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Karen Allen, Donna Crossley & Marie Calleja To Speak on "Macaws! Macaws! Macaws!"

ZOOM on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2 P.M., PDT PST

Three SBBS Members, Donna Crossley, Karen Allen and Marie Calleja, with an expertise in these feathered giants, will share their perspectives on owning a macaw.



Donna Crossley

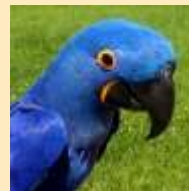


Karen Allen

Have you ever thought of including a macaw in your family flock? Three of our members with extensive experience in raising, owning and re-homing macaws, will share their perspectives on what it is like to make one of the largest of the parrot species, part of your home.



Marie Calleja



Topics may include: handfeeding, training, feeding and nutrition, grooming, interactions with other birds and people, cages, toys, exercise, flight-training, temperament, intelligence, health issues and more.

All members with macaws are invited to bring their macaws to the ZOOM and share their own experiences with these amazing parrots.

Note: This ZOOM is on a SUNDAY AFTERNOON. A Drawing for an Amazon Gift Card Prize will be held at the end of the meeting!



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For more information, call Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954 or go on: www.sobaybirdsoc.com



MICHAEL TOBIAS SPOKE ON

“The General State of the Planet,

Bio-Diversity and Our Kindred Avifauna”

Monday, May 3, 2021 Presentation via ZOOM

By Diane Sivas

SBBS was happy to welcome Michael Tobias as our speaker on May 3, 2021. It’s been a few years since we’ve had him as a speaker, so it was great to see and hear from him again. Since most of us already know him, Karen gave just a brief intro and then he was off and running!

He thanked us for the invitation and told us that he was delighted to speak with our group of passionate bird and nature lovers. With 20,000 bird species that we now believe exist on our planet, it is more important than ever to preserve what we have. So many people are callous and indifferent about, or are ignorant of, the birds around us. **A continuous challenge that requires education and collaboration will inspire others to protect and preserve the avifauna legacy.**

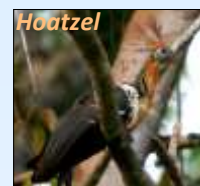
Michael and wife Jane have been involved in many projects since he last spoke to us in 2012. They had just returned from a project in the **Yasuni National Park in Ecuador** to save the park from oil exploitation (the “Yasuni Initiative”). Unfortunately, the plan eventually collapsed when the economically marginalized government caved in to the fossil fuel industry. That meant unmeasured tragedy for the probably most bio-diverse patch of land on earth. Michael’s foundation, Dancing Star, is still involved in ongoing work for this part of the planet (and other parts of the Amazon) mostly through publishing and lectures.



There are nine species of Toucans in Ecuador



Eco-tourism conflicts with the fossil fuel industry in Ecuador



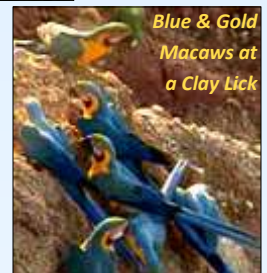
Hoatzel



Kingfisher



A Scarlet Macaw Sips a Drink



Blue & Gold Macaws at a Clay Lick

Michael has also been involved with the **Mainland Sanctuary for Indigenous Wildlife in New Zealand**. Dancing Star purchased land on the southernmost tip of the country, adjoining the country’s newest national park, and created a sanctuary that was predator free using “ecological fencing.” They built a fence that was 2.2 km in length and provided protection of roughly 400 acres. With predator free status they then initiated several translocations of bird life into the sanctuary, focusing on the Stewart Island Robin, the Hummingbird of New Zealand (the “Rifleman”) and several other bird species that have managed to remain and flourish there.



Road carved through the Amazon Forest for Oil Production



Oil Tanker Trucks Deliver Oil



The Rifleman Hummingbird



Releasing Rifleman Hummingbirds into the Wild

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Dancing Star Foundation New Zealand Ecological Preserve



Many invertebrates and dozens of native plant species also continue to thrive. After having accomplished the goal, the land was eventually sold to a New Zealand conservation organization which continues the legacy that Dancing Star started. Keeping the predators out can present a dilemma; do we continue to protect the endemic creatures, or do we abide by the now generally accepted premise that allows non-endemic creatures (brought in by European settlers) to co-exist with natives as best they can, with the “winners” taking all? It’s a rather grim outlook for those that don’t survive. But the cost of building the fence is enormous--so is the money better spent trying to save one or two endangered species, or putting up the fence to save many? There are also long-term cost commitments to maintaining the fence for decades to come until the New Zealand government makes the entire country “predator free,” which they hope to accomplish by 2050. Michael has doubts that this will ever happen.



New Zealand Leaders View the Ecological Fencing

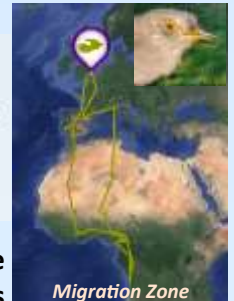
Yet another long term, recently completed project is in the country of **Bhutan**, located in the eastern Himalayas. Dancing Star recently published a book on the project titled “Bhutan: Conservation and Environmental Protection in the Himalayas.” Bhutan, like New Zealand, is also a “conservation gold standard” as it follows **the country’s political legacy of Buddhist practices that believes all life forms are sacred and must be protected.**



Layap Girls in Bhutan

Dancing Star’s focus is, of course, the preservation of all life forms. Michael told us how things have changed. In the early 2000s, flock measurements were described as “hundreds of thousands of birds.” This was changed in 2016 and now flock size is measured as “below 10,000 birds.” He considers this to be analogous to what is happening to biodiversity in general.

PJ the cuckoo bird migrates 50,000 miles from breeding ground in Suffolk, UK



Migration Zone

But on a positive note, he said **there are some fascinating evolutionary success stories happening with birds.** “PJ” the cuckoo bird is still flying and has changed his migratory pattern over the Sahara Desert, moving further east to stay over the Alps, and even further east to stay over the Alps that still have snow on their glaciers.

Gozalo Molina Saves Yellow-Eared Parrot



One man alone on a volcano in Colombia has been single-handedly working to **save the Yellow-eared Parrot.**

What is it going to take to save the 60% to 70% of all birds on the planet that are currently threatened or endangered? Do we have new ways to do this? Do we have more methodologies to help us redefine the question in a way that will be more compatible with the human presence, given all problems we inflict on ourselves, let alone the other species we cohabitate with? These are issues that are all need to be explored.

Globally speaking, Michael is heartened by the fact that **protected areas have increased** and are on the increase, and the **monitoring of those protected areas is increasing.** Protected areas must be rigorously and seriously protected --not by just talking the talk, but also by walking the walk!

Michael had so much information that we could have gone on for hours with questions and answers, but we finally had to let him go. **Thank you, Michael!**

Our next ZOOM meeting is on **Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 PM** with Karen Allen, Donna Crossley & Marie Calleja talking to us about those **crazy macaws.** Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Diane Sivas and her Blue & Gold Macaw, Cheeto



The President's Notes

By Janet Ragonesi

Greetings
SBBS MEMBERS,
SPONSORS AND FRIENDS,

Janet



IT RARELY RAINS IN CALIFORNIA



The Recent Palisades Fire

May has brought a little rain, lots of wind, and unfortunately fires to parts of Southern California. The rain is needed. But, no matter how the fires were

started, hopefully further investigation will unlock the clues. I take my hat off to all of the men and women firefighters, that help to keep us safe!

FACING "CHILLY" SITUATIONS

Recently, on a Sunday evening, my friend Lisa and I took a walk to the Redondo Beach Pier. There was a chilly wind due to a strong on-shore breeze. The gusts from the ocean only encouraged us to walk faster. I figure through

our quick pace, we burned off a few more unwanted calories!

Sometimes, I believe it helps to look for life's benefits, while facing challenging times.



THE RAGONESI FLOCK

My 28-year-old female Eclectus, "Scarlet" is getting weekly laser treatments for her arthritis, as I reported in April's newsletter. She is improving, plus she laid an egg! I think my male Eclectus, "Joey" had something to do with that!! Unfortunately, the egg broke, so I am giving them additional calcium in their food!

My 50-year-young Severe Macaw, "Oliver" had been under the weather. He is doing much better thanks to the antibiotics and a variety of fresh food and pellets!

SBBS PAST PRESIDENT JACK FORD

Last week I received a call from long-time member, Jack Ford, with encouraging words of thanks for what our club has managed to accomplish during this past year.

Jack & his friends party!



Photo by Carol Olson

Jack receives our newsletter by mail, as he lives out of state and does not have a computer! Jack complimented our newsletter and how professional-looking it is! As one of SBBS's former presidents, he knows all too well that it takes a flock in order for the South Bay Bird Society to accomplish its goals.



Jack loved the follow-up articles about hummingbirds and penguins, as well as, the variety of pictures. He asked me to thank Gala Burkholder, our newsletter editor, Karen Allen, our Parrot Lady who submits her Q & As and Diane Sivas, who provides reports on the ZOOM topics and speaker presentations. Jack also commented how lucky we were to have David Benjamin set up the ZOOMS and post the newsletter on our website to help keep us connected. He realized the newsletter would not look so professional if it were not for the proofers, Sylvia Skidmore, Marie Calleja, June Baker and Patte Fisher. Jack also knows how important it is to spread the benefits of the SBBS to the community by June Baker's monthly news releases to the local papers! *(Editors note: All of this happens under the encouraging leadership of the current SBBS president, Janet Ragonesi.)*

For a bit of history: Jack and Betty Ford were the proprietors of the avian bird store, "Ford's Feathers" located in Torrance for many years. Jack was president several times in SBBS's 45+ year history and a constant supporter of SBBS!

Jack and Betty Ford



Photo by Carol Olson

Dr. Micco used to groom birds at Ford's Feathers in days gone by before she became a veterinarian. Yikes!!! I am dating myself! Thanks, Jack, for the feedback and your efforts to help make SBBS what it is today!

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PREVIOUS SBBS ZOOM MEETING WITH SPEAKER:

Our May Meeting Presentation

Michael Tobias Ph.D., the president of the “Dancing Star Foundation,” was our guest speaker. Michael’s passion takes him around the globe, as an ecologist, film maker, historian, author, and explorer. He shared various experiences he has witnessed in several locations around the globe.



Michael Tobias



Michael had a compelling message for each of us to help protect the planet for all living creatures!

His urgent words have new meaning when he described how promises made by Ecuador’s leaders to protect the county’s portion of the Amazon Rain Forest for Eco-Tourism, but changed their minds by allowing oil drilling in the Yasuni National Park. See Diane’s report on pages 2-3.



Oil Trucks are Hauled On-Board Boats

Between Extraction Sites

You may remember, Michael Tobias has made presentations to SBBS before. Back in July of 2008, we paired up with the West Valley Bird Society to hold a fundraiser benefiting “Parrots International, Indonesian Parrot Protect” and the “Ventana Wildlife Society.” Michael Tobias and Jane Gray Morrison spoke and presented the screening of the movie, “Hotspots.”

UPCOMING SBBS ZOOM MEETINGS WITH SPEAKERS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 AT 2 P.M., PDT

“Macaws! Macaws! Macaws!”



Three of SBBS Members, **Karen Allen, Donna Crossley** and **Marie Calleja**, have decades of experience with their own companion macaws. In addition, Karen was a breeder, currently raises macaws and other parrots and an avian store owner. Donna understands handling birds with special needs, including owning a handicapped macaw, Chester, and has handfed birds. Marie owns six Macaws! She is the director of the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit pet bird rescue. (See more on the flyer on page 1).

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH AT 2 P.M., PDT

(Note: Meeting is **SECOND SUNDAY** in July in the **AFTERNOON**)

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An IAABC Certified Parrot Behavior/Consultant,

TO SPEAK ON

“Anthropomorphism”

(What happens when we treat our birds like humans).



When we should or should not do that!

(See the flyer on page 9 for more information).

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A Chance to WIN A

\$25.00 Amazon Gift Card at the 2 PM, JUNE 6th ZOOM on Macaws!



SBBS members that ZOOM with us on June 6th, will be entered to win a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card! We will have a number associated with your name.

After the presentation, we will have a random pick of a number out of a basket!

Join us! You may be the winner!

You must attend through to the end of the meeting to be eligible to win!

Renew your membership NOW to be qualified for the drawing!

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LOOKING AHEAD:

UPDATE ON MEETING IN PERSON

According to the City of Hermosa Beach's directives, the Kiwanis Club is still not able to allow meetings at the Kiwanis Building. I will continue to check back with them to find out when we can meet back there in-person again. I am sure there will be requirements for us to follow when the meetings resume. We will keep you in the loop!

SBBS PICNIC



Krista Renta

Board Member, Karen Allen, has been in contact with the City of Torrance to reserve Columbia Park for our annual picnic which is set for **Sunday, September 12**. Along with so many other entities, they are not yet approving any group gatherings, but we are hoping for an answer in mid-June. We will keep you posted. The preliminary plans would be for that day would be each of us to bring our own picnic lunch while keeping safe distancing and following Los Angeles County guidelines.

SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION DECEMBER 2-5, 2021



Last year's fundraiser and auction was outstanding! If we had not coordinated with 32 AUCTIONS, there would not have been a fundraiser. This year our goal is to continue with **32 AUCTIONS online**. The dates planned are **December 2nd thru 5th**. **SAVE THE DATES!**

Our fundraiser planning needs to begin, and we know that in-person auction may not be possible this year! For now, your donations and your participation is welcomed and appreciated! Contact Janet at: ragonesi@att.net for general information, on how the auction works, or how you can donate and help! More details to follow.

OPTIONAL MEET-UP RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS

In an attempt to reach out to the community, SBBS is listed as an **pet/animal activity on the "Meet-up" website** that is available to the public. Our meetings and activities, including our socials and meetings via ZOOM, are listed. Each of you who plan to participate in any one of these activities may **consider an RSVP on this site**. (*This is not necessary to participate, but is optional*). The more members who say they are participating, the more attractive our group looks to the public and hopefully will draw *new* members to our club. Each **month, David Benjamin will send out a RSVP under Meet-up**. The following is the link to access this site: <https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/>. Thank-you for your help in spreading the word about SBBS to other companion bird owners.



SBBS REACHES OUT

If you, or anyone you know, need assistance with their birds, please let us know. We will do our best to help. Contact myself at (310) 376-5954 or Karen Allen, the SBBS "Parrot Lady" at (310) 371-9967.



Be Yourself.

You are a treasure unto the world!



From: The Little Book of Light

By: Mikaela Katherine Jones

Cheers,
Janet Ragonesi, SBBS President

WINGED NEWS & UPDATES



[Angelina Makes a Beeline](#)

To celebrate, "World Bee Day" on May 21, Angelina Jolie, covered herself with bees for a photo-shoot for National Geographic to raise awareness for the protection of these winged insects.

[June Dragon Fly Count Saturday, June 19th](#)



Did you know that dragonflies migrate like birds and butterflies? I sure didn't until I linked-in with the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon meeting in May.

Naturalist and photographer, Kim Moore gave a very insightful ZOOM presentation that was an introduction to our local dragonflies. She described the life of these delicate winged creatures that eat mosquitoes! Now I will better be able to appreciate their beauty and value.

If you missed this amazing presentation, you can view it on this club's website: www.pvsb-audubon.org. You will be ready to participate in this count, know where to look for these dashing dragons and to start to identify the different species most often seen in our region. You can find out more about dragonflies on pages 12 & 13.

To participate in this count, contact Stephen Vincent Lloyd at: stephenvincentlloyd@gmail.com



[Invasion of the 'Toos!](#)

The sudden appearance of hundreds of Corella Cockatoos in Sydney, Australia looks like a scene from the Hitchcock's movie "The Birds." The Corellas get their fill of food quickly early in the day and have lots of free time to get into plenty of mischief. This invasion is

causing the neighborhoods to devise ways, including birth control, to curtail these massive flocks. For a video, go to: <https://nypost.com/.../video-shows-cockatoos-taking-over.../>

[SBBS Donates To Help Bird Sanctuary](#)

In April, The Foster Parrots Sanctuary in Rhode Island caught fire, killing nearly 100 parrots and destroying one-fourth of the building, including valuable supplies to support these birds. SBBS stepped-up and made a donation of \$250 to assist in the care of the remaining birds. You, too, can help by going to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rebuild-foster-parrots>.



[Attract Birds and Butterflies to Your Home by Growing Native Plants](#)



Learn more and see recommendations about growing native plants in the South Bay on pages 14-16.

[Saving St. Vincent Parrots](#)

The ongoing eruptions of the La Soufriere volcano since April 9th, has devastated the forests and wildlife of the Caribbean island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Their national bird, the St. Vincent Parrot, was already threatened and the island had been working to increase the population of this species and were up to 250-999 birds. The parrots and other species of birds are being affected by the ash and toxic gases and are having difficulty finding food and shelter. Food stations, rescuing and temporarily housing of the parrots are taking place. Thanks to many generous donors, [Birds Caribbean](#) has sent over 1,600 lbs. of field equipment, tools, hardware, parrot feed, & vet. supplies to conservation partners with the St. Vincent Department of Forestry. Read the updates on recovery efforts at: <https://bit.ly/volcano-relief-st-vincent-parrot-update> or Google, "Volcano Relief Fund for the St. Vincent Parrot." Please share and donate to: <http://bit.ly/StVincentParrot>.



Help keep the St. Vincent Parrot in flight!



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS

Palos Verdes/South Bay

AUDUBON SOCIETY

NOW ON ZOOM!

3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.

June 15th Program:

Dr. Amy Hopkins,

the President of the Connecticut Parrot Club,



to speak on

“The Parrots of Australia”

Several months ago, Amy gave a similar presentation filled with beautiful photos and stories of her unique experiences with the native Australian birds to SBBS. SBBS members will be sent the ZOOM-link in case you want to join the local Audubon Chapter that evening.

***As of 4/24 Birding is canceled.**

Check the website for Updates*

*BIRD EXCURSIONS:

4th Sat. each mo., 8:30-10:30 A.M.:
Madrona Marsh with Audubon leaders

1st & 3rd Sun., 8-11 A.M.: Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park with Audubon leaders. 1st Sun. meet in the parking lot, 3rd Sun meet in the parking lot closest to Anaheim & Vermont for Regional Park 2.

2nd Sun., 8-11 A.M.:

South Coast Botanic Garden with Audubon leader David Quaadhamer

**For Info: www.pvsb-audubon.org
or call David at (310) 833-3095.**



The Connecticut Parrot Club

Invites you to their ZOOM speaker presentation on

Tuesday, June 8 at 4 PM, PST, (7 PM, ET)

With Rosemary Mosco,

science writer & naturalist talking about

“Her Journey to Combine Art and Science”

Rosemary makes award-winning books, cartoons and exhibits that connect people with the natural world through humor and accuracy. She admits that birds are her favorite subject and she even lives with two green-cheeked conures! She speaks at birding festivals and writes for Audubon and the PBS kids’ show “Elinor Wonders Why.” When she’s not writing, she’s out in the field doing some “some very amateur photography” and trying not to feed the mosquitoes. You can see her cartoons at

<https://www.birdandmoon.com/> and more about her books at

<https://rosemarymosco.com/>. Join by clicking on the ZOOM link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93581410623?pwd=Z3BpUjVJZ1JYWHJmQ3pPTlIaNU9mQT09>



You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from

The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot, Dr. Graham Martin,** <https://youtu.be/JKctFhynaMY>
- **Caring for Elderly & Disabled Bird Companions, Dr. Kristin Sinclair,** <https://youtu.be/4YhsDzAwJgQ>



Free June Webinars at 12:00 PM (PDT)

June 4: “Heart to Heart: Pet Bird Behavior Q&A” with Chris Davis

June 11: “Avian Vet Insider: Most Common Cases Your Avian Vet Treats” with Dr. Stephanie Lamb

June 18: “Ask the Vet” with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)

June 25: “The Grey Way: Time to Travel: Bird Sitter, Boarding or Hitting the Road?” with Lisa Bono, CPBC



For more info or to view a prior webinar, go to:

<https://lafeber.com/pet-birds/category/webinar/>

ZOOMS are the 4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM, PDT



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

For information on an upcoming ZOOM or to watch a previous ZOOM presentation, go to www.sfvaudubon.org

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- “We’ll Always Have Parrots” (In Los Angeles)
- “Our Need for Birds”
- “Tracing World’s Migrations”
- “The Importance of Street Trees to Urban Avifauna”



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What happens when we treat our birds like humans?
 And when we should or should not do that!

ZOOM on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 2 P.M., PDT

Sheila S. Blanchette is an IAABC Certified Parrot Behavior Consultant. She is the owner of Heart of Feathers Education & Training (www.heartoffeathers.com) located in Massachusetts. She does in-home bird behavior consultations in her local area, along with doing phone/online behavior consultations across the U.S.A. Sheila just received her Certification in Applied Animal Behavior from the University of Washington (State).



Sheila is the proud guardian of a Lorikeet, Lovebird, Quaker Parakeet and Cockatiel. She and her husband also share their home with a pug. Sheila works with local rescues to aid bird people looking for assistance with behavior versus just giving up and rehoming their companion bird. **Sometimes companion bird people misunderstand their birds' behavior, which can lead to undesired consequences. When we start to understand behavior, we can interact with our birds and that can lead to a healthier relationship with our feathered companion.**

Her company's motto is **“Behavior may have history, but history should not define a bird.”** Sheila promotes companion bird education and teaches her clients “Choice Training,” which is based on positive reinforcement methodology. This methodology gives the **companion bird the opportunity to learn at his/her pace (not the human's timeline).** Sheila believes, **“Every interaction with your bird is a training opportunity; make your encounter a fun and positive moment!”**

Be sure to join us on this 2nd Sunday in June in the afternoon on ZOOM to learn ways to improve your relationships with your birds.

Go to the “Meet-up” site for the ZOOM link. (See page 6 for information).

For more information, call Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954



Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*

The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years experience. I donated my time to Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital, working with Doctors Rosskopf and Woerpel. I have hands-on experience owning my own Exotic bird shops, raising and breeding, grooming and caring for parrots of all kinds.

Ask me your questions and I will answer to the best of my knowledge. If I don't have an answer I will make every effort to find one for you and tell you my source.

Here we go!!!!



Q I went into a pet store and the birds did not seem to be well cared for (dirty cages, low on water and food, no toys). What can I do to help?

A The first thing to do would be to KINDLY speak to the owner or manager about your concerns. Should you get a good response, check back in a day or two and see if there has been any improvement.

You can explain that you have birds and you would be glad to help them make a better environment for their birds. They may not have a clue as to what to do. If you get attitude, do NOT give it back because that will only make it worse! You can call Animal Health Control, Humane Society, or law enforcement and ask for help. Animal cruelty is against the law, and most organizations are willing to help protect our furry and feathery friends.

I offered to set up one cage so they could see how to fix the problem, and they let me. At another shop, I detected Psittacosis and very quietly pointed it out to the owner. He offered to toss me out if I didn't leave. You just never know. I did turn him in to Animal Health Control. They were shut down for the proper amount of time, and cleaned up their act. Of course, I never went back.



Q



A

Can I leave an inheritance to my parrot?

Animals cannot be direct beneficiaries of your estate. However, you can leave money in a trust for the bird's care and needs (like food, medical care, toys, housing, etc.). You will need to have a person/trustee to hold the money, and a caretaker that would receive a monthly check for your bird or bird's care to replenish their expenses. Make sure that you have everything down in writing. Consulting with a good attorney who is known for doing trusts is a definite PLUS.



Q My bird loves to go outside. Can I let him run on the grass and play in the trees?

A Hosing everything down completely is much safer. However, the wild birds carry different bacteria that is natural to them, but not to our parrots, so you are taking a risk. An outside playpen for your bird is much better because you can put it inside when not in use, or have a cover that protects it from the droppings and possible dangers of the wild birds.



(“Q & A” continued on page 11)

("Q & A" continued from page 10)

Q My bird is crazy about my tennis shoes. Is it safe to let him have my old one for a toy?

A I think the expression "MY HOUSE IS YOUR HOUSE" stops there! YOUR shoe is going to stay YOUR shoe. The rubber and dirt in the sole, plus the possible ingestion of heaven knows what is best confined to the trash basket, and not your dear bird's digestive tract.



Q Do you have any ideas for a treat for my parrot?

A Certainly. I make my own and would love to share it with you. The bird shops have great snacks, too, but it's nice to have a stash of your own. Here is my list. Add what you wish. For the most part, little or no sugar or salt coated, (a little bit is OK, but avoid it as much as possible, please)!



Shredded Wheat, popcorn, Cheerios, macaroni or noodles, rainbow rotini, uncooked spaghetti, raisins, any dried fruits or veggies, Rice Krispies, Crispex, croutons, animal crackers, fish crackers (plain orange are fine, but the colored are more fun). You can add nuts, crackers, coconut flakes, cinnamon sticks... I am going to stop. Mix any or all together. Use your fantastic imagination! The biggest thing to remember is: this is a BIRDIE TREAT!!!!!! You need permission to share!

Stay healthy. Stay happy.
Be your birdie's best friend.
 You need each other and both of you are loved!

Love from,
Karen, the Parrot Lady




Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is a lifetime member of SBBS. Karen owns her own bird shop, "Birds & More" located at 4301 Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA. Contacts: work (310) 370-7550, home (310) 371-9967, text (310) 704-1210. She counsels & trains new bird owners & is a published writer.

Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:
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 Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Dragonflies eat mosquitoes, gnats, and cicadas making them an important part of the ecosystem. An adult can eat 30-100 mosquitoes in one day! Yeah!!!

These amazing insects also serve as a food source for a variety of fish and birds. They are found on every continent with the exception of Antarctica. Wooded areas as well as freshwater lakes, ponds, marshes, and streams are all habitats of the dragonfly. Adults are easily recognizable by their narrow, needle-like bodies and two pairs of slender, colorful wings.

5 Incredible Dragonfly Facts!

- There are approximately 7,000 species of true dragonflies
- They can fly as fast as 35 mph
- These insects have 28,000 eyes
- In the life cycle of this insect, its larvae stay in the water for up to 3 years
- These insects can see 360 degrees around them



Dragonfly Species, Types and Scientific Name

Anisoptera is the scientific name of these **insects**. While Anisoptera is its family, the dragonfly belongs to the order classification of **Odonata**. The **word Odonata is Greek meaning 'toothed one.'** This refers to the jaws of this insect.

There are around 7,000 species of true dragonflies. These insects are closely related to the damselfly, though damselflies have the suborder classification of Zygoptera.

The Common Green Darner is Common to See at Madrona Marsh

By: Vincent Lloyd

This past July PV Audubon sponsored the first **Palos Verdes Dragonfly Count**.

Since dragonflies require water for their reproductive cycle, **Madrona Marsh and the adjacent sump were a dragonfly hot spots**. One of the largest and **most abundant dragonflies seen at the Marsh** was the **Common Green Darner** (sometimes simply Green Darner). Tracy Drake found five Green Darners at the sump on the Dragonfly and Damsel Count Day (July 25, 2020).

Darners, which are found world-wide, are large dragonflies named for their **resemblance to darning needles**. It is one of the largest dragonflies in North America, being just about 3 inches long.

When visiting the Marsh, you will probably see dragonflies flying about, seemingly without purpose. In fact, they are **hunting for small flying insects**, which they **crush with their powerful jaws**. They will take surprisingly large prey, including other darners and they have even been seen, by horrified observers, to take hummingbirds!

Female darners lay their eggs on aquatic plants in ponds and lakes. The larvae are called nymphs or naiads. The nymphs prey mostly on aquatic insects, but can also eat tadpoles or small fish. Insects such as butterflies, go through four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. This process is what entomologists call complete **metamorphosis**. Dragonflies and damselflies go through incomplete metamorphosis, which omits the pupa-stage. Instead, **dragonflies metamorphose from the last stage of the larva**.

When the adult is ready to emerge, the **nymph comes out of the water and climbs onto a stem or rock**. The dragonfly breaks out of the nymphal skin, pumps fluid through its wings and abdomen to expand them, and emerges as a new adult, a teneral. Because the tenerals are soft and vulnerable, emergence (eclosion) usually occurs at night to avoid predation by birds. Dawn is the critical time; the teneral needs luck to avoid being picked off by a bird until the **sun warms it enough that it can fly away**.

Like Monarchs and Painted Lady butterflies, the **Common Green Darners** are **long-distance migrants**. In spring, millions of darners head north from Mexico to the northern U.S. and southern Canada, arriving in March. They mate and lay their eggs there. In fall, the new generation of adults flies south. U.S. and Mexico, the darners mate and lay a new generation of eggs. The eggs hatch and spend the winter in the nymph stage until the adults emerge in the spring, ready to begin the next northward migration.

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These are some of the most common dragonflies & damselflies you will find in the South Bay

ODONATA (Scientific Name which means "toothed one" because of their strong jaws)

AESHNIDAE (DARNERS)



Common Green Darner



Giant Darner



Blue-eyed Darner

LIBELLULIDAE (SKIMMERS)



Neon Skimmer



Flame Skimmer



Mexican Amberwing



Western Pondhawk



Blue Dasher



Variegated Meadowhawk



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Black Saddlebag



Red Saddlebag

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Vivid Dancer



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Western Forktail



Pacific Forktail

Join the Dragonfly Count on June 19!
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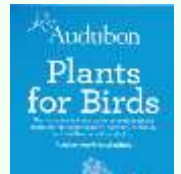
For help identifying dragonflies or damselflies, go to:
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NATIVE PLANTS CAN HELP BIRDS

With your help, we can grow 1 million bird-friendly plants. Below you'll find your selected plants and a list of local resources from Audubon's [native plants database](https://www.audubon.org/native-plants/database). You can access this list on the web at any time using the following link: <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants/list/a06cfe3a-cb6d-43bd-932b-ddc60e2170a6>

In the United States, a **native plant is defined as one that was naturally found in a particular area before European colonization.** Native plants are the foundation of a region's biodiversity, **providing essential food sources and shelter for birds**, especially those threatened by the changing climate. Since **native plants are adapted to local precipitation and soil conditions, they generally require less upkeep**, therefore helping the environment and saving you time, water, and money. The key to getting started is picking the right plants for your area.

The **Best Results** for your area have been hand-selected by Audubon experts in your region. They are **important bird resources that are relatively easy to grow and are available at native plant nurseries.** Filter your results by types of plants, resources, and the bird families you'd like to attract, or search for specific plant names. **As an example, the following are some of the native plants recommended for North Redondo.**



Apricot Globe-Mallow

Sphaeralcea ambigua



Shipping Sparrow

Other common names for this perennial herb include **Desert Mallow or Desert Globe-Mallow.** This woolly and shrub-like plant grows to **1 to 3 feet in height and width**, and produces orange to salmon-colored **flowers mostly in the spring.** This species is among the **most drought-tolerant of the globe-mallows**, preferring **full sun and very little water, with well-drained, rocky or sandy soils.**

Attracts: Sparrows, Mocking Birds, Waxwings, Orioles, Wood Warblers, Vireos

Black Sage

Salvia mellifera



Evening Grosbeak

Black Sage is a branching, evergreen, perennial shrub that grows **3 to 6 feet tall**, and produces clumps of pale, whitish blue or sometimes lavender flowers that attract **bees and butterflies.** This plant grows in **full sun and in a variety of dry soils.**

Attracts: Wood Warblers, Thrushes, Nuthatches, Orioles, Wrens, Sparrows, Thrushes, Waxwings, Crows and Jays, Cardinals and Grosbeaks, Woodpeckers

Bladder-Pod Beeplant

Peritoma arborea



Altamira Oriole



Otherwise known as simply **Bladderpod**, this **perennial shrub** grows to **5 feet high and 6 feet wide.** It produces clusters of yellow flowers, followed by fruits that become hollow when dried. This plant is accustomed to desert environments and is **drought tolerant**, growing in **full sun and tolerating poor soil conditions.** The fragrant, bright yellow flowers are highly attractive to **hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees.**

Attracts: Sparrows, Cardinals and Grosbeaks Crows and Jays, Orioles, Waxwings, Hummingbirds, Mockingbirds, Wood Warblers, Chickadees and Titmice, Finches, Vireos, Wood Peckers

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Chalk Live-Forever

Dudleya pulverulenta



Anna's Hummingbird



This **evergreen succulent** is also known as **Conchita, Chalk Dudleya, and Chalk Lettuce** because of its chalky, greenish-white leaves. It grows in a rosette form close to the ground, and produces a **1 1/2-foot-tall flower spike from May to July, with small, red flowers that attract hummingbirds.** It is **drought tolerant**, and grows best in **partial shade** and **dry, rocky soil.**

Chaparral Bush-Mallow

Malacothamnus fasciculatus



Cedar Waxwing



Otherwise known as **Mendocino Bushmallow**, this **evergreen shrub** produces numerous rounded, **pink flowers from April to July**, which greatly attract **butterflies and hummingbirds.** This **drought tolerant** plant grows **4 to 10 feet** in height and width, and can **tolerate full sun to partial shade and dry soils.**

Attracts: Waxwings, Sparrows, Orioles, Mockingbirds, Thrashers, Vireos, Wood Warblers, Hummingbirds

Common Sunflower

Helianthus annuus



Northern Mockingbird



This well-known annual grows on an erect, rough-hairy stem, reaching heights of up to **10 feet**, with broad, rough leaves. The large "flower" of the sunflower is actually a "flower head" of numerous small, individual five-petaled flowers. This plant is highly attractive to **birds** for its **seeds**, and grows best in **full sun** and **dry clays or heavy sands.**

Attracts: Woodpeckers, Vireos, Finches, Crows and Jays, Mockingbirds and Thrashers, Waxwings, Orioles, Nuthatches, Sparrows, Wrens, Cardinals and Grosbeaks, Threshes, Butterflies and Caterpillars

Interior Bush Lupine

Lupinus excubitus



House Finch



This plant is also known as **Grape Soda Lupine** due to its grape-scented purple flowers that grow from **May to July.** One of the **smaller bush lupines**, it reaches up to **4 feet in height and diameter**, attracting **butterflies with its flowers** and **birds with its seeds.** This plant tolerates **drought** and poor soils, but prefers **sandy** or loam soils.

Attracts: Wrens, Crows and Jays, Woodpeckers, Thrushes, Sparrows, Nuthatches, Chickadees and Titmice, Mockingbirds and Thrashers, Orioles, Waxwings, Cardinals and Grosbeaks, Vireos, Wood Warblers

Lemonade Berry

Rhus integrifolia



Tufted Titmouse



This **evergreen, perennial, aromatic shrub** spreads to **10 feet in size.** It grows shiny, leathery, dark-green leaves and dense, **hairy clusters of pink flowers** that give way to **reddish berries that attract birds.** This plant grows in **full sun to partial shade** and in **dry soils.**

Attracts: butterflies and caterpillars

Attracts: Finches, Woodpeckers, Cardinals and Grosbeaks, Sparrows, Waxwings, Crows and Jays, Mockingbirds and Thrashers, Nuthatches, Orioles, Vireos, Thrushes, Wood Warblers, Chickadees and Titmice, Wrens

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White-Leaf Bush Lupine

Lupinus albifrons



Wood Warbler



For Monarch Butterflies, ONLY Plant NATIVE Milkweed, NOT Tropical Milkweed

Monarchs migrate thousands of miles through coastal California relying on milkweed for shelter, food and a place to lay their eggs. Help save the remaining Monarchs by planting native milkweed in your yard or balcony! (Asclepias...) It is recommended in the South Bay, to not plant milkweed within 1 mile of the coast. But, **Monarchs also need California Natives that bloom in the winter (Nov.-Jan.) and early spring (Feb.-April) for their nectar to survive.** These natives include such plants as salvias, sunflowers, buckwheats and yarrows. To find out which natives that are best suited for your home, you can go to: Audubon's Native Plants Database, National Wildlife Federation—Native Plant Finder. **More info about Native Plants & Monarchs coming soon!**

Also known as **Silver Bush Lupine** or **Evergreen Lupine**, this evergreen bush grows up to **5 feet high and 5 feet wide. Spikes of blue to violet flowers** sprout out of silky, silvery green foliage from **April to July, attracting pollinators.** This shrub is **drought tolerant** and **prefers full sun and well-drained soils.**

May attract: Wood Warblers, Hummingbirds, Sparrows, Waxwings, Mockingbirds, Thrashers, Orioles, Vireos

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Ingredients **ZuPreem Natural** **ZuPreem Smart Selects** **Higgin's intune**

(Fermentation Products):

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Lactobacillus Acidophilus	-		-	Dried
Lactobacillus Casei	-		-	Dried



Notes from Chart on page 17 *, **

***Sorbic Acid:** It is used in birds to enhance the elimination of certain substances from the gastrointestinal tract, by reducing the transit time in the intestines. Psyllium can also be helpful for removing small solid objects, such as lead paint chips or shots.

****Tartaric Acid:** Has been shown to dramatically increase fertility in birds, stimulate breeding, produce brighter plumage, raise resistance to disease, increase intestinal tract flora, and promote overall good health. Several studies show that feeding Spirulina to birds accelerates the killing of E.coli.

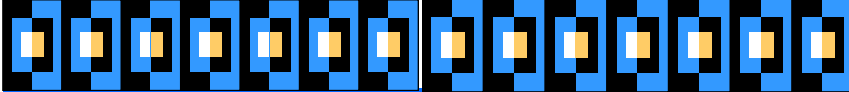
Comparison of 3 Types of Avian Pellets

Several months ago, African Grey parrot owner, Barbara Gonzalez joined one of our social ZOOMS entitled, **“What You Feed Your Bird.”** Afterwards, Barbara did an analysis of three types of avian pellets to compare their ingredients. Thank you for sharing your findings with us! These are the results of her study:



Ingredients	ZuPreem Natural	ZuPreem Smart Selects	Higgin's intune	Ingredients	ZuPreem Natural	ZuPreem Smart Selects	Higgin's intune
		-	Concentrate	Banana		Dried	Natural Flavor
Alfalfa				Natural Flavors		Yes	-
Millet	Ground	Ground	-	Choline Chloride	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barley	Ground	Ground	-	L-Lysine Monohydrochloride	Yes	-	-
Rice		-	Brown	d-Calcium Pantothenate		Yes	-
Carrot	Dried	Dried	-	Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex (Vitamin K)	Yes	Yes	-
Spinach Leaf		-	Yes	Yellow 5		Yes	-
Rosemary	Extract	-	Extract	L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate (Source of Vitamin C)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Red Chili Peppers		Dried	-	Yellow 6		Yes	-
Yellow Corn	Ground	Yes	Ground	Blue 1		Yes	-
Soybean	Meal	Meal	Yes	Safflower Seeds		Yes	-
Oat	Grouts	Grouts	Meal	Ground Wheat	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cane Molasses		Yes	-	Squash		Seed	-
Dried Whole Egg		-	Yes	Papaya		Dried	-
Canola Oil		-	Yes	Cranberry	Dried	Dried	Yes
Dicalcium Phosphate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pineapple		Dried	Natural Flavor
Salt	Iodized	Yes	Yes	Sweet Potatoes		Dried	-
Citric Acid	Preservative	Preservative	-	Flaxseed (Chia Seeds)	Ground	Ground	Yes
DL-Methionine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Beet Molasses		Dried	-
Vitamin A	Supplement	Acetate	Supplement	Wheat Germ Meal	Yes	Yes	-
Vitamin D3 Supplement (To absorb Calcium)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fructooligosaccharide		Yes	-
Vitamin E Supplement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Potassium		Chloride	Chloride
Niacin Supplement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tocopherols		Preservative	-
	Carbonate/ Pantothenate/ Iodate	Carbonate/ Iodate	Carbonate/ Pantothenate/ Iodate	Celery	Dried	Dried	Yes
Calcium				Parsley	Dried	Dried	Yes
Riboflavin Supplement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Beets	Dried	Dried	Yes/ For Color
Thiamine Monitrate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Blueberry	Dried	Dried	Yes
Pyridoxine Hydrochloride	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sulfur Dioxide		Preservative	-
Vitamin B12 Supplement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Green Beans		Dried	-
Folic Acid		Yes	Yes	Peas		Dried	-
Copper	Sulfate	Sulfate	Sulfate/ Proteinate	Bacillus Licheniformis		Yes	-
L-Lysine		Yes	Yes	Fermentation Product		Yes	-
Zinc	Oxide	Oxide	Sulfate/ Proteinate	Bacillus Subtilis		Dried	-
Manganese	Oxide	Oxide	Sulfate/ Proteinate	Yeast (excellent for stress)	hydrolyzed	-	Brewer's Dried/ Extract
Mixed Tocopherols	Yes	-	Yes	Sorbic Acid *		-	-
Biotin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tartaric Acid **		-	-
Sodium Selenite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lettuce		-	Yes
Sugar	Yes	-	Yes	Watercress		-	Yes
Vegetable Oil	Mixed	Mixed	-	Algea Meal		-	Yes
Apples		-	Yes	Iron Oxide		-	Yes
				Ferrous Sulfate		-	Yes
				Cobalt Carbonate		-	Yes
				Annatto Extract		-	For Color
				Turmeric		-	For Color
				Orange		-	Natural Flavor

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SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



NEW MEMBER: **Barbara Gonzalez**

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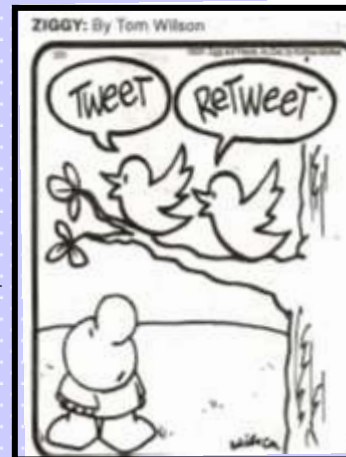
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The purpose of SBBS is to study all avian species (native and foreign) and their habitats; to disseminate among the general public and supporting members, information on all aspects of avian care and breeding and the preservation of endangered species and their habitats through written publications, educational lectures, seminars, activities; and to support and promote the propagation and preservation of species that are threatened with extinction.



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burra



STAY SAFE & PROTECTED FROM GERMS! Karen Allen Reminds Us To Continue To:

- Wash your hands often and vigorously for 20 seconds. Singing the "Happy Bird Day" song **TWICE** for perfect timing.
- Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing.
- Wear a mask indoors and when in close proximity to others. Respect people's choice on wearing a mask, even when it is not legally required.
- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between people.



All members are invited to submit bird-related items for a future SBBS newsletter in any of the following segments:



Gala & Kahla

- ☀ In "Wing Tips," share a tip that could improve the lives of both you and your bird(s).
- ☀ In "Laugh Kookaburra," send a bird-related cartoon, joke or humorous photo.
- ☀ In "Creative Corner," send photos of your bird-related drawings, ceramic pieces, needle point, paintings, etc. or texts of poems or photos with a unique point of view.

E-mail your ideas of what you would like to see, along with your SUBMISSIONS to: gidgetscal@aol.com.

The deadline for the next newsletter is *Wednesday, June 16th*.



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Call one of these rescue/adoption groups.

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Many of these groups have websites—take a look!

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- Web/ZOOM Coordinator** ACTING—David Benjamin (Davidsbbsr@dbenjamin.com)
- “Meet-up” Site** David Benjamin
- Photography** Gala Burkholder, Marie Calleja
- Cartoons** June Baker, Marie Calleja
- Lifetime Members** Anita & Cary Pao, Karen Allen, Perry Ellwood, Jack Ford, Donna Crossley, Janet Ragonesi, Dr. Walter Roskopf, Don Hand, Bree & Deven Brozey
- Memorial Lifetime Members**
Lorrie Mitchell, Diane Bock, Ron Ellwood
- In Memoriam Members** Laura Lynn Porter



Do you want to volunteer in ANY way for SBBS?

If so, contact the President Janet Ragonesi at (310) 376-5954 or ragonesi@att.net

The people listed above have chosen to “Step-up” to help with our club.

They have listed their contact information for your reference in SBBS business.



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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
Members that require the US Postal Service for their delivery,
please add \$15 to your membership. Thank-you.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:
When a new or renewing member pays for a 2-year membership in advance,
the member receives \$5.00 off of the 2nd year.

South Bay Bird Society Membership Application

Return your application to: P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

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New ___ Renewal ___ Former Member ___ / Family \$40 ___ Individual \$32 ___ Senior (60+) \$25 ___ Lifetime \$350 ___

Name(s): _____

E-Mail Address for Newsletter Delivery: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Other Phone: (____) _____ How did you hear about us? _____

To help us plan programs and activities, please tell us what kind of birds you own: _____

_____ How long have you been keeping birds? _____

During the meetings when you are invited to bring your bird, we sometimes take pictures of the birds for our newsletter. We like to identify them by name. If you want, please list your bird species and the names of those you might be bringing so we can label the photos: _____

Mark ways you will volunteer: Hold a Board Office ___ Help with Pot Lucks ___ Help with Community Outreach Events ___
Help with the Silent Auction/Fundraiser ___ Take Photos of Meetings ___ Foster Birds ___ List Other ways _____

Do you keep birds primarily as: Companions ___ Breeders ___ Both ___ Renewal Month: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____