

BIRD LINE NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 8th meeting
Dr. Len Donato
will speak on
"MythBusters for
Birds"**

**Nov. 10th - Exton, PA
- Chester County Bird
Club's Show and Mart**
- The Church Farm
School, 1001 East
Lincoln Hwy - 10am-
5pm - contact Kristy
(610) 323-4632,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, if you missed the October meeting you missed a very interesting talk on the formation of eggs in our feathered friends. Look for more speakers coming in future meetings.

Now that it is starting to feel like fall, make sure all the birds in your home are not near any drafty windows or doors.

The mart plans are under way; if you can spare some time to help hand out flyers or gather some donations, please see Connie Metz.

Don't forget to bring something for the refreshment table.

Thomas J Neill JR



MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Hello to everyone

We will be having Dr. Len Donato coming to the club on November 8th and the topic of the lecture will be "Mythbusters for birds".

Margaret Ouali

1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club

Message from the 2nd VP

Our fall fundraising event has now been underway since October. If you missed the meeting or failed to pick up your tickets while there, they will be available at the November meeting. Everyone that did take tickets to sell, how are we doing with them? Are we selling them to our friends, families, coworkers and neighbors? The first three prizes are for money and the fourth prize is a one year free club membership. If you do not wish to sell any tickets, how about buying one for yourself. Money is the best prize to win! Especially around the holidays.

Don't forget we are still raffling off the HD car radio in December. Has everyone purchased their tickets for that? What a bargain at one dollar each or six for five dollars.

Save those "gently used" toy parts and recycle them back to the club. Bring them to the next meeting and we will reuse them on newly made toys for the raffle table.

Mart planning is moving along at a very fast pace. Clear your calendars now for Saturday, April 12, 2008 for volunteers will be needed again in all areas of the mart.

Last, hats off to Bird Paradise for the great job they did hosting Parrot Palooza and allowing our club to attend. The speakers, the birds, the people, the sales and the food were all good and I enjoyed the time spent there. If you have never attended, it is a must for next year.

Remember as always, the raffle table welcomes your donations. See you at the meeting.

Connie Metz, 2nd Vice Pres
Conniecmm1@aol.com

Board Meeting September 18, 2007

Started: 7:02pm

Attendance: Tom N, Margaret O, Connie M, Colleen R, Christine P, and Esther S

Treasurer's Report: Will be talked about at the club meeting.

Fundraising: The Board approves a fall fundraiser to be held from October thru November drawing will be held at the December meeting.

Outreach: See Esther's Blurb.

Adoptions: If you are interested in any birds or know anyone who is please contact Margaret Ouali.

Ended: 8:45pm

Submitted by Colleen Robinson, Secretary

OUTREACH UPDATE

We are all starting to settle in for a long Fall/Winter by the fire. Please stay safe and healthy. We will keep you updated on any future Outreach requests. Most likely they will be in the Spring.

Thank you for supporting the Outreach Program.

Sincerely,

Esther Scholz, Outreach Coordinator 610 446-6427 Luvnbrds@msn.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Ray Butler & Nick Golato

Jennifer Tarbutton

Ellen Leone

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April 12th, 2008 - Philadelphia, PA - Delco Bird Clubs 3rd Annual Bird Mart & Extravaganza - Philadelphia Airport Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Hwy (Rt.291) - 9am-4pm - Contact Connie (610) 604-3316, conniecmm1@aol.com www.delcobirdclub.com

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to everyone who filled in and worked the membership table at Parrot Palooza. We covered both days without fail!

Our next membership drive will be at **Chester County Bird Club's mart Saturday, November 10, 2007**. Members of the board will be on hand to work the table at this event. Come on out for the day, shop, watch the show, have fun and support bird clubs.

If you would like to help out, please call me at 484-461-3640 or email me at debbiescockatiels@yahoo.com

Debbie Park
Member Representative

Birds Eye View : Delco Bird Club Events for 2006/2007

November 08, 2007: Dr Len Donato will be telling us about all the "new" happenings at his practice.

December 13, 2007: Holiday Party

January 10, 2008: Movie and popcorn night featuring 'The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill'.

February 21, 2008: Dr Bowers is bringing new information on the bird world.

March 13, 2008: Mart planning night. Sign up with Connie Metz and Esther Scholz to help on a committee, help with mart in general, or with the outreach. All should attend!

April 10, 2008: Final mart planning night. All should attend!

May 08, 2008: Dr. Jeleen Briscoe and Rita Sambruna will be giving a Mini-seminar called "Positive Reinforcement for Successful Home Life and Veterinary Visits."

June 12, 2008: The Foxwells from Birdsnest Specialty will kick off our Summer party.

CLASSIFIEDS

Cockatiels

Great breeding stock, lots of splits from babies to 1 year olds. All are National Cockatiel Society banded. Call for available birds - Debbie Park 484-461-3640. Leave a message. Or email debbiescockatiels@yahoo.com

FINCHES FOR SALE

Gouldians, shafttails, red faced parrot finches.. Call Dave for availability at (610) 566-5103.

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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE (3 items):

Brooder from Deans Animal Supply. Here is a link to the web site. <http://www.thebrooder.com/models.htm>. Used once to pick up some baby African greys from out of state; practically new and comes with car charger. Original cost was \$369.99; asking \$200.00.

Cage used for an African grey; purchased new for about \$300; asking \$100. Price negotiable, extra bowls included with the cage.

Two custom breeder cages, used for African greys and are still in good shape. Asking \$100 for both.

Please contact **Richard Elijah at 215-490-6464**. I can deliver, or items can be picked up from my house. I live in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

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DELCO BIRD CLUB ADOPTIONS AND RESCUES

As of now all birds are at their new homes. I'm leaving the Adoptions and Rescues for the club, so I can devote more time to my home, schoolwork and my birds. However, I will occasionally take a bird when necessary, but I will do that outside the club.

For more info, Please call Margaret at 610-713-0331
Margaret Ouali, 1st VP and The Director for the Adoptions and Rescues for the Delco Bird Club.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

How does a chicken mail a letter to her friend?

In a HEN-velope!

What do you get if you cross a parrot with a cement mixer?

A brick layer!

What's smarter than a talking parrot?

A spelling bee!

Rare Parrot photographed for the first time



Little-Explored Ecosystem Yields First Photos of “Smiling” Bird and Rare Parakeet

(Washington, D.C.) Wildlife researchers have released the first known published photographs of two rare bird species in the wild, the Recurve-billed Bushbird and the Perija Parakeet. The Recurve-billed Bushbird was photographed in Norte de Santander, Colombia by Adriana Tovar and Luis Eduardo Uruena of Fundación ProAves, American Bird Conservancy’s (ABC) Colombian conservation partner. The species remained undetected between 1965 and 2004 due to its small range and the remoteness of its habitats, until it was rediscovered recently in Venezuela and in a region of northeastern Colombia where this photo was taken.

During an expedition into this little explored region, Thomas Donegan and Blanca Huertas of ProAves discovered a relict forest around a holy sanctuary near the city of Ocaña. In 1709, the image of the Virgin Mary was seen in a tree root that had been cut down. The event was declared a miracle by the Vatican. A small area of forest known as the Torcoroma Holy Sanctuary has been protected by Church authorities ever since and a beautiful chapel which still houses the divine image was constructed on the site.

The surviving humid forest patch is dominated by bamboo and supports a treasure chest of threatened and little-known species. The site was declared an Important Bird Area in 2005, leading to visits by ornithologists and birdwatchers. Oscar Laverde from Colombia’s National University discovered a population of the endangered Recurve-billed Bushbird there that year. In late 2006, ProAves established the 250-acre Hormiguero de Torcoroma Bird Reserve adjacent to the Torcoroma Holy Sanctuary to protect the Recurve-billed Bushbird and other endemics.

“Whenever a new bird species is found or a species that was thought to be lost is rediscovered, it gives us all hope and encouragement,” said Paul Salaman, ABC’s International Program Director. “But as more and more remote areas are being settled, the bushbird reminds us how important it is to conserve as much natural habitat as we can. Who knows what wonderful biodiversity is being destroyed before it has had a chance to be discovered?”

The Recurve-billed Bushbird inhabits dense bamboo stands in the dry-cloud forest and has been seen splitting bamboo stems with its axe-like beak to extract grubs. The bushbird and several other little-known endemics occur in relict dry-cloud forest patches on the crests of Andean mountains in an otherwise arid region. Deforestation and wildfires for agriculture and grazing have devastated these forests, resulting in a denuded landscape which suffers from extensive soil erosion.

“ProAves is conducting environmental education campaigns for children and young people in the local community of Ocaña to help protect the habitat,” said Salaman. “Due to the rapid fragmentation of the habitat and lack of bordering forests in this region of Colombia, it is vitally important that we learn more about the bushbird to plan effectively for its conservation.”

The Perija Parakeet, an exceptionally rare species which has a very distinctive blue nape and white breast, is threatened by habitat disturbance and loss, and potentially by illegal bird traders.

BIRDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM THE BAILEY FOUNDATION
(a paid advertisement from Chris Webb)

As many of you know, I am an active volunteer and foster home for the Bailey Foundation. I am currently fostering the 6 Bailey birds described below, and will be happy to give you details on any one of them. There are many other birds available, please check out their website <http://www.bailey-foundation.org/>

Sonny – male Orange Winged Amazon

Sonny came from a very loving family who experienced a major lifestyle change, and were forced to find a new home for Sonny. He is a very friendly bird who steps up easily and loves to cuddle. He gets along with other birds once he gets used to them. He is relatively quiet and enjoys his time out of his cage.

Buddy – 14 YO male Lesser Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

Buddy seems to be a good natured bird who craves human contact. He has been mistreated, however, and bites out of fear. In recent weeks, he has come to trust people and allows petting of his beak, chest, head and legs through the cage bars. His behavior remains unpredictable, however, and he would do best in a home with a seasoned bird owner, where he will receive consistent love and attention.

Mango – 2 YO male Peach Front Conure

Mango is a young, friendly bird who loves fruit, especially dried papaya, and enjoys slowly destroying his wooden toys. He tends to bite your fingers when he steps up, but this is decreasing over time, and I believe he will be a good companion with consistent positive reinforcement from his caregiver. Mango can be a bit noisy, as with most conures, but does not scream excessively.

Roscoe – 10 YO male Nanday Conure

Roscoe is as charming as he is naked!! He has plucked his chest and back repeatedly, and feathers will most likely not regrow in these areas. His remaining feathers are beautiful, however, and his tail is long, full, and gorgeous!! He is very friendly, loves a good head scratch, and has a sweet, low voice that sounds like a whisper. He plays vigorously with his toys, and screams for joy while doing it!!

Lucky – male Nanday Conure with special needs

Lucky is a very gentle and sweet bird who has only one leg. How and when he lost his leg is unknown; however, he seems to have adapted well to his disability and gets around fine! His cage has been customized for his needs, to minimize injury from falling, but Lucky hardly seems to think he needs it! He can be quite vocal when he greets his family, and thoroughly enjoys company.

Bing – Cherry-Head Conure

Bing was removed from a bad situation and brought to the Bailey Foundation for help. He was plucked in spots, but his feathers have regrown nicely and he is learning to trust people again. He says a very words, and appears to want to be with people. He will mutter under his breath if people are nearby, but not paying attention to him. He will be a fine companion with patience and understanding.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE BIRDS, OR OTHERS AVAILABLE AT THE
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