Heights Water Fowl Park spoke to us about his post graduate work on African Finches. Mr. Foote also spoke to us on how our Grant Money was put to good use.
- RDCBS Members Presented their birds and information at the NC State Fair.
- November, 2014 We had a very entertaining edition of Avian Idol with our very own Mirror Ball Trophy.

Elections. Grant Recipients and Officers were voted on.

- December, 2014 Christmas Pot Luck Fellowship Lunch and raffle.
- January, 2015 Movie: "Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill" followed by video of the actual Telegraph Hill Parrots filmed by John Marquis.
- February, 2015 AFA Update from April Blazich followed by an AFA Focus Avian Film on Breeding Birds.
- March, 2015 Avian Toy Making Work Shop where we put our skills, imagination and tools togethePre-Bird Fair Meeting Pot Luck at an RDCBS Club Members home.
- April, 2015 An Encore Presentation from Catherine Coulter and John Marquis about their trip to Peru and the Tambopata Project. Catherine also gave a short talk with pictures about Ross University Veterinary School.

Avian and Exotic Animal Care Spring Fling Open House. Several members brought their FIDS (Feathered Kids) to show and educate about Parrot ownership.

#### Spix Macaw continued

According to Sydow, the ACTP had already gained experience in transporting Spix's macaws: Two years ago, two were transferred to the Brazilian state in a measure that was unique on a global basis at that time. Then as now, everything went smoothly. Enrico Sydow: "The two Spix's macaws remained very cool during the entire flight. They sat together in the cabin with their caretakers in their transport box, which had been especially constructed for the flight. The box was covered with a light cloth. Parrots are very intelligent and curious, and this is how we kept the animals calm."

#### ACT3

Carla and Tiago when hatched

#### ACTP2

#### Now they are coming back to their home country - Brazil

Together with other supporters, the ACTP has already obtained a 400 hectare area where the birds will later be returned to the wild. Furthermore, funds have been raised to finance the Blue Macaw School, which offers free lessons for children as well as some adults. In addition to these lessons, the local population will be made aware of the needs of the Spix's macaw.

Carla belongs to the Brazilian state, while Tiago was property of the ACTP. The association now transferred Tiago to the "Government and people of Brazil", as the "Transfer of Ownership" certificate states, as a sign of solidarity with the program to return the Spix's macaw to the wild.

Although the story of the last Spix's macaws in the "Rio" movies is fictitious, the huge success of the films has sparked a sudden rise in public interest about the endangered birds, according to Sydow: "Our extensive breeding program and the plan to return the Spix's macaws to the wild would actually be the ideal screenplay for 'Rio 3'".

#### ABOUT THE ACTP:

The ACTP is a registered non-profit conservation organization in Germany that aims to preserve globally-threatened bird species and their habitats. Rare parrots serve as core species and ambassadors for the protection of entire ecosystems and bird communities. The ACTP develops innovative new methods to make parrot conservation projects sustainable. It initiates and supports conservation projects for threatened parrots, focusing on the protection of habitats and safeguarding birds against hunting and trade, as well as scientific studies of ecology and reproductive biology, population assessments, explanatory measures to raise awareness among local inhabitants and much more. The ACTP supports the establishment of breeding programs in the country of origin for the species that will potentially be returned to the wild, as well as outside breeding to build a secure population and to draw attention for donations. The overarching goal is to build and maintain sustainable populations in order to guarantee the survival of the species on the broadest possible basis. To achieve these objectives, the ACTP works together with scientific institutions, international agencies and wildlife conservation organizations, as well as the major community of institutional and private parrot breeders.

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# **Pet Emergency Check List**

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Make a plan ahead of time. Designate a person in your family to retrieve your bird if it becomes necessary. Pack an emergency kit for our birds and other pets.

Fresh water (enough for 7 days) Food (pellet/seed) (enough for 7 days)

Paper Towels

Toys to distract birds

Plastic zip top baggies

Hand Feeding Formula and Syringe in case hand feeding is necessary.

Bleach to disinfect surfaces if needed

Athletic Hot Packs to keep your bird warm if it becomes sick injured or the temperature is cold.

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- Athletic Gel Heat Packs (have several, incase you can not get to help right away)
- Hand Feeding Formula
- Syringes
- Pedialyte ™ (this has electrolytes to help avoid dehydration)
- Tweezers
- Hemostats
- Scissors
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- Gauze
- Veterinary tape (does not stick), medic wrap works well too.
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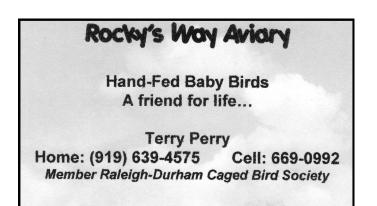
While we all hope that we will not need to use any of this information, it is better to be prepared, just in case, rather than have to try and gather the necessary items during an emergency.

#### Buffon's Macaw: Hatched to fly free by Pauline James

As the ARA Project in Costa Rica prepares for their second release of Buffon's Macaws (August 2012), they unfortunately have other things on their mind too...

The second release of captive Buffon's Macaws (Ara ambiguous) into the wild, and due to begin in a few days' time, is a momentous occasion for the ARA Project. Over the last 20 years they have built up the largest captive flock of Buffon's Macaws in the world, and it now represents the macaw's last chance to be saved from extinction in Costa Rica. The worldwide population of the Buffon's Macaw, distributed from eastern Honduras through Central America to Ecuador and western Colombia in South America, could now be as low as 1,800, significantly down on the 2008 estimate of 2,500. In Costa Rica, it is thought only 25-35 breeding pairs from a population of 200-250 wild 'Great Green Macaws,' as they are known locally, remain - tucked away in isolated pockets of rainforest. Only 50-100 years ago, these stunning macaws were widespread in Costa Rica's lowland tropical rainforests on the eastern, Atlantic side of the country, but their habitat has been dramatically reduced by 95.7 per cent and they are now restricted to the northerly region between the San Carlos and Sarapiquí Rivers.

100 Scarlets already released It all started back in the 1980s when Margot and Richard Frisius bought ten acres (four hectares) of land in the Alajuela hills of Rio Segundo, just north of San Jose, and got the area licensed as a zoological park. They started caring for Scarlet and Buffon's Macaws that had been given up by private owners or confiscated by the government, and eventually began breeding for release. More recently security has been an issue, but the macaws are now guarded by a pack of 17 rescue dogs. Margot and Richard first of all established a Scarlet Macaw reintroduction programme. To date, more than 100 Scarlets have already been released, mostly on Costa Rica's southern border with Panama, a region where macaws had been extinct for over 30 years. By releasing Scarlet Macaws in this area the ARA Project is serving to re-establish the southern corridor with the Osa Peninsula, in conjunction with Zoo Ave's released flocks and the wild population, bringing the total number of Scarlets in the wild up to around 2,000. 40 Buffon's ready for release Starting in August 2011, the first ten Buffon's Macaws were slowly released, either singly or in pairs, near Manzanillo on the southern Atlantic coast. The liberating process took eight months, using 'soft release' methods. As this was the first release in the area, it was undertaken gradually and over a longer period of time, than is planned for follow-up releases, to establish the core flock. Chris Castles, co-director and Release Site Coordinator of the ARA Project explained, "Eight of these birds have been monitored daily since being introduced to the wild. The other two have not been identified since their release, but there have been sightings of macaws in areas outside the current range, but as yet we have been unable to confirm whether these birds are the two 'missing' individuals." Currently, there are ten Buffon's Macaws in the release aviary waiting to be liberated, which will bring the total number of captivebred birds released into the wild to 20," Chris told me. In addition, the ARA Project has another 30 Buffon's lined up for release over the next 18 months. It is hoped, the reintroduced birds in the Manzanillo area will eventually expand their territory to link up with the genetically distinct wild population living near Sarapiquí, a three-hour drive away further north and inland.





Dependent on mountain almond tree Buffon's are a specialised species evolved to survive on just one or maybe a few types of food, and feed mainly on the nuts of the mountain almond tree (Dipterix panamensis) which fruits in sixmonthly cycles. They are also reliant on these trees for nesting too, as they grow large enough to accommodate the good-sized nesting hollows in their trunks, preferred by these macaws. But, these trees are now also endangered and up until 2008 were targeted by loggers for their superior hardwood. The Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court eventually called a halt to the felling of this tree, "...until such time as the tree and the Buffon's macaws are no longer endangered."

Buffon's harder to breed Buffon's have proved to be harder to breed and establish in captivity than Scarlets. Chris explained, "Buffon's are very sensitive in the breeding season and do not like disturbances, and one of the key factors to breeding success is stimulating the macaws to breed. We have found 'flock mating,' works best, and here at the ARA Project there are sometimes up to 50 individuals in the flocking flight, including our 16 fullybonded adult breeding pairs." Jenny Pettigrew the ARA Project's veterinary technician oversees much of the macaw's daily care. Newly-hatched chicks are weighed and measured daily, they are fed a commercial formula via syringe every 90 minutes around the clock, and quite often her day starts at about 5.30am. The older birds get rice and beans loaded with oils and fats for breakfast to supplement their natural food of mountain almonds. Later on in the day, 2-3 hours is spent chopping fruits, which just in the last year have all been harvested from their own trees, and are used to supplement the macaws' meal offered late afternoon. Although wild birds would eschew fruits in favour of nuts and seeds, the ARA Project does not have the resources to feed all their charges a steady diet of almonds. Chris also revealed that although nine chicks were parent-reared this year and five chicks were hand-reared, the ARA Project is disappointingly not able to breed the macaws annually, due to a lack of resources and space restrictions. Half page Heavily reliant on volunteers The ARA Project relies heavily on volunteers to maintain daily operations. After feeding the birds Jenny and the volunteers check nestingboxes for newly-laid eggs and carry out maintenance work on the aviaries. With beaks that generate as much as 1,000 lbs per sq inch of pressure the macaws could bite through their enclosures and leave if they were so inclined. Other duties include: observing behaviour, providing environmental enrichment and maintaining the grounds around the breeding centre. Volunteers also help out at the Buffon's release site working under the supervision of the ARA Project's field biologists. Here the duties include: monitoring released macaws and collecting behavioural data, collecting food and feeding newly released macaws at the release site. The macaws in the pre-release aviary also have to be monitored and fed, and their behavioural data collected and processed. Release site maintenance and working and planting trees in the tree nursery, are also an important part of the job, and will eventually provide greater food resources and nesting sites for the wild Buffon's. The daily charge for working as a volunteer at the ARA Project in Costa Rica is just \$US23 (£15) a day, which includes accommodation and meals and a \$US5 (£2.75) donation to the ARA Project, to go towards the macaws' food, veterinary care and aviary maintenance.

The ARA Project's eviction order But, apart from the huge amount of hours put in on a daily basis and the release taking place in a few days time, the ARA Project has other things on its mind too. They are due to be evicted from their breeding centre location in the next few months... A new location has been offered to them next to one of their Scarlet Macaw release sites, near Punta Islita in north-western Guancaste. But, the ARA Project lacks funding to develop the property, which needs roads, electricity and multiple aviaries and buildings constructed, to enable them to relocate their resident 86 Buffon's and 64 Scarlet Macaws. Chris estimates the project needs to raise approx \$US250,000 (£160,000) to relocate, but time is not on their side. Chris explained, "All of this has thrown a real spanner in the works and just at a time when we were becoming more and more self-sufficient. Here at the ARA Project we're proving you can do so much with so few resources. There is huge potential to spread this project: 'Hatched to Fly Free,' and do this work all over the region, and save not just two species, but many more too."

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## **RALEIGH DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY MEMBERS—MAY 2014**

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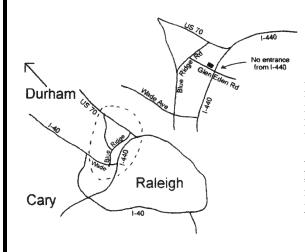
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Amazon	AM		katoo, Eleanora		E2	Dove, Diamond	DD	Macaw, Scarlet	SM	
Amazon, Blue Crown						Eclectus, Grand	GE	Macaw, Severe	SVM	
Mealy	BCMA	Coci	katoo, Goffins		G2	Eclectus, Red Sided	RSE	Macaw, Yellow Collared	YCM	
Amazon, Blue Front	BFA	Cocl	katoo, Lesser Sul	lpher	•	Eclectus, Soloman Island	SIE	Parakeet	KEET	
Amazon, Double Yellow		-Cre	sted		LSC	Eclectus, Vosmaeri's	VE	Parakeet, Alexindrine	AP	
Head	DYH	Cocl	katoo, Major Mi	tch-		English Budgies	EB	Parakeet, Grey Cheeked	GCP	
Amazon, Lilac Crowned	LCA	ell (I	Leadbeater)		MM2	Finch	FN	Parakeet, Indian Ring		
Amazon, Mealy	MA	Cocl	katoo, Red Vent		RVC	Finch, Zebra	ZFN	Neck	IRN	
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Amazon, Orange Winge		-				Lovebird, Fischers	FLB	Parrot, Hawkheaded	HH	
Amazon, Red Lored	RLA		ure, Blue Crown		BC	Lovebird, Peach Faced	PLB	Parrot, Jardine	JP	
Amazon, Yellow Naped	YNA	Con	ure, Brown Thro	ated		Lovebirds, Masked		Parrot, Meyers	MP	
Bourke, Blue	BB	Con	ure, Cherry Head	b	CHC	Macaw, Blue and Gold	B&G	Parrot, Quaker	QP	
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3:00 PM

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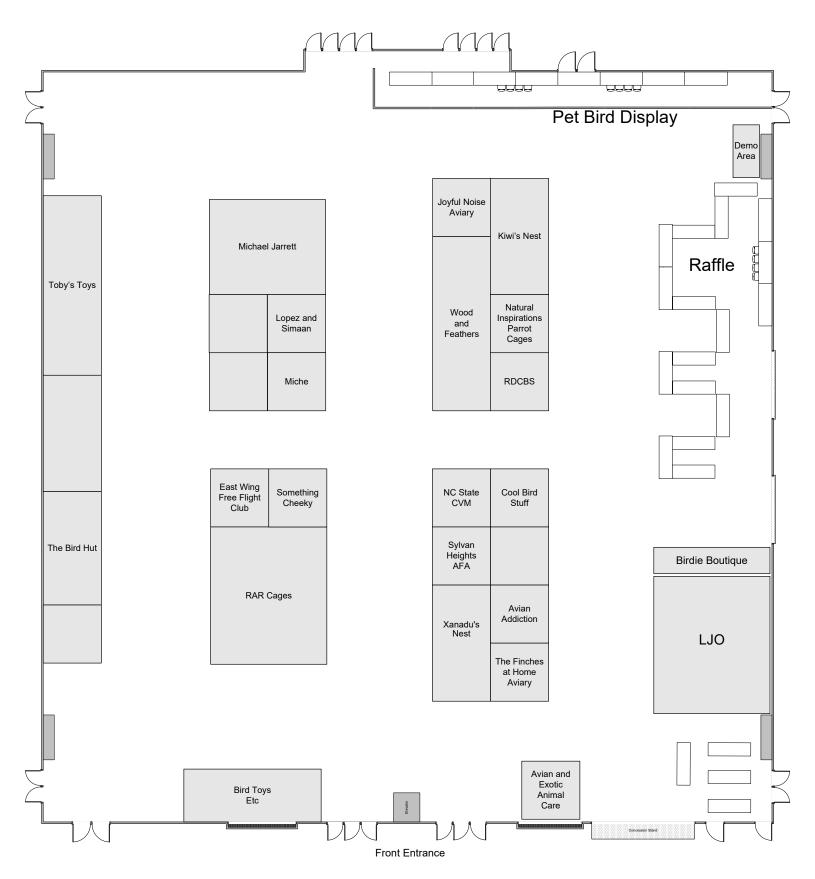
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