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The Ecology of Local Native Habitat

Monday, October 3rd, 7:00 PM at the Hermosa Kiwanis Club Building

October Speaker: Ann Dalkey

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Meeting is In-person & on ZOOM!

Ann Dalkey's passion is advocating for native plants within our urban landscape, so that we can build wildlife corridors to benefit species like the El Segundo blue butterfly.

Environmentalists are increasingly paying more attention to creating land pathways for our native wildlife species in order for them to survive and flourish. Recently, the Hermosa Green Belt and the Esplanade Bluff in Redondo Beach were planted with native plants to help provide a corridor between El Segundo and Redondo Beach for the E.S. blue butterfly. More restoration work at the Esplanade is scheduled on Oct. 8 through the Southbay Parkland Conservancy. Last month, land was purchased in Palos Verdes for a corridor for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly. (See pages 16-17 for article). The land at the AES power plant site in Redondo Beach could enhance this land corridor if it is saved from development, and made into a park with local native plants and the wetlands were restored. (See page 17 for an update on the AES site).

Ann Dalkey's professional background has prepared her for her current environmental mission. Ann is a retired marine biologist who worked for local sanitation agencies conducting monitoring of wastewater discharges. Later, she worked for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy where, surprisingly, much of the work as a biologist was quite similar to the monitoring that she did for thirty-three years.

We are honored to have Ann speak to us about what is happening in our own neighborhood, to benefit the El Segundo blue butterfly and other wildlife species. **This meeting will be held at the Hermosa Kiwanis Club Building & on ZOOM. See page 5.**

For more information, contact Janet Ragonesi at (424) 247-4447 or at ragonesi@att.net or go on: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

Annual Picnic Party

Sunday, September 11, 2022

12:00-2:30 PM

Columbia Park

At the Gazebo



Howie loves all of the attention



Diane Sivas & Cheeto



SBBS President, Janet Ragonesi takes a moment to remember the victims of 9-11



June Baker



Pat Julien



Marie Calleja & Howie



Marie Calleja, shares how Fine Feathered Friends helped a family in need



Lilu and Howie, the Hyacinth Macaw, show trust & respect



David Benjamin and Cheeto keep an eye on each other



There were guests at the picnic!

Lilu, a Fine Feathered Friends volunteer, is seated with her parents, Kristina & Henry



A visitor watches all!



Janet Ragonesi

SBBS President, Janet Ragonesi shares Canada's connection to Queen Elizabeth II



Karen Allen and Elaine Dunn never miss a good party!



Lilu and Dylan volunteer for Fine Feathered Friends - helping to take care of the birds



Marie Calleja introduces a guest to Howie, the macaw



Carol Steinkamp and Cheeto are watching each other



It was great to see Pat Julien, who was visiting from the West LA Bird Club



Read more about the annual picnic on page 4



David Benjamin and his wife, Fran, share a moment

The President's Notes

By Janet Ragonesi



Greetings

SBBS MEMBERS, SPONSORS AND FRIENDS,

Janet



SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, we gathered at Columbia Park in Torrance for our annual picnic. The day was lovely, with a sea breeze and shade. The gazebo had a festive atmosphere with parrot decorations provided and hung by Marie Calleja, which made the site more colorful!

We took a moment to remember the men and women that lost their lives 21 years ago. We will never forget the brave firefighters who stormed up the stairs in an attempt to rescue others, only to be lost in the rubble of the toppled buildings. We also remembered the incident of those who chose to crash flight 93, while tackling the terrorists on a plane headed to the Capital. These people are our heroes, etched in our hearts and never to be forgotten.

We briefly discussed the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday. Several members were from Canada and considered her as their Queen. A few of us remarked how our ancestors were from England or Scotland, with a connection to the monarchy. May Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace!

While each of us brought our own picnic lunch, Patte Fisher provided separately wrapped snacks, and a variety of drinks on ice. Patti even cut the watermelon and individually wrapped each piece with care! Our parrots made out with some new toys, perches and dishes from the successful raffle.

Afterwards, the members shared a few bird stories. Marie Calleja, the Director of the Fine Feathered Friends Foundation, introduced us to several young people that volunteer at the Foundation. Marie said that Lilu, Dylan and Sydney were confident and respectful with the birds, and were quite skilled with interpreting the parrots' body language. We welcomed them and their parents to SBBS. Marie also shared a recent incident where the Foundation helped to meet the needs of a family whose home (with their pet birds) were lost in a fire. The Foundation gave them numerous parrots with cages, toys and food to help the family deal with their grief over the loss of their feathered family.

Thank you to all that helped to make that Sunday a special day to be together again. (See the photos on page 2-3)

(“President’s Notes” continued on page 5)



As we transition from the summer to the fall seasons the temperatures have been at an all-time high. I see many of us are walking our dogs or jogging at dawn. I know keeping ourselves and pets hydrated is important to our wellbeing. During weather like this, I sometimes put ice cubes in my bird’s water dishes and make sure the squirrels’ water is in the shade to help keep their drink cooler. In addition, I make it a habit to bring my filled water bottle wherever I go.

The recent heat dome over California caused the temperatures to get to over 100 degrees for an unusually long period of time. The increased use of air conditioners throughout the state put stress on our electrical grid, which threatened to force rolling black-outs to avoid a complete shut-down. Due to the text alerts and heat warnings that were sent out, Californians pulled together. They avoided using unnecessary appliances and lights during the hours between 4 and 9 PM. The state power operators were surprised how quickly the energy use was reduced after their alerts were sent out. It just goes to show that people can work together during emergency situations.

During the same time, many cities in Southern California have been asked to eliminate any landscape watering for two weeks due to a major waterline repair. Coincidentally, a hurricane from Mexico brought us an unusual dose of rain to help quench the dry landscapes. I read where neighbors are collecting water in their showers and kitchen sinks while waiting for the water to heat up. I was surprised to see that my two-gallon bucket in the shower filled up before the water reached a comfortable bathing temperature. My dish water, along with the bucket of water got taken outside to water my favorite bushes and potted plants during this two-week period..




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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION



WOW! It may be September, but the board has already engaged the on-line service, "32 Auctions" to once again host the fundraiser with us. **The auction dates are Thursday, December 1 starting at 5:00pm and ending on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm.**

Our goal is for everyone be to able to participate in some way with the auction to help fund our club. Currently, members and sponsors can **donate** a variety of goods, gift cards and certificates for services. If you don't know what would make a great auction donation, a list of possible items are on page 6. You can help by **telling your friends and family about the auction.** During the actual four days of the auction, anyone can participate by **bidding on the many auction items which help support the South Bay Bird Society's activities throughout the year.** Details about accessing the auction will be provided later.

 **Delivery dates for donations to my home are between 12 noon to 3 PM, Saturdays, October 15, 22 and 29, and by appointment. Call Janet at (424) 247-4447 to confirm your delivery date and time.**

More detailed information about our annual fundraiser and auction is listed on page 6

PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS

Our sponsors have remained open and made safety accommodations for us during the past two and a half years. They have continued to make donations to SBBS for our raffles and our annual auction. Please give them your business, whether it be for a bird product or service for yourself or for a donation for our auction.



SHOPPING ON AMAZON USING "SMILE"

Whenever you are ordering items from Amazon, please log on to "Smile Amazon" and select "The South Bay Bird Society" as your charity. Our club will get a percentage of the sale.



OCTOBER 3RD MEETING AT 7 PM:

ANN DALKEY, President of the Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society on "THE ECOLOGY OF LOCAL NATIVE HABITAT"



Learn how native plants can help save the El Segundo blue butterfly! This meeting will be held inside, in-person and on ZOOM simultaneously at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club building is located at 2512 Valley Drive, near the corner of Gould and Valley Drive. There will be a **raffle prize table. Small snacks and beverages provided, but there will be no pot luck. Wearing a mask is recommended. If you don't join us in-person, go to www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/ for the ZOOM link and to RSVP.**

NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING AT 2 PM:

JEFF MAXWELL, FROM THE HIT TV SHOW, "M*A*S*H," WITH HIS PET BIRD NAMED "GEORGE"

Jeff Maxwell & his Parrot George



One of SBBS's favorite speakers, Jeff Maxwell, who played the chef "Igor" on the hit TV show M*A*S*H, will have a ZOOM presentation with his Amazon parrot named, George. Since the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Hall is not available in November due to the national election, we will see and hear Jeff from his home with his beloved double-yellow headed Amazon parrot via ZOOM. More details will be in the October–November newsletter, but mark your calendars now for this special treat!

("President's Notes" continued on page 6)



SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION With Bidding Between DECEMBER 1— DECEMBER 4, 2022

Fall is the time we begin to prepare for our annual Fundraiser and Auction. Proceeds raised at previous fundraisers and auctions have allowed SBBS to continue our mission to promote the welfare of birds.

Last year, we had nearly 150 items in our auction!
This year, we will continue our fundraising with **32 AUCTIONS online.**

Your donations and participation are welcomed, appreciated and are needed to help fund SBBS!



Consider **shopping** our **sponsors** for donations.

Use **Amazon Smile** for ordering **non-bird items** and **choose SBBS as your charity** and we will receive a %.

DONATIONS MAY INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS:

Gift certificates from sponsors, assorted gift cards, various items for birds and other pets, games, jewelry, children's items, sporting equipment, wine, art supplies, beauty products, tickets to events or museums, books, candy, art, toys, household items, gift baskets and collectables.



Items must be **NEW** or **NEARLY NEW**, clean and in working condition with batteries.

Please include your **NAME** and an **ESTIMATED VALUE** for each of your donated the items.

If you're not sure about a donation, please ask. No animals will be auctioned.

DROP OFF DATES for your DONATIONS for SBBS fundraiser during are:

Saturdays, October 15, 22, 29 between 12 noon – 3pm or by Appointment

The drop off location will be at Janet's home located in Redondo Beach!

To confirm your drop-off time, date and for the address or for general information,

please e-mail Janet at Ragonesi@att.net or call (424) 247-4447.

REMEMBER:

THIS IS OUR ONLY SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY FUNDRAISER.



We appreciate your support and participation in order for us to continue to provide a variety of speaker presentations, monthly newsletters, maintain our website and cover other on-going expenses. It allows us to be able to financially support various avian causes, such as helping the parrots and their owners in Ukraine.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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SBBS MEMBERS ATTEND "RELAY FOR LIFE"

On Saturday, August 27, several members of the South Bay Bird Society attended the American Cancer Fundraiser, "Relay for Life" at Alta Vista Park in Redondo Beach. This event was held to raise funds for cancer research.

Emily Rainey, the granddaughter of long-time SBBS member, Donna Crossley, was celebrating her two-year fight to defeat a very rare and aggressive cancer. Emily spent most of this arduous time in Children's Hospital L.A. with at least one parent continually by her side.

During this time, SBBS members kept Emily and her family members in their thoughts and prayers, sent Emily cards and someone gave her a stuffed animal. Emily's sister, Hannah, provided support at home by caring for the family's two dogs and helping with the grocery shopping. It was a tough battle for Emily who underwent chemotherapy treatments, suffered a stroke and heart failure and was on life-support and in a coma for 27 days.

Emily Rainey is now home and in remission. She is undergoing physical therapy to relearn how to sit up, to walk and to eat as well as speech therapy. Emily is truly a fighting spirit, with the unrelenting support of her family!



Emily Rainey is pictured with other cancer fighters and survivors, including the Mayor of Redondo Beach, Bill Brand as seen in the blue shirt pushing Emily's wheelchair in the march, "Relay for Life" on August 27, 2022



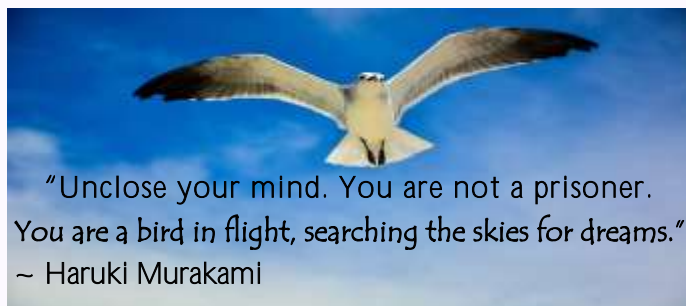
(Photo Left) Emily Rainey at the 2018 SBBS picnic with her grandmother's dog, Lexie, is pictured 10 months before her cancer diagnosis. Emily is truly an animal lover like her grandmother, Donna Crossley. Emily claims that her three pet rats, along with her family, helped her through her two-year long battle with cancer.



(Photo Right, left to right) SBBS member and grandmother- Donna Crossley, sisters—Hannah and Emily and mother—Michelle attended many of the annual SBBS fundraisers and auctions. Donna and Emily would bake at least 100 Christmas cookies for the attendees to enjoy during the annual December event.

Emily Rainey celebrated her 16th birthday with her family the same day as this year's SBBS picnic. Attendees at the picnic video-recorded singing "Happy Birthday Emily" and it was sent to her at her family's birthday party. Go Emily!!!

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in "Team Emily's" name at: https://secure1.chla.org/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app20117a?df_id=2241&mfc_pref=T&2241.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=0DBAC19E04C432594FA27C03A90FB276



*"Unclose your mind. You are not a prisoner. You are a bird in flight, searching the skies for dreams."
~ Haruki Murakami*

CHEERS,

SBBS President,
Janet Ragonesi & My Flock

OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
**AUDUBON
SOCIETY**



3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.
(no meeting in August)

The Next ZOOM/Hybrid Meeting is:

October 18, 2022:



**“Saving Places
for Panama’s
Birds”**

Presented by
Guido Berguido

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

Birding has returned with RESERVATIONS, limited capacity, guidelines & VACCINATIONS.

RESERVATION FORMS and Info available at www.pvsb-audubon.org.



Sun. Oct. 2, 8-11 A.M.

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park with PV/SB Audubon leaders. Starting point is at the parking lot near the ranger station. Call (562) 896-3369 for info and reservations.

Sun. Oct. 9, 8 A.M.

Field Trip to Huntington Center Park with PV/SB Audubon leaders. Meet in the Slater Avenue parking lot

Sat. Oct. 22, 9 A.M.

(Bird Walk with Kids & Beginners):
Madrona Marsh with PV/SB Audubon leader, Jazin Rios.

Call (310) 782-3989 for information.

Motmots’ Birding Field Trip Adventures
See information on top of page 9.

West Los Angeles Bird Club



Tentatively Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Culver City American Legion Hall, 5209 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

For more information and to confirm the meeting, go to:
www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.

The Connecticut Parrot Club



Speaker: TBA

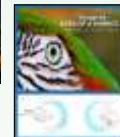
Tuesday, October 8, 7 PM (ET), 4 PM (PT)

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



You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from
The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- Rescuing, Rehabbing & Rehoming Pigeons and Doves, Elizabeth Young
- Rewilding the Caribbean, Fabio Tarazona
- Avian Flu, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/OfCsI4g35cs> (Over 1,000 views)!
- The Brooklyn Parrots, Steve Baldwin
- A Virtual Tour of The Rhode Island Parrot Rescue
- Tables Communication and Play for Parrots, Jennifer Cunha
- Journey to Combine Art and Science Through Humor, Rosemary Mosco
- Through the Eyes of a Parrot, Dr. Graham Martin
- Caring for Elderly & Disabled Bird Companions, Dr. Kristin Sinclair



Lafeber Webinars are at 12 noon PT unless noted*

- **October 7: “University Vet Insider: Experiences of an Exotics Pet Vet” with Dr. Joerg Mayer DVM, MS, DABVP(ECM), DECZM, DACZM**
- **October 14: “Food Can Be Fun” with Lisa Bono, CPBC**
- **October 21 : “Macaw Recovery Network” Live from Costa Rica with Dr. Stephanie Lamb, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), 100th WEBINAR!**
- **October 30: “Ask the Vet: Q & A” (Ask questions about your bird’s health, nutrition, care or behavior problems) with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)**



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

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



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/NATURE WALKS



In Association with the PV/SB Audubon Chapter: Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures

Full Covid vaccinations are required for PV/SB Audubon field trips, **masks are recommended** and the **group is limited to 12**. **Call our home number before field trips to check for updates and to let us know if you are joining us.**

For Information and Reservations:

Contact Eric & Ann Brooks at (323) 295-6688 or text Ann at (310) 913-2798 or email: motmots@aol.com



Saturday, October 15, 8 am Join LA Audubon Birdwalk at Kenneth Hahn Park. Meet in the Olympic Forest Parking Lot (first left, an entry fee, discount for seniors!) <https://parks.lacounty.gov/kenneth-hahn-state-recreation-area/>

International Bird Rescue Fundraiser

“Seabird Masquerade”

September 29, 5-9 PM

Poolside Event

food stations, beverages,

auction items, live music

Beach cocktail attire

Purchase Tickets at:

www.birdrescue.org/masquerade



FALL RESTORATION

ESPLANADE BLUFF REDONDO BEACH October 8

WILDERNESS PARK REDONDO BEACH Tuesdays, TBA

Nature Walk at Wilderness Park Oct. 2, 10 a.m.

For information go to: www.southbayparks.org

Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar



Saturday, November 5
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)

“Necropsy: Why This Diagnostic Tool is So Invaluable and What We Can Learn” with Jessica Magnotti, DVM

To Register or see a previous webinar, go to:

www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html



ZOOMS are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7PM

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Allison Shultz, Assistant Curator of Ornithology of Natural History Museum of L.A. County
“The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers”



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

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- “A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds
- “The Power of a Walk in Nature
- “Crows and Ravens”
- “We’ll Always Have Parrots” (In LA)
- “Our Need for Birds”



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Oct 1, 10:30 AM

WHERE:

George F. Canyon

27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Naturalists will guide you along a trail through the preserve to discover a unique variety of wildlife in their canyon habitat with amazing views of the LA Basin. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. Moderate walk. Guides provided by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. RSVP



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Oct. 8, 9:00 AM

WHERE:

Filiorum Reserve

Turn right off Highridge Road onto OceanTerrace Dr., near Pacifica Dr.

Walk Jack’s Hat Trail on the 191-acre reserve linking the Three Sisters and Portuguese Bend Reserves. This wildlife corridor boasts beautiful ocean views & native habitat. Moderate to strenuous. RSVP Guides by P. V. P. Land Conservancy.



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Oct. 15, 10:30 AM

WHERE:

White Point Nature Preserve

1600 W. Paseo Del Mar

San Pedro, CA 90731

Naturalists will guide you along a trail to discover a variety of wildlife in their coastal sage scrub habitat with amazing views across to the ocean. Meet in front of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. Park in the lot via Western Avenue only. Guides by P.V.P. Land Conservancy. RSVP

Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*

The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years of 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. Be sure to check with your avian vet for their evaluation of your bird's particular circumstance. Here we go!!!



Q My bird is obsessed with peanuts. Is that healthy?

A I am obsessed with chocolate. Is that healthy? A little bit goes a long way. Peanuts tend to be fattening and a really good treat, but in reality not a great idea. If your feathery child likes "crunchy," go for peas in the pod, or string beans, and throw in a peanut for good measure.

I have a Macaw that would stand on her head and pivot for a Macadamia nut (not really -- but close). She gets 4 a day. PLEASE use common sense.



Q Can my bird drink water from the swimming pool?

A WHY? It's not a great idea! It is loaded with chemicals that are not natural to a parrot. Plus possible disease from wild birds. Bring fresh water to the pool for them, and if the bird is riding on your back while you swim, WE WANT PICTURES!

Q Should I get my bird a friend?

A This is a loaded question. If you have a loving parrot and you get him/her a mate, you may find that they bond to each other and you will lose some of that closeness. However a buddy of the same, or another species, in separate cages makes for good company, which usually works very well.



(“Q & A” continued from page 10)

Q My bird drinks lots of water and his poop is watery. Is this normal?



A This is a warning sign and you really need to see an Avian veterinarian for a well bird check up. There could be several reasons, and I do not want to speculate. This is the time to seek a professional opinion and get help.

Q Why does my bird toss his food on the floor?



A

There are a few reasons:

1. First, he is looking for his favorite food and has to get the other food out of the way. He will go after the other stuff later.
2. Second, he doesn't like what you have fixed and is making his opinion quite clear.
3. Third, he is a mess-maker and loves the reaction he gets from you, and the attention he gets when he acts like a slob.

There is no good fix for this. Throw papers on the floor to save time cleaning and ignore the action. He is having too much fun. *(Editor's note: I use washable rubber mats where my bird throws her food and crocks. Maybe that way, fewer bowls will be broken).*



Keep your Feathery Kids Safe and Happy
and do the same for Yoursel! ❤️

Hugs & Love,
from Karen, the Parrot Lady

Nothing Better than a Good Head Skritch



Sally Blanchard



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.

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Send your questions for “**The Parrot Lady**” to:

Karen Allen, P. O. Box 3863 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com

UPDATES ON THE SPIX'S MACAWS RETURN TO THE WILD IN BRAZIL

Back on June 11 at 9:03 am, the first Spix's macaw left the aviary to return to the wild after being declared extinct in the wild!

The Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots e.V. is feeling sad in Caatinga, Bahia, Brazil.

September 9 at 5:43 AM.

Now it is a sad certainty that in addition to a disappearance, we have also registered the loss of a Spix's macaw. "We always knew this day would come," says Dr. Cromwell Purchase, ACTP Director of Brazil and Manager of Spix's Macaw Release Center in the Caatinga.

"Nature will be harsh, and our released birds will be subject to all of these nature life and death events. We are nonetheless saddened by the loss of such a special bird. But it doesn't stop us from pushing forward to boost the population as much as possible in the coming years."

One Spix's macaw went missing on August 25, 2000. After eight days, it was relocated via radio-telemetry some distance away and was sighted flying and foraging with a flock of native parrots before its signal was once again lost. Another one also, for unknown reasons, left the release area on September 6, 2022. Sadly, however, the next day this solitary macaw fell prey to an avian predator a few kilometers from the release site.

Reintroductions are extremely challenging for any species, especially for one that was previously extinct in the wild. Although losses may occur, careful and meticulous planning and execution can help to greatly reduce or limit such. Indeed, losses themselves also present opportunities for continued learning and assessment of techniques and strategies. Dr. Cromwell Purchase explains: "What our results to date tell us is that the macaws are successfully adapting to the wild; the radio-tracking devices are working as designed, and our overall strategy has thus far proven sound and effective. The released macaws are gradually becoming independent; most remain together as a flock, and all are becoming increasingly adept at obtaining resources."

Tom White, wildlife biologist and advisor to the project, is also optimistic. "Step by step...release by release...this is how a resident feral breeding population is established. So far, the Spix's are "doing their job" and it's up to us to keep doing ours!"

We look ahead and keep fighting for the reintroduction of this beautiful parrot.

[Read future updates at:](#)

[Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots e.V.](#)



[Queen Elizabeth's II gift of two swans from her royal flock are enjoyed by Floridians to this day](#)

Soon after her 70-year reign began, Queen Elizabeth II donated two mute swans to Lakeland, Florida. It's a gift that has kept on giving for decades.

Queen Elizabeth II, who died Thursday, September 9, at age 96, donated the swans to the community in Central Florida, just five years after she became queen at the age of 25. The swans arrived to Lake Morton in downtown Lakeland on February 8, 1957. Their descendants in the intervening years have become the iconic image in this city.

[Lakeland and the Royal Swans](#)

Swans are commonly found in the Northeast and Midwest. Their migration to Florida came as a result of seasonal residents wanting to have swans as pets on or near their winter homes. By 1926, there were 20 swans and the city of Lakeland began to oversee their care. While swans can live for 20 to 30 years, over the decades, they fell prey to alligators, dogs, diseases and interactions with humans. By 1954, the last swan passed away.

Efforts to raise funds to bring more swans to the area failed. That's when a Lakeland resident living in England approached Queen Elizabeth II, who also has the title of "Seigneur of Swans." The queen responded to the request and donated a mated pair of swans from her royal flock, if the city agreed to cover the costs of transportation. The queen was able to gift the swans because of a centuries-old law. "Swan Upping" dates from the twelfth century, when The Crown claimed ownership of all mute swans which were considered an important food for banquets. Today, The Crown retains the right of ownership of all unmarked mute swans in open water.

[Swans Travel Over a Big Pond to Get to the Small Pond](#)

The swans arrived in Lakeland on February 8, 1957. After officials greeted the pair at the airport, a motorcade transported them to Lake Morton.

The next day, only the female was seen on the lake. The swan's wings had not been clipped. Citizens and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission scoured the area and swan sightings poured in. It took a few days, but the male was found and returned. This time, wings were clipped to prevent the swan from further sightseeing. But tragedy struck when the male swan was fatally injured. The female was taken to a Florida "swannery," where she "selected a commoner" as her mate.

The following spring, cygnets arrived and Lakeland's swan population has been growing ever since. As the flock has grown, a swan roundup was begun in 1980 to give the royal birds an annual health checkup and then are released back into Lake Morton. The city tries to keep the population close to 50 swans. In 2021, they caught close to 55 swans. After 84 swans were caught in 2020, a swan sale was held.



The Swans at Lake Morton keep **Queen Elizabeth's II legacy alive.**



Did you know that Queen Elizabeth II had Budgies?



Budgies are royal pets. But, did you know Queen Elizabeth II had Budgies?

When the young Princess Elizabeth lived at 145 Piccadilly she played all day with the family pets, including the Budgerigars.



Queen Elizabeth II was gifted two Budgerigar birds in 1930 when she was young.

Spokesperson, Graham Stone said that Queen Elizabeth II saved the life of one of those birds back in the days of her youth. "I know she likes to see them when she is at Windsor Castle. In fact, it was her vigilance that saved a bird once," said Graham. Queen Elizabeth II sprung into action when she saw a Budgie with its leg stuck in the wire cage. She couldn't stop herself from running to help and alert others to contact the vet.



The Queen Loved Budgies

The Top Royal Parrots

As we honor and remember the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, it's time to look at how our feathered friends are linked to the Royal Family. As we know, Queen Elizabeth II had an aviary of Budgies.



Prince Harry met the endangered St. Vincent Parrots when he visited the Caribbean in 2017. I don't think he and Megan will be getting any parrots soon. That's because the birds tried to bite Harry when he visited the islands.



Going back further in time, King Henry the Eighth and Queen Victoria both kept African Grey Parrots. Queen Victoria's Grey learned how to sing the national anthem, much to her amusement.



Top 10 Parrots with a Royal-Associated Name

1. The King Parrot

The King originates in Eastern Australia. The King is quiet (for a parrot)! Although unlike most Australian Parakeets, you can teach them to talk.



2. The Princess Parrot

The Princess Parrot lives for around 30 years but is endangered in the wild. The Princess has a calm and charming personality.



3. The Lord Derby's Parakeet

gets its name from the Lord of Derby. Derbyans live in the forests of India and China.



4. The Alexandrine Parakeet

is named after Alexander the Great. Alexandrines are similar to a Macaw, in that they are extremely intelligent.



5. Lilac-crowned Amazon

Purple is traditionally the color of royalty, due to the cost of the dye that was used to color the fabric of their clothes. Lilac-crowned Amazons are full of personality.



6. Duchess Lorikeet

The Duchess Lorikeet is small and has a high-pitched voice.



7. Blue-crowned Lorikeet

Blue-crowned Lorikeets normally rest in trees but have been known to dig burrows.



8. Regent Parrot

The Regent Parrot is an excellent flyer.



9. Red-crowned Parakeet

is also known as the Kakariki. Kakarikis originate from New Zealand and are very agile and noisy.



10. Major Mitchell's Cockatoo

Major Mitchell was one of the first explorers of Australia, and was knighted in the 1800s. Cookie died when he was 83. Royal Family members tend to live for a long time, too. The Queen Mother was 96 when she passed away.



Whether your Parrot has links with royalty or not, we're sure they rule the roost in your home!

WINGED NEWS & MORE

Persistence Pays Off on the Palos Verdes Peninsula

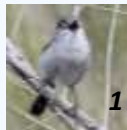
The weather was perfect on August 26 when representatives from the **Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office** joined with its partners from the **Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC)**, **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**, **California Wildlife Conservation Board**, **City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City)** and **County of Los Angeles (County)** to celebrate the acquisition of 96 acres of land on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County.



A group photo of the Palos Verdes Peninsula acquisition project members

Rising above the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Palos Verdes Peninsula offers some of the best ocean views in the county and is known for its pricey real estate. Less well known, but more importantly, the [Peninsula is home to the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly \(2\) and threatened coastal California gnatcatcher \(1\).](#)

Conservation of the acreage provides an opportunity to support additional recovery efforts for these species, among others, as well as serves as a wildlife corridor connecting other conserved habitat that makes up the Preserve system managed by the PVPLC. The acquisition consisted of two properties owned by one landowner.



A view of the Pacific Ocean across the recently acquired acres on Palos Verdes Peninsula.



Mary Beth Woulfe, a fish and wildlife biologist at the Carlsbad FWO who is the office’s coordinator for the section 6 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, **spent nearly 20 years working alongside the property owner, the PVPLC, State agencies and the City to finally achieve the successful purchase of the land.**

“I want to thank everyone for putting the energy and the effort in to make sure this place remains protected forever; we know how hard it is to make this thing happen,” said Ed Pert, regional manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. “I want to thank the Service and particularly Mary Beth for her dogged perseverance.”



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan established a preserve system

Of the \$21 million total purchase cost, \$12.6 million was provided through the Federal section 6 grant program, plus \$4.8 million from the State, \$1.3 million from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, \$1.3 million from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and \$1 million from L.A. County. “This section 6 grant was the largest given by the Service in the nation last year, **demonstrating the importance of this land to conserving Southern California’s biodiversity,**” said Jonathan Snyder, assistant field supervisor for the Carlsbad FWO.

The acquisition complements the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan which was permitted in 2020. **The plan established a 1,400-acre preserve system protecting habitat and providing connectivity for a wide variety of plants and animals.**

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"We are proud to have partnered with such a committed group of visionaries that have worked tirelessly for decades to bring this important conservation project across the finish line," said Woulfe. "The dedication of these partners is inspiring and a testament to how much can be accomplished for the land and its wildlife through collaborative planning."

A female Palos Verdes blue butterfly on deerweed



The PVPLC is now embarking on an effort to restore habitats on the property for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly and other species, including the Monarch butterfly.

"This landscape represents renewed hope for wildlife and a healthy environment for generations to enjoy," said Adrienne Mohan, executive director for the PVPLC. "With broad community support, we will revitalize the healthy ecosystems of the land with native plants for an array of critically imperiled wildlife."

UPDATE ON SAVING THE AES POWER PLANT SITE FOR A PARK AND WETLAND:

The dense construction project proposed by developer, Leo Pustilnikov fortunately has hit a speed bump. The City of Redondo Beach had their housing plan approved by the state. Thus, Pustilnov's fast track plan, using state Senate Bill 330 for affordable housing, has been nullified. For him to move forward, the residents of Redondo Beach would have to vote to rezone this property from parkland to residential and commercial development. Also, the CA Coastal Commission would have to approve the zone change since they mandate at least 6 acres to be reverted to wetlands. The City reports receiving several grants for purchasing land for a park and wetland!

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Currently, our wildlife is subject to getting the **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)**. This subtype of H5N1 has been devastating to a wide variety of avian species and has proven to be highly infectious. Although most infected birds do not survive this disease, there are some that can carry and spread it through their feces without showing any symptoms at all. Poultry are at high risk from HPAI. The wild birds we commonly see that are most severely at risk include raptors, geese, ducks, other water birds, crows, and ravens. Smaller birds, like songbirds and doves can get HPAI but are less Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza susceptible and less likely to become ill.

HPAI can be carried indirectly by people, animals, clothing or other objects that have come in contact with a sick animal. People who are outdoors around groups of water birds, or find sick wildlife, should carefully wash their hands plus any clothing that was exposed. Disinfect shoes and contaminated equipment.

Prevention Measures to Stop the Spread of This Disease:

- In general, bird feeders & bird baths should be cleaned and disinfected at least once a week. Once HPAI is in your area, these should be taken down until the crisis has passed.
- Keep pet birds indoors and away from other domestic or wild birds.
- If you might be handling sick birds or other wildlife, wear appropriate protection.
- Disinfect surfaces that have come in contact with birds or sick wildlife.
- Practice bio-security by removing your shoes after walking outside and before entering your home with companion parrots.
- Depopulation is NOT required for exhibit flocks with HPAI-infected birds. However, if HPAI is suspected in your birds, you will need to follow quarantine requirements and use proper biosecurity to prevent disease from spreading.



Report sick or dead birds to:

The L.A. County of Veterinary Public Health, Animal Disease (VPH) by calling 213-288-7060 or by using the short report form at:
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SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



NEW MEMBER: **Catherine Gatsoff**

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Laura Lynn Porter, Diane Racey

Number of Current Members: **63**

Don't fly off the membership list! Please pay your dues.

Your dues help support your club by providing newsletters, educational programs, the website and more.

To join SBBS, please print the last page of the newsletter or go to www.sobaybirdsoc.com and click on "Membership" to find a membership application. Fill the form out, include a check and send it to SBBS, P.O. Box 3863, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863. If you have received a hard copy or found the membership application on the back of the newsletter, fill it out and send it to the above address. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact the Membership Director, Patte Fisher at pattefisher@verizon.net or you can call her at: (310) 316-9843 (home) or at (310) 418-9096 (cell).



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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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"What a lovely home, Edna!...And look at the fresh newspaper, Stanley!"



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 N95, KN95 or KF94 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.
- Consider getting vaccinated and boosted...and boosted again.



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

- ☀ 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.



Kahlia & Gala

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, October 12th.



Adoptions



There are so many birds needing homes.

If you are considering getting another bird, please think about adopting one. Call one of these rescue/adoption groups.

They all have many wonderful birds just waiting for someone to come and take them home.

Many of these groups have websites - take a look!

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Verify the meeting date by checking the website at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

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Mark ways you will volunteer: Hold a Board Office ___ Help with Pot Lucks ___ Help with Community Outreach Events ___
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