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Joining us online?

ZOOM links will be sent out prior to the meeting or
RSVP on Meet-up at: [https://www.meetup.com/
Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/](https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/)

COME EARLY! SBBS members who arrive before the meeting begins, have a chance to be chosen "The Early Bird Winner" for first pick of an item on the raffle table.



WIN the Early Bird Drawing!

The meeting will be held at the **Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club Building**
2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90245 (near the corner of Gould & Valley Dr.)

For more information, contact Janet Ragonesi at (310)379-5954 or at ragonesi@att.net or go on: www.sobaybirdsoc.com

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An Afternoon with Julie Scardina Sunday, April 2, 2023 on "Animal Conservation in India" by Diane Sivas



Diane Sivas



SBBS Board Member, Karen Allen and Speaker, Julie Scardina are long-time friends

We were finally without rain on the first Sunday afternoon of April when we gathered to welcome our friend Julie Scardina as our in-person speaker. We love Julie and are always thrilled to have her back. Members who couldn't attend the meeting had the opportunity to watch via ZOOM.

Julie's presentation was about her very recent trip to India. She wasn't sure what to expect when visiting India, but being there totally exceeded her expectations. On the map, she showed the route they took, beginning in Delhi, traveling to Corbett National Park, then to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, and back to Delhi. From there they flew and drove to Kanha, went through Calcutta and up to Kaziranga and finally back to Delhi.

Julie described life in and around Delhi as all a little hectic and much what she expected.



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The animals call out an alarm when a tiger is near which helps trackers spot a tiger



Tigers!! Tourist vehicles all rally around a tiger in India like they do on a safari in Africa when someone there spots a cheeta. Tigers are endangered, and India has 70% of the world's tiger population. After a big decline in their numbers, India has done a great job of protecting and regenerating the tiger population which now stands about 3,000 individuals.



Their body armor makes them look prehistoric.

Another animal of great interest to Julie was the **Indian One Horned Rhino**, also in peril. The number of rhinos has declined mostly due to loss of habitat and poaching. India has done an exceptional job, Julie told us, of protecting them and the number of individuals is now on the rise. There are so many now that towards the end of their time there, it was no big deal to see another one!

There was great diversity and numbers of bird species in India. Like mammals, some species are also endangered. Elephants are another of Julie's favorites. As with African elephants, Asian (or Indian) elephants are also endangered, again, mostly due to habitat loss and fragmentation. Poaching is a problem, but with Asian elephants, only males have tusks—unlike African elephants that all have tusks—so females are not being poached. Current numbers, she told us, are anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000 individuals. African elephants, on the other hand, number about 350,000 in the wild.

Elephants are revered in India, yet they are also used as work animals to serve man. Rescued elephants are treated well and kept in a protected environment for the duration of their lives. Domesticated elephants are tame, yet the method used to train them is not always pleasant. They are now used as working elephants, helping to protect the park from poachers. The forest department takes very good care of the elephants, yet in order to control them, there is a very heavy hand.



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Vulture populations worldwide are declining. In India, one of the main reasons for this was the use of an anti-inflammatory drug to treat cattle that, as it turns out, was deadly for vultures. Unfortunately, when the cow died, the vulture would feed on the carcass and, within a day or two, would die from the drug. Numbers of vultures in India declined by 99% because of this! Vultures in India perform important work, so there was a great need revive the numbers. Again, the government stepped in and outlawed the use of the drug, and local organizations helped generate the population with breeding and places where they could eat safely.



Vultures remove bacteria from the land and water by eating carcasses



Jackals and Vultures mutually benefit from their existence



Collaborating with others increased the chance of success for bringing back numbers of vultures to India



Joni Blank-Malukas reassures her Meyers parrot that the vultures aren't going to get it



Seeing the mist with the deer created a mystical environment for Julie's safari adventure in India



Several people from across the country joined the meeting via ZOOM



The Kingfishers, found in the wetlands, hover in the air and dive into the lake for their meal of fish

Julie concluded her presentation by showing pictures of the wide range of birds in India. Declaring herself "not a birder," she was delighted to observe such a variety of birdlife.



Indian Rollers on a tree limb and in nest cavity



These Bee Eaters are on the hunt for insects



The Great Hornbills are searching for a nesting site in a tree cavity

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We thank Julie for making the challenging drive from San Diego to be with us. I know we all enjoyed her presentation. If you want to help Julie's cause, check out Mission Wildlife (www.missionwildlifeconservation.org) for the latest information on current projects. Donations are also gladly accepted!



SBBS Board member, Karen Allen and President, Janet Ragonesi award Julie Scardina with a certificate of the club's appreciation



SBBS Member, Krista Renta, introduces her birds to Julie Scardina after the meeting



Julie Scardina started "Mission Wildlife" to give back by supporting conservation to save animal species

I look forward to next month's meeting on [Monday, May 1 at 7 PM with Marie Calleja from Fine Feathered Friends](#). She will be talking about the differences between Blue Throated and Blue and Gold Macaws. Marie will bringing both species of the birds to the meeting. See you then. **Happy Earth Day!** Diane Sivas



SBBS COMMUNITY OUTREACH:
"WHALE OF A DAY" ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15
POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER



It has been several years since SBBS has participated in the fun and exciting community-wide event at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center called, **"WHALE OF A DAY."** This event celebrates the annual migration of the Pacific Grey Whale from the Arctic seas to Baja, CA. An average of **3,000+ visitors** attend this one-day event. This made it an **excellent opportunity to promote public awareness of the SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY, our goals and answer questions about our companion birds.** We had our own **SBBS INFORMATION BOOTH** and **showcased our parrots.** Our booth was located next to the booth for **THE FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS FOUNDATION**, where people learned about this local bird re-homing organization under the direction of SBBS member, Marie Calleja.



People visited our booth on this beautiful spring day!



SBBS member, Krista Renta, shared her birds with others while she talked about what it was like to own a companion parrot

The President's Notes *By Janet Ragonesi*



Janet

Greetings BIRD LOVERS,

It looks like I got last month's wish: "Rain, Rain. Go Away." Currently, no measurable rain is expected in Southern California. With this year's record snowfall, it looks like we will be able to ski and snowboard in some locations in the Sierra Nevada mountains through June.



In addition, the snowpack has helped us out of the three-year long drought. Of course, we should not waste our reservoirs' water which are presently at higher levels. We need to make long-term plans for having adequate water to sustain California with the possibility of experiencing future droughts.

THEFTS OF OUR FEATHERED FAMILY MEMBERS

Recently, there have been an increase of stolen birds. Thieves have broken into bird stores, veterinarian clinics and at homes, including off of porches and inside the houses!

This month's newsletter focusses on these recent thefts, ways to protect your birds and what to do if this happens to you. You can read about this on pages 9 and 14-17.

Please, everyone, take extra precautions to keep your feathered family safe so you and your birds do not have to go through this trauma. Consider microchipping your bird.

The bird community can help to catch these thieves. We need to keep our eyes open to any sales of parrots, other than from known breeders or bird stores, to help arrest these bird nappers! **For us, it isn't about the monetary value of the birds, they are our FAMILY!**

LAST MONTH'S SBBS MEETING

THANK YOU JULIE SCARDINA FOR YOUR PRESENTATION ON ANIMAL CONSERVATION IN INDIA

Julie



The SBBS April 2nd hybrid meeting with speaker, Julie Scardina, was fabulous! Spending an afternoon with Julie's travel presentations are always educational, fun and purposeful. Julie is such a sparkling and delightful person. Her topic of "Animal Conservation in India" struck home with a room full of animal lovers.

There were two guests, originally from India, who came to see Julie and hear her presentation. They told us they appreciated Julie's accuracy, her respect and love of all of India's species.



Guests

Julie loved her experience with the people and animals of India and hopes to someday go back to visit other locations in this vast country.

SBBS donated to Julie's non-profit organization, "Mission Wildlife." You can make your own charitable donation to her non-profit at: www.missionwildlifeconservation.org.

APRIL EARLY BIRD DRAWING WINNER

With us back meeting in person, we have re-started the early bird drawing for members arriving before the meeting starts. **Sylvia Skidmore was that day's winner and had first pick of an item off of the raffle table! Congratulations!**



Sylvia Skidmore

SBBS COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY

"WHALE OF A DAY"



A number of SBBS members gathered together at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center to share with others what the South Bay Bird Society was all about and what it was like to have a companion parrot. I would like to thank all of you who gave up part of their Saturday to volunteer to staff our booth at this large annual event. Our booth proved to be popular with the many people who visited our booth.

Thanks again for stepping up to share our love of our birds!



Krista Renta and her birds received lots of attention.

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UPCOMING HYBRID SBBS MEETINGS

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WITH MARIE CALLEJA ON
“YELLOW AND BLUE,
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Refreshments will be provided and the public is welcome to join us for this fun presentation.



MONDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7 PM
DR. TERESA MICCO ON
“OUR AGING PARROTS”

Local veterinarian, Dr. Teresa Micco, will discuss various health considerations in our aging parrots, what to look for and ways to improve their comfort and condition.



Dr. Micco received her DVM in 2011 from [Ross University](#) and [Louisiana State University](#) Schools of Veterinary Medicine, located on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. She finished her clinical year at LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While completing her clinical rotations, she assisted in the care of injured birds and sea turtles during the BP oil spill.

Prior to attending veterinary school, Dr. Teresa was an RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician) for 25 years, working primarily with birds and exotics, in addition to dogs and cats. Dr. Micco is an active member of the [AAV \(Association of Avian Veterinarians\)](#) and is on the Social Media Committee for the AAV on Aviculture. She currently maintains her animal practice at Point Vicente Animal Hospital, in Rancho Palos Verdes. She has been involved in conservation, rehabilitation and aviculture for many years.

Each year, Dr. Micco rehabilitates over 200 **hummingbirds** under the license of South Bay Wildlife Rehab, as well as numerous songbirds and local wild baby and injured adult parrot species. **You won’t want to miss Dr. Teresa Micco’s informative presentation on June 5th!**



This hybrid meeting will be held in-person and on ZOOM. A link will be sent to you just prior to the meeting or you can RSVP on Meet-up at: <https://www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/events/>.

DONATIONS AT OUR MEETINGS

Currently, we do not have anyone in the kitchen to oversee a pot luck dinner. Any volunteers?

At this time, **thank you to Patte Fisher for providing coffee and trays of individually packaged goodies and fruit for our first two in-person meetings! See what treats she’ll bring on May 1! Thanks Patte!**



RAFFLE TABLE PRIZE DONATIONS WELCOMED!



Donate a raffle item that is bird-related and worth at least \$5.00 and receive 2 raffle tickets for that meeting’s drawings. The items donated must be **new and unused.** Thank you!



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MORE UPCOMING SBBS MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

NO JULY SBBS MEETING



Due to the 4th of July weekend and celebrations, SBBS will not be having a meeting that month.

LOOKING AHEAD - SBBS ANNUAL PICNIC:



The SBBS Annual picnic will be on **Sunday, September 10th at Columbia Park.** Please save the date on your calendar! More details to follow.

OPTIONAL RSVP

MEET-UP RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS



In an attempt to reach out to the community, SBBS is listed as a **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.

WE SHARE OUR LOVE OF BIRDS

SBBS encourages all bird lovers to support the clubs and activities that share your love of birds. Whether the meetings are on ZOOM or in-person, I hope you participate in our local sister clubs—West LA Bird Club, Long Beach and Orange County Bird Breeders, as well as SBBS.



Gala Burkholder watches the lovebird on Julie

These clubs succeed through the sharing of our love of parrots and by educating each other in the care of our companion birds. The sense of community of bird lovers is created by your participation in the various clubs.

PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS

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



NEW SBBS SPONSOR – JUNE BAKER PET CARE

We welcomed June Baker (June Baker Pet Care) to our flock of sponsors. If you were lucky enough to win her certificate on the raffle table, congratulations! Each month, one person will have a chance to win one of her certificates for pet care.



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See you on May 1 Cheers!



THE MAYPOLE DANCE.

From my flock to yours,
Janet Ragonesi,
SBBS President

Due to the recent cases of bird thefts, here are security measures to consider to help protect your birds

How to Help Protect Your Birds from Theft

(Author Patty Jourgensen specializes in avian health, behavior and nutrition and has been working with and caring for rescue birds since 1987). [\(More information about bird thefts and reuniting birds with their owners in on pages 14-17\)](#)



This post was prompted by an attempted break in at my friend's house recently. Fortunately, the alarm at his house, among other things, thwarted the attempt. We have birds, many of them expensive, and people who are aware of this fact might try to steal and resell them on the streets for a fast buck. [Consider microchipping your bird to be able to prove you are the rightful owner if the bird is found.](#) **I compiled a list of tips to help keep you and your flock safe from robbery:**

- [NEVER advertise that you have parrots](#)

I know it's fun to share your love for your birds with strangers who are always fascinated by them, but it is a bad idea. People know that parrots are expensive, and they often assume that people with parrots have money. It makes sense to them that if you have the money for these birds, you will also have other expensive things in your home, like electronics. **I have been asked many times how much my birds cost, which sends up red flags immediately.** I give one of two answers: 1) "This bird?? OMG! Someone should pay ME to keep this bird, he SO mean! Wanna see my scars??" or 2) "How much did he cost?? NOTHING compared to what it costs to keep him!"



- [Form a neighborhood watch group with your immediate neighbors](#)

Make an agreement with them that you should **all be watchful of suspicious activities in the neighborhood.** Make them understand that under **NO circumstances would there be cause for anyone to remove your parrot without your presence.** Introduce them to a trusted friend or family member **who will be responsible for their care in the event of an accident, who may come and go with them.** In return, you will watch their homes.



- [Secure your home and make it appear you are home when you are gone](#)

Engage all your **locks and security alarms.** Be sure to **post a sign out front announcing that your home is protected by whatever security company you are using.** Leave lights and radios on timers. Install **motion-detection floodlights at entry points.** Go online and see other theft deterrent devices available.



- [Use cameras](#)

Even if they aren't real. A home surrounded by cameras which feed into a monitor and recording system inside the home can be a huge deterrent to a would-be burglar. A fake camera, which is basically just the outer shell of a very real looking camera, can have just as powerful an effect, since there's no way to tell the difference. You can find realistic-looking security cameras online.



- [Post "security system" signs](#)

Search online places like Amazon for info about real and phony security systems. You can find **professional-looking plaques and decals that can be mounted at every possible point of entry to her home, windows and doors.** Some signs include: "Smile, you're on camera!" and list a fake security company along with their fake phone and website info.



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
AUDUBON
SOCIETY



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

The Meeting is:

May 16, 2023

“From Sea to Summit: The
Marvelous Hummingbird”



Presented by: Benny Isaac
Jacobs-Schwartz of
BIRDS by BIJS

(Benny will be presenting via
ZOOM, but we will also meet at
the Madrona Marsh Center)

Madrona Marsh Nature Center
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

Sat. May 27, 9 A.M.

Birding for Kids at
Madrona Marsh with PV/SB
leader, Jazmín Ríos. There
are a limited number of
binoculars available to
borrow during the bird walk.



Sun. May 7, 8 A.M.

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park
with PV/SB Audubon leaders. Meet in the
parking lot between Vermont and Anaheim
above the ranger station.

Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures
See information on the top of page 11.

For Information, go to:
www.pvsb-audubon.org

West Los Angeles Bird Club

Wed., May 16th at 7:00 PM

Deb Stambul, Bird Behaviorist



With over 20 years with bird, Deb is a member of the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators and a member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants. You are invited to bring your bird with its favorite treats and may win a training session.

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

For more information, go to:

www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.

The Connecticut Parrot Club









No Meeting in April, May TBA

**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



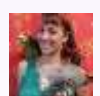
The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- **Target Training**, Sheila Blanchett 
- **Rewilding the Caribbean**, Fabio Tarazona 
- **Avian Flu**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/OfCs14g35cs> (Over 1,000 views!) 
- **Tables Communication and Play for Parrots**, Jennifer Cunha 
- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot**, Dr. Graham Martin 
- **Caring for Elderly & Disabled Bird Companions**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair 

Lafeber Companion Bird Webinars April 28-May 19 at 12 noon PDT

You can see a current or previous webinar by going to:

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

- **April 28 and May 19, “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)** 
- **May 5, 12 noon PDT, “The Grey Way - Bling that Cage!” with Lisa Bono, CPBC** 
- **May 12, “Avian Vet Insider - Free Feeding or Meals—What is Best for Parrots?” with Dr. Stephanie Lamb, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice)** 



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 each field trip to check for updates & to let us know you are joining us.

For Information, Details and Reservations:

<https://pvsb-audubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Winter-Spring-2023.pdf>



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



- Sun., April 30, 8 am: Huntington Beach Central Park & Bolsa Chica
- Tue. -Thur., May 2-4, 12:30 pm: Annual Trip to Whitewater Preserve, North End of the Salton Sea, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, & Other Desert Spots
- Sun., May 7, 8 am: Field Trip to Placerita Canyon
- Sun., May 14, 8 am: Field Trip to Malibu Creek State Park
- Sat., May 20, 8 am: Join LA Audubon at Kenneth Hahn Park, Forest Lot
- Sun., May 21, 8 am: Madrona Marsh (Tentative)



www.southbayparks.org

NATURE WALK

at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach

Sun., May 21 (Pollinators)

10-11 am: Grades 2-5th

11:15-12: All Ages



For info go to:
www.southbayparks.org

Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar

Saturday, May 20
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)

"Bird Behavior and Training: It's Not Magic, It's Science" with Adam Patterson CPBT-KA



Adam, the Lead Keeper at the Wild Encounters at Zoo Knoxville will talk about using science to learn about and modify our parrot's behavior.

To Register or see a previous webinar, go to:
www.phoenixlanding.org/



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

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Speakers from the Moore Lab of Zoology at Occidental College

"Diversification in Mexican Birds"

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

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- "The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers"
- "A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds"



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., May 6, 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. May 13, 9:00 AM

WHERE:

Linden H. Chandler Preserve
3011 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Naturalists will guide you along a trail to experience this 28-acre nature preserve with blooming native plants. This restored habitat is home to the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly. Guides by the P.V.P. Land Conservancy. Moderate. RSVP



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., May 20, 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.

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 There's blood everywhere in my bird's cage and I can't find where on my bird that it's bleeding from. What do I do?

A Take some hydrogen peroxide and pour it on the area of your bird that looks most bloody. The hydrogen peroxide will bubble up, and you'll be able to see where the blood is coming from. If it's a feather, you can use Kwik Stop® Styptic Powder, flour or corn starch, put some on him. Pinch the area off for at least a minute (two if you can handle it) and see if the bleeding stops. If it doesn't stop, try it one more time. If that doesn't work, then you need to get to an avian veterinarian so that they can stop the bleeding for you.



I wish I had asked you sooner!



Q George, my Amazon, is under the paper on the bottom of his cage, and is attacking me when I try to clean up and put fresh paper down. Why is he doing this?

A He is in breeding mode, and you, my dear, are not equipped to rectify the situation. So, he's being particularly protective and grouchy. The best advice I can give you is leave him alone. You can change the papers when he comes out to eat, which he will do. Pick your battles, choose your timing and don't get hurt.

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Q My bird's right leg is dangling and he won't put any weight on it. What's going on?

A Sounds to me like he broke the leg, and you need to get him to an avian veterinarian as swiftly as possible.



Q My parakeet is holding onto his toy, that looks like a punching bag Penguin. He's really acting kind of crazy.

A Hmmm, another bird with an issue. That penguin is not cooperating with the urges that have gotten a grip on your parakeet. He is royally ticked off and probably trying to beat the penguin up. Obviously, he's not going to get anywhere. My advice would be to remove the penguin as soon as possible (and lose it!). If he's smart enough to ask you where it is, just tell him you believe it flew the coop!

Q My Macaw is sitting on two walnuts. Should I do anything?

A I will tell you a secret and don't tell anybody but.....they won't hatch, no matter what. If that makes her happy, let her have her walnuts to sit on and you certainly will have no calcium problems (and if she gets hungry, that is another problem solved).



Happy Spring & Mother's Day
With Love From
Karen,
"The Parrot Lady"

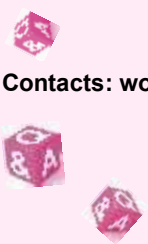


Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is a lifetime member of SBBS. Karen owns her own bird shop, **"Birds & More"** located at **4301 Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA.** **Contacts: work (310) 370-7550, home (310) 371-9967, text (310) 704-1210.** She counsels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

Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:

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Recent Cases of Stolen Parrots in Southern California

Below are three cases of stolen parrots:

From a bird store, a veterinary hospital and from someone's front porch

Three parrots, including 60-year-old bird that belongs to customer, stolen from South Bay bird store

Two of the birds were African Grey parrots and one double-yellow headed Amazon.



LAWNDALE, Calif. (KABC) -- Three parrots were stolen from a [South Bay bird shop](#) late Tuesday night, March 21, including one that's 60 years old and belongs to a customer. It happened at [Birds & More on Redondo Beach Boulevard in Lawndale](#). *(One of our sponsors).*

Two of the birds were African Grey parrots. The owner said the third bird, a double yellow-headed Amazon parrot named Ruffles, was being boarded at the store and needs medication. "As much as we would like the African greys back, and we certainly do, Ruffles is the important one," said Karen Allen with Birds & More. **"I mean, this is somebody's bird for 50 years and it's just heart wrenching."**

Deputies and the store's owner responded to an alarm, with the owner arriving to find the front door damaged. Inside, thieves had taken the birds from three separate cages, **bending the bars on one to reach inside**. "We found the cage on the floor with the doors bent and the **padlocks still on it**," said the store's owner, Karen Allen. **"(The thieves) had to have really scared that bird to have done what they did to get him out."**

In a Facebook post, the **store warned the public of about anyone selling an African Grey or an Amazon parrot who wasn't with a bird store**. **"We are absolutely devastated that thieves look at these lives as just money, when to us they are our whole world,"** the post says.

Detectives have been canvassing the neighborhood for surveillance video to help identify the suspects. Birds & More is asking anyone with information about the stolen parrots to contact them. The store has operated in the South Bay for more than 55 years. As of this date, the stolen birds have not been found.

Five parrots stolen from veterinary hospital

CALABASAS, Calif. (KABC) -- The search is on for five beloved parrots stolen **Thursday night, February 23rd**, from a **veterinary hospital** in Calabasas. **Video captured two men smashing through the glass door of the All Animals Veterinary Hospital**.

The owner has **12 surveillance cameras** and captured the scene as the burglars went straight for the birds, stuffed them in bags and were out in less than five minutes. In the video, you can hear the birds squawking. Three of the birds belonged to the veterinarian and his office manager.

Two of the birds were being boarded, including 11-year-old Scarlett. Her owner is worried sick. **"I've had her since she was a baby,"** Susan Kissler said. **"She's completely bonded to me, and she's a member of the family here and that's what I want people to know."** If you can help, call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. As of this date, the stolen parrots have not been located.

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[Brazen thieves steal parrot outside owner's home](#)

A family in California is asking for help after their beloved pet parrot was stolen from their front porch

A devastated California family is pleading for help after their pet parrot was yanked off their porch and stolen by a brazen thief in broad daylight. The hooded bird snatcher walked up to the front porch and aggressively grabbed the 4' by 2' bird cage with the parrot inside on **March 12**. The thief was captured alongside a second man, shoving the cage into the back of a red SUV before taking off with the animal. Police believe at least two people were involved in the theft.

The African Gray Parrot named Luna was snatched off the front of the **Orange County home** early afternoon. The family says their winged companion was outside getting some fresh air, and they are surprised at how quickly he was taken.



The snatcher of the cage was seen in a charcoal gray hoodie, gray gloves and light gray sweats, with his alleged accomplice wearing a tan bucket hat and black hoodie



The pair of thieves are seen loading the cage with Luna inside into the red SUV



The red SUV used as the getaway vehicle did not have plates attached to it at the time of the bird-napping

The grey-hooded thief stole the family pet in the middle of the afternoon. The family is pleading with the public for any information on the suspects involved. "Typically, we have him out for a little while, just to get some sun, and the person just came in and in a matter of seconds took the bird and the cage," Karen Gerardo, one of Luna's owners stated. Luna — **who's been with the family for 10 years** — is the family's son's pet, and the bird is said to be highly attached to the son.

"My brother tried chasing them down, but they drove off." They are asking the public's help. Gerardo said **Luna was "a joy to have around" and even knew how to sing along and mimic certain movies and television shows and would say "hello" if someone answered the phone around him. "No different than losing a dog or cat,"** Gerardo said **"Birds, specifically, have their own personality. So, it is a loss for our home."** Gerardo said her family has received an outcry of support from social media and local pet store owners and hopes someone will identify the suspects involved. "It's been difficult," Gerardo said. "It was a 4' by 2' [cage] in the middle of our living room, and having that void is a daily reminder that our pet is no longer with us. Not because it died, but because it was stolen by someone."

[THEN SOME GOOD NEWS!](#)

[SANTA ANA, Calif. \(KABC\) -- A Santa Ana family was happily reunited with their beloved parrot Tuesday after it was snatched off their front porch earlier this month.](#)

Santa Ana police say detectives used the surveillance video to track down the SUV and identify a potential suspect. The parrot was found when police searched the suspect's home Tuesday afternoon, according to the Santa Ana Police Department. The suspect wasn't home, but a woman inside the residence said the parrot was given to her as a gift by the suspect, police said. Good work by the Santa Ana police in reuniting this parrot with his family!

Follow the **TIPS** on page **9** **TO HELP KEEP YOUR PARROTS SAFE FROM THEFT!**
See pages 16-17 if you **LOSE YOUR BIRD, FIND A BIRD** or have your **BIRD STOLEN.**

IF YOUR PARROT IS STOLEN (or Escapes), WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Don't delay in getting the word out there!!

(Some of the following information may also be helpful if your bird escapes and is not stolen or if you find a bird).



File a detailed police report. This step can be very important in obtaining your bird if the thief is caught or someone does not want to relinquish the bird to the rightful owner.

MAKE AS MANY PEOPLE AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION AS POSSIBLE:

Ask for people to watch for anyone selling birds of your species, usually for insanely low prices.

Check ads on craigslist.com and your papers for anyone selling parrots that fit your description, as well as found ads – every day! Check for ads in neighboring states. Because people are learning to cover their bases locally, animal thieves often try to sell them out of state so as not to arouse suspicion.



***** Contact 911 Parrot Alert to make a parrot amber alert! BE SURE TO GO TO THIS SITE! *****

911 Parrot Alert (Official) is an international group dedicated to reuniting lost and found birds.

Their goal is to equip our members with the necessary **tools and knowledge needed to reunite lost and found birds back with their families.**

Database: It is important to **list your lost/stolen bird in the databases** provided as both owners and finders search these databases for lost or found birds. Please post your lost/stolen bird in 911 Parrot Alert's database located at **911parrotalert.com/** AND in the databases provided on the resource page located at **resourcesforlostfoundparrots.blogspot.com/p/lost-found-bird-databases.html**

911 Parrot Alert has outlined some **pertinent detailed steps that should be taken in the event you have lost or found a bird which includes some of the information outlined on the following page 17:**

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Contact shelters, bird stores, vets, animal control, SPCA, rescues and local organizations who will keep an eye out for your birds. The key to successfully finding your parrot is to cover as many bases as possible by creating an awareness of your situation. Especially in the case of lost birds, check your shelters daily as their hold period is only 3-7 days or less. Please register with and check petharbor.com/.

If your bird escapes and is not stolen, in addition to the above contacts, notify and provide flyers at local schools, the mail carriers in your area, garbage collectors, grocery stores, laundromats, parks and their staff, crossing guards, on telephone poles, etc.

By telling everyone what has happened, you are adding additional eyes and ears to your search.

Contact online parrot forums, bird clubs (such as SBBS & WLA), parrot Facebook and Instagram pages.

For your information— lost, found or stolen birds can be sent out to a list of SBBS members in the area and to other bird lovers from across the country if you contact SBBS Communications Director at: gidgetscal@aol.com.

When contacting parrot people, explain what has happened and **ask them to help by checking on the sales of birds.** Bird people understand that thieves are **kidnapping our feathered family.** They will go out of their way to try to help. These forums reach people all over the world. There will be some from your area who will offer suggestions.

Social Network such as on Nextdoor is a **free networking** service which will allow you to connect with and alert your neighborhood about a lost or stolen bird. Please get an urgent message posted in your area asap. **Have your neighbors check their security cameras for possible suspects of the bird thieves nextdoor.com/ and ring.com/neighbors.**



For lost birds, provide information on your postings what your neighbors should do in the case they see your bird, in addition on how to contact you. (See tips how to find and reunite with your bird from the "911 Parrot Alert" site).

Advertise: Please get a lost/stolen ad posted to both the 'lost & found' and 'pet' sections on **Craigslist**. The local **newspapers** and **other media** would also be a helpful source in reaching out to people.

If you offer a reward, it may increase the chances that your bird will be returned.

On all posters, ads, etc. make sure you mention how your bird is '**family**' to you (and your children perhaps). **Stress how much you care for your bird, and it may help to persuade someone on returning a "found" bird.** Craigslist.com



Fliers: If you have a lost/stolen parrot and need a flier created, you may do so directly from the resource page which can be printed and **shared to other lost and found Facebook pages, Instagram, Nextdoor and any other online platforms.** This site will help you create a flier Here: resourcesforlostfoundparrots.blogspot.com/p/create-flier.html

Beware of Scams: Unfortunately, there are some who like to prey on owners with missing pets. If you ever receive a text stating your bird has been found, but a verification code is needed, Do Not Send a Code. Do not give out a leg-band number. Ask the person for an identifying mark or something the bird said. **E-mail scammers use the ploy that they have your pet and will return it if you pay them up front (even before you see it).** Please know that only a scammer would do that. They don't have your bird. Any person that really has your bird would gladly let you see them. **Never wire funds or give out any financial information. Only give reward money when you have the bird. Make sure the person is willing to meet you in person (even if out of state) and you will avoid 99% of scam attempts.**

Here is more information regarding scams. resourcesforlostfoundparrots.blogspot.com/p/beware-of-scams.html



Sample of a poster

SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



RENEWAL MEMBERS: **Mike and Julia Comella**

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Number of Current Members: **90**

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.

(For those who like to bird walk in haunted forests)



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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. (You may want to turn off the water while you are scrubbing.)**
- **Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing.**
- **Please STAY HOME & away from others if you are SICK & CONTEGIOUS with a cold, flu, etc.**
- **Consider wearing mask indoors and when in close proximity to others. Respect people's choice on wearing a mask, even when it is not legally required. There are lots of respiratory viruses circulating right now and we need to stay healthy for ourselves and our birds.**



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



Kahlia & Gala

- ☀ 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, May 10th.

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!

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fine Feathered Friends Foundation	(310) 334-9062	www.finefeatheredfriendsfoundation.org
Parrot Rehabilitation Society	(619) 224-6712	www.parrotsociety.org
Parrots First	(866) 248-7670, ext. 5937	www.parrotsfirst.org
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TUNDRA By Chad Carpenter Here's an excuse why your bird does not talk...



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2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90245 (near the corner of Gould and Valley Drive)

MEETINGS are usually held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 P.M. OR are held on Sunday afternoons.

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

You don't have to own a bird to participate!

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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 ___
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