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What do YOU do to Keep Your Parrot Happy?

Monday, August 7 at 7 PM

We each find ways to make our parrot(s) happy from the moment they wake up through the time they go to sleep.

Once you start to think about what you do for your bird, the list is almost endless. We do things we may not think about because we love our feathered family and want for them to be able to have an enjoyable life.

At our August meeting, each of us will have the opportunity to share some of the various ways that we make our parrots happy. You might learn something new from another bird owner that you did not consider and can add to your routine to help keep your parrots thriving.

The next two pages are some samples of what we do for our birds. For example, what you do to make their food healthy and fun for them to eat? Talk about the household items or bird toys you give your bird to help keep them active and engaged. What kind of games or interactions does your bird like to engage in? How do you set up their cage to keep them safe, happy and comfortable? Are there special songs, TV shows or videos they like to listen to and watch? Come and share the ways with other bird owners, what you do to help keep your parrots happy!



WIN the Early Bird Drawing!

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/>

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.

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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Examples of Some of the Ways YOU Make Your Parrot(s) Happy



How does your parrot like to be greeted in the morning?

What and how do you feed your parrots so they will happily eat what you feed it while it is nutritious for them?



Do you make sprouts or other special recipes for your bird?



When your parrot is finished with breakfast, what are some of the ways do you give your bird to fulfil their desire to chew and shred?



What household items do you give to your bird to "play" with?



Most of the Cartoons are by Sally Blanchard



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MORE Examples of the Ways YOU Make Your Parrot(s) Happy

How do you celebrate seasonal holidays with your parrot?



What are some of the ways you can encourage your parrot to stretch it's wings?



Do you take your bird on outings or vacations?



Does your parrot interact with other birds? If so, how?



What are some of the ways you engage with your bird?



Do you do anything to make your parrot's cage area more comfortable?



Next month, there will be different examples of how YOU make your parrot(s) happy!

"Oh! My Aging Bird" An Evening with Dr. Teresa Micco Monday, June 5th

By Diane Sivas



Dr. Teresa Micco

SBBS was happy to welcome back Dr. Teresa Micco as our speaker at the June 5, 2023, meeting. After opening remarks from Janet Ragonese, Dr. Micco took control of the microphone and began her presentation. Even though most of us know her, she began her talk with a summary of her past experience in the veterinary world, which began at the age of 17, and continued until she entered veterinary school at the age of 45. She was determined to graduate by age 50—which she did—and has now been practicing for 12 years.



Janet Ragonese



Dr. Teresa
Micco

Her topic for the evening was caring for aging birds. She has lately been caring for baby hummingbirds and preparing them for release, but she is also sensitive to the needs of older birds. Asked what is considered old for a bird, she told us that budgies at 3 years are considered old, while larger birds such as Amazons, Cockatoos, and African Gray are considered old at 50. (Apparently, hearing that our Grey or Cockatoo will live until 70 is not true in the real world). Quality of life, she told us, is not only important for an aging bird but is important throughout a bird's life. Because "they are birds and are intended to be wild and free," we are not able to give them what they need as captive birds. Things to consider for older birds (and any bird for that matter) are appropriate housing, bedding, perches, nutrition, type of toys, and sleep patterns.

For housing (cages), we should consider safety, comfort, ease of cleaning, access to food and water, and temperature. An aviary is ideal, but circumstances don't always allow this to happen, so we must resort to housing them indoors. She then showed pictures of various types of enclosures, inexpensive and more expensive, that would safely house elderly birds as well as birds with disabilities. She introduced us to an older bird, Tom Tom, who now lives with her and husband Bill. He came to Teresa as an injured bird with a large wound that could not be closed surgically but was cured with a series of bandage coverings that allowed the wound to heal. He prefers rope perches and, because he can now grip with his feet, he is able to climb off of the bottom of the cage. Under the paper on the bottom of his cage is a grate and underneath the grate is a heating pad. Over him is a daytime UV light so he gets sunlight along with a heat lamp that is on 24 hours a day. And this lucky bird has two identical cages: one downstairs and one upstairs. The old guy is obviously well cared for! Tom Tom was afraid of people in the beginning, but time and gentle caring have helped cure him of that fear.



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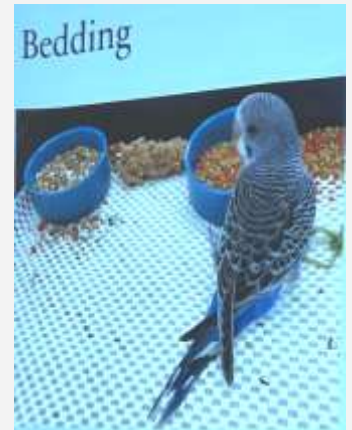
Next, she showed pictures of various types of isolettes, again, inexpensive to more elaborate. These are used for sick or injured birds. The more elaborate versions are often used in a hospital setting. She also showed examples of heating supplies (lights) that are typically used in and around cages, and explained how to ensure that it is not too warm or too cool for the bird.



Bedding can consist of paper towels and baby blankets that will help the bird contain his own body heat. Blankets that are draped over a cage don't provide heat but will help contain heat—but large cages that are covered won't necessarily be very warm inside.



"No slip," that is used under area rugs to keep them in place, can be used as cage flooring for birds that have trouble gripping and need some traction. Dr. Micco showed us different types of bedding that can be tailored to a fit bird's specific needs.



Perches can also be customized to meet individual bird's needs.



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Toys



Older birds also need toys, and every bird seems to have preferences. She told us about a cockatiel that comes into the hospital with his remote control--and apparently never goes anywhere without it! Too cute and funny!

Nutritional requirements continue throughout the life of the bird and must be adhered to. Pellet diets as opposed to a seed diet must begin early; if not, it is more difficult to later convert the bird to pellets.



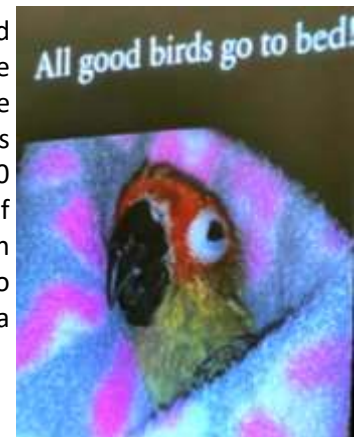
Dr. Micco showed different types of supplements, many of which can just be put in the water.



Food and water dishes must be size appropriate for the bird and, again, should meet individual needs.



The amount of sleep should also be considered. Little Tom Tom is tuned into the daylight hours and knows he's ready for bed at 5:00 PM. Birds need 12 hours of darkness and quiet, which is not always easy to do, so they must go to bed at a reasonable time.



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SBBS gave Dr. Micco a certificate and a donation to her favorite charity as a token of our appreciation

It was great to have Dr. Micco back with us.

Thanks to all who attended this in-person meeting and thanks to Dr. Micco for providing us with all the great information.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

See you at the August 7th meeting when we share what we do to make our parrots happy.



Diane Sivas


More photos of the meeting



Isn't this what it is all about in caring for our parrots?

Quality of Life

- Enclosure - cage, isolette, other
- Bedding
- Perches
- Food / water dishes
- Nutrition
- Supplements
- Toys
- Awake / Sleep times




Dr. Micco's presentation was enjoyed by twenty-five people, the largest audience at a SBBS meeting since we have been back meeting in person! There were three parrots too!



Kahlia, the blue-fronted Amazon, enjoyed spending time with her "God Mother" Donna Crossley who hand-fed her as a baby



Winkie, Sylvia Skidmore's African Grey, proved to all of us, it has a great quality of life by munching on a nutritious evening snack



The President of the West Los Angeles Bird Club, Doreen Seelig, updated us on their next meeting

SBBS Club Notes from the Board

Greetings BIRD LOVERS,

Each month, the topics discussed at the board meetings are shared with you in this section. Due to a family emergency, our President, Janet Ragonesi, was unable to give you an overview of our conversation. Here is what we covered.

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

Southern California is finally seeing sunny skies after experiencing a long “May-Grey” and “June-Gloom” weather that started in January.



With this increase in temperature, remember to change and clean your hummingbird feeders and bird baths more frequently.



JUST A REMINDER...

There will NOT be an SBBS meeting in JULY

Consider moving your birds away from the windows, closing your drapes and turning on the TV or radio to help your feathered and other pets endure that holiday’s celebrations.



LAST MONTH’S MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH with

DR. TERESA MICCO on

“OUR AGING PARROTS”



Dr. Teresa Micco

We are grateful for local veterinarian, Dr. Teresa Micco, to outline some of the health considerations to look for in our aging parrots. She shared ways to improve the comfort and conditions of several different situations. Dr. Micco appeared to have as much fun sharing her experiences with aging parrots as we did listening to her compassionate solutions. Thank you Dr. Micco for your wonderful presentation!

Diane Sivas has provided an excellent summary on Dr. Micco’s presentation, along with Gala’s photographs that include some of the slides viewed on *pages 4 - 7*.

JUNE’S EARLY BIRD DRAWING WINNER

Joni Blank Malukas, was the evening’s winner and had first pick of an item off of the raffle table. Congratulations! Thank you to our sponsors for supporting SBBS with their donations.



AN UPCOMING HYBRID SBBS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 7 PM

FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON



WHAT DO YOU DO TO MAKE YOUR BIRD(S) HAPPY?

The SBBS board met recently and decided it would be fascinating to hear the many different ways we have discovered to help make our birds happy. To get you thinking of some ways that work for you and your birds, *pages 2 and 3* list some examples. There will be more ideas of what we do to put a smile on our bird’s beak in next month’s newsletter.

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/>.

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LOOKING AHEAD -

"PARROT PARTY" PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 10th, 12-2:30 PM

at Columbia Park



This year, we will be having a "hybrid picnic" where you can bring food items to share with others or you can bring your own picnic lunch.

To reduce duplication of food dishes and you know what you want to bring to share, there will be a sign-in sheet at the August meeting. The club will be providing beverages.

More details will be included in a future newsletter. *See the flyer on page 11.*

PATTE FISHER PROVIDES SNACKS AT OUR MEETING

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



Thank you to Patte Fisher for providing beverages and trays of individually packaged goodies and fruit for our in-person meetings! Contributions to the donation box is appreciated. See what treats Patte brings on August 7th!

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!



PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS



Our sponsors make donations to SBBS for our meeting raffles and for our annual auction.

Please give them your business, whether it be for a bird product, grooming or veterinarian service.

OPTIONAL RSVP FOR SBBS MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



In an attempt to reach out to the community, SBBS is listed as a **pet/animal activity** on the "Meetup" website that is available to the public.

All of our meetings and activities 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 it is helpful).*

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 Meetup.

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

Since SBBS will NOT be having a meeting in July, consider attending one of the other bird clubs that month and meet other bird lovers!



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. 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 bird clubs.



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THE SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY BOARD UPDATE:

SBBS Continued Our Mission Throughout the Pandemic

Members of the SBBS board, supported by other volunteers, have been serving in their current capacities since long before the pandemic started. We pulled together to continue our mission to promote the well being of birds by moving our speaker presentations to ZOOM. SBBS board member, David Benjamin, stepped up and coordinated the technical aspects of holding ZOOM meetings. We even added some social and holiday ZOOMS to help us stay connected and not feel so isolated during this time. The newsletters, e-mails and the annual fundraiser continued throughout this time. We even held modified annual picnics in September.



David with Julia Scardina

SBBS Is Now Meeting “Hybrid” During Our Transition



Karen & Patte at the picnic

Fortunately, we are now back meeting both in person and on ZOOM to give you the choice of how you want to participate in our club. SBBS board member, Patte Fisher, has volunteered to bring snacks for us to enjoy at our monthly meetings. The board has decided to hold our upcoming picnic where everyone is invited to either bring their own lunch or bring items to share.

Moving Forward



We strive to return to some of our other aspects of the club including holding more community outreach activities and returning to having pot luck snacks or dinners. We have not yet returned to holding pot lucks mostly because we do not have anyone to oversee the coordination of the kitchen and buffet tables. **In the meantime, we are providing a donation box at the snack table to help Patte with the costs of the items she provides.**



Utilizing Social Media to Expand Our Reach

The board would like expand our reach to other bird lovers by utilizing social media. This would allow our club help promote the well being of more companion birds in our community and bring new members and participants.



Press releases are just not as effective in reaching people as before. Most of us have busy lives having to juggle our families, other responsibilities and our “free time.”

We Need to Organize As a “Flock” in Moving Forward



Each of the board members are wearing several hats with multiple responsibilities during the past few years to maintain our club goals. We love what we do, but, we are frankly getting tired and need some assistance in moving forward. A club is the sum total parts of its members and participants. We are bound together by our love of birds.

Please take a look at the volunteer and board list on page 21 to see ways you can step up to join our mission so we can continue to meet as a club.

Some of the most important functions we need assistance with are: [membership](#), [pot luck table coordination](#), [summaries of our monthly meetings](#), [coordinating social media](#), [newsletter proofing](#), [raffle prizes and raffle table](#), [setting-up the sound and technical equipment at meetings](#), [securing program speakers](#) and [organizing community outreach activities.](#)

Thank you for considering assisting in any or part of the aspects of maintaining the South Bay Bird Society.



“Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.”

~ Henry Van Dyke

Wing Hugs
to All Bird Lovers & Friends
From the SBBS Board



South Bay Bird Society



**Jasper,
The Party
Parrot!**

*Birds, family & friends
are invited!*

*Join us for our Annual
Picnic Celebration!*



PARROT PARTY SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 12-2:30 PM

(Volunteers are needed to help decorate & set-up at 11:30 am)

**Columbia Park at the Gazebo
4050 190th Street at Prairie Avenue**



- ◆ **Bring an entrée, salad, side dish or dessert to share or bring your own lunch**
- ◆ **Water & other beverages will be provided**
- ◆ **If you bring your “partying parrots,” bring their carriers, stands, food and water**
- ◆ **Seating will be available at the picnic tables**
- ◆ **If you need help unloading, call Janet at (424) 247-4447 when you arrive**

There will be a raffle too!



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
AUDUBON
SOCIETY



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

This hybrid Meeting is:
July 18, 2023



**“Insects Other
Anthropoids of the
Coastal Sage Scrub”**

Presented by: Bob Allen, Biologist
from the Los Angeles Lorquin
Entomological Society

Madrona Marsh Nature Center
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

Sun. July 2 & Aug. 6, 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.

Sat. July 22 & Aug. 19, 9 A.M.

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



Summer

Butterfly Count:

Sat. July 8

All are welcome to
participate, regardless of
expertise. To take part,
contact Kim Moore at
kims.sight@verizon.net.



Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures:
See information on the top of page 13.

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

West Los Angeles Bird Club
Wed., July 12th at 7:00 PM

Culver City American Legion Hall

5209 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

For more information, go to:

www.westlabirdclub.com or

call Doreen Seelig at: (310) 488-9749.



The Connecticut Parrot Club
Tuesday, July 11, 4 PM (PDT)



Join the fun & interactive bird trivia game,

“Where in the World and Other Parrot Facts”
hosted by Amy Hopkins, President of the Parrot Club



**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:**

- **How to Recover a Lost Parrot, Debbie Goodrich**
- **Target Training, Sheila Blanchett**
- **The When and Why of Necropsy, Dr. Kristin Sinclair**
- **Avian Flu, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video:**
<https://youtu.be/OfCs14g35cs> (Over 1,000 views!)
- **Tablets Communication and Play for Parrots,**
Jennifer Cunha
- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot, Dr. Graham Martin**



Lafeber Companion Bird Webinars for July at 12 noon PDT
You can see a current or previous webinar by going to:

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

- **July 14, “Avian Vet Insider - Enrichment & Building Trust Through
“Trick” Training” with Dr. Stephanie Lamb, DVM, DABVP (Avian
Practice)**
- **July 21, “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)**
- **July 28, “Travel—Is it Right for Your Bird?” with Pamela Clark,
CVT, IAABC, Certified Parrot Behavior Consultant**



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/NATURE WALKS

In Association with the PV/SB Audubon Chapter:

Motmots' Birds and Bird Watching Field Trip Adventures

Call our home number **before** each field trip to check for updates & to let us know you are joining us. Check the website for any added trips

For Information, Details and Reservations:

<https://pvsb-audubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Motmots-Summer-2023.pdf>



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



- **Sunday: July 16, 8 am: Field trip to Mt. Pinos/Mt. Cerroeste/Condor Preserve.** Meet in the parking lot of the Flying J gas station complex in Frazier Park, (just off I-5) Some areas require National Forest Adventure Pass or National Access pass. It may be toasty mid-day so wear layers. Bring your lunch, water, sun protection and lawn chairs for sitting and watching!
- **Sunday: July 30, 8 am: Field trip to the LA River to see returning shorebirds!** Take the 710 (Long Beach) Fwy South to the Willow Street offramp, head East over the LA River, and take the first right on Golden Ave, the first right on 25th, and follow this onto De Forest Ave. Park near the river access. We'll probably head for other points along the river as well. Since there is no sun protection on the river—bring hats and water!!!



NATURE WALK

at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach

Topics may include: birds, pollinators and more!

Sun., July 16

10-11 am: Grades 2-5th
11:15-12: All Ages



For info go to:
www.southbayparks.org

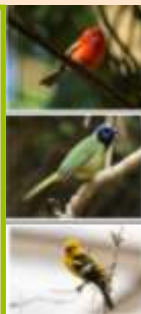
Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar

Saturday, July 29
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)

"Welfare and Standards of Care for Parrots" with Anthony Pilny, DVM, DIPL (Avian Practice)

Dr. Pilny has long been devoted to parrot welfare and standards of care. Link-in and hear details of how to care for our parrots.

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



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

The SFVAS will NOT be having general meetings or ZOOMS in July- August

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

Previous ZOOM include topics plus many more:

- "Diversification in Mexican Birds"
- "The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers"
- "A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds"
- "Crows and Ravens"



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



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

WHERE:

Vicente Bluff Reserve
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Naturalists will guide you along a trail at the bluff top from Point Vicente to Oceanfront Estates during the El Segundo blue butterfly flight season in an area containing restored coastal age scrub habitat. *Park in the dirt lot in front of the Point Vicente Lighthouse.* Guides by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. Easy. RSVP



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., July 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.

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 The Fourth of July is upon us and a standard question is: My bird is scared of the fire crackers and all the noise. What can I do?

A Start by closing the blinds or curtains (flashing lights and big bangs are terrifying) then turn on the TV (to any thing but Animal Planet). Even a 4th of July show with fire works is fine. Make it a bit louder than usual and leave the lights on. That tends to mellow out the big bangs and keeps the birds interested and much calmer.



Q I was given a baby Amazon that is 8 weeks old as a gift. It does not want to eat from the syringe, or on his own. What do I do?

A In California, it's supposed to be illegal to sell somebody a bird that is NOT weaned and not eating on its own for two weeks. The size of the bird and the syringe differs and the amount of food that you feed also differs. If you have not hand fed before please stop and get someone who knows what they're doing to show you how to properly hand feed your bird, or better yet, pay an experienced person to do it for you. It is so dangerous and easy to do the bird in, if you are not trained on how to do it right.



Q I like to put my African Grey in a locked cage on the front patio or in the back yard. Is there anything special I should watch out for?

A Are you kidding me? Let's start with thieves, cats, dogs, bugs, dust, hawks... we do not have enough time or paper to go on. The rule of thumb is NEVER LEAVE YOUR BIRD OUTSIDE UNATTENDED EVER!!!!



This Bird Remarkably SEWS His Family's Nest



Rumors of a small bird with an amazing skill enticed "The Darwin Team," a nature television documentary crew, back to the Tama River Triangle, a wildlife kingdom in the Tokyo metropolis.

The small bird they searched for with this skilled talent for nest-sewing is called a Streaked Fantail Warbler. It got its name because it has a long, often fanned tail. The bird is mostly reddish-brown with a grayish-brown head, a white eyebrow and cheek stripes, with a white throat and chest finely marked with black arrowheads. The long brownish tail is tipped with white.



This warbler is mainly found in the grasslands by the Tama River. Timing for the crew to make this trip was important. They had to arrive just after the rains had subsided and in time to see the tailored grass construction.



The male streaked fantail warblers arrive at the Tama River Triangle before breeding season and before the females reach this destination. The males literally "sew" surrounding long blades of silver grass together to form a cozy cupped-shape nest for potential mates and offspring. This pouch nest is suspended within a clump of grass for camouflage.

The impressive level skill of sewing skills this little bird performs is astounding. The "thread" they used comes from a special spider silk the males specifically seek out. This silk thread is not from the tacky threads of a web, but from the special silk used to protect the spider eggs on the underside of leaves until they hatch. This spider silk is not sticky. After the male passes this silk through the grass, he bunches up the end to form a kind of knot, ensuring the thread stays put. The long blades of grass are woven and sewed together to make this nearly invisible nest. It takes a for the warbler to build the nest.



When the females arrive, the males advertise their nests by flying around the area of the nest. Their zig-zagging flight display is accompanied by regular "zitting" calls that have been likened to repeated snips of a scissor.

The female warblers inspects the nest to see if that nest is suitable, the deciding factor in determining whether or not the male is approved for mating. To show her approval, she collects a fluff of the nearby congongrass and brings into the nest. This soft fluffy grass is used to line the nest to build a cozy home for the new warbler family.



The female lays between three and six eggs and she incubates the eggs. The eggs hatch after about 10 days. More than one brood may be raised. Females change their mates frequently and rarely stay within the same territory, while the males are less mobile.

You can view this 25 minute video which will make you say, "Oh my Gosh! I can't believe what this bird is doing!" The skill involved in this weaving and sewing process is truly amazing! **This is the best way to see this bird sew! You will be astonished!** Go to: <https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/ondemand/>



Why Were the Fireworks in Redondo Beach Canceled This Year?

The Los Angeles Water Board issued an order on May 25, 2023 that provided a **list of guidelines for any public fireworks displays that could impact ocean waters in order to reduce pollution and other negative impacts.**

This ruling affected the annual Redondo Beach fireworks display that was to be provided by the well-known company used throughout Southern California called, "Pyro-spectacular." In the past, Redondo Beach's annual fireworks show has been held off the Redondo Beach coast, being fired from a barge.

The fireworks company pulled-out of the contract with the city for the 4th after this order and re-booked itself on that date for a land display with another entity. The only way this company would agree to providing a fireworks show in Redondo Beach, was to move to an alternate site and on an alternate day such as on July 3rd. At this late stage, no other fireworks company was available to provide a show on the 4th to Redondo Beach at an alternate site. In addition, choosing an alternative site for a fireworks show would provide its own challenges such as safety and adequate parking.

DISCHARGE OF RESIDUAL FIREWORK POLLUTANTS TO SURFACE WATERS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

This Order from the L.A. County Water Board was intended to authorize discharges from public firework displays (residual firework pollutants) into waters in the Los Angeles Region under a series of strict guidelines and required the submission of a detailed plan for mediating the negative affects.

The Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of any pollutant into waters of the United States, except in compliance with a special permit. Residual firework pollutants that could fall into surface waters constitutes discharge of a pollutant. **Toxic or other harmful substances, including plastic, can cause deleterious effects on wildlife, [waterfowl](#) and marine life.**

When you read the list chemicals used in the making of fireworks, it is little wonder why the water board feels compelled to limit the residue from fireworks from going into the ocean. **In addition to these harmful chemicals, many of the fireworks contain plastic outer casings and have non-biodegradable inner components** which we already know is toxic to birds and fish.

It will be interesting to see what the City of Redondo Beach decides next year to celebrate the Fourth of July. **Perhaps a sparkling drone light display will become a more acceptable way to "light the sky."** They are becoming more popular around the world due the benefits of **not polluting the air, land and water and the safety of not starting fires.**

The drones use LED light which can create more than four billion color combinations and 3D images to present unlimited opportunities for artistic story telling in the sky about our nation's history of independence.

They can be used to create creative and more interesting images **without using the heavy metals that are harmful to breathing.** Drones can be **re-used** and can be powered using **renewable energy sources.**

One of the best parts is that audiences can enjoy the sparkling light show without the booms that can scare children, those with PTSD and many animals including our furry and feathered friends! Drone fireworks may becoming to a city near you including Redondo Beach!



DRONE LIGHT DISPLAYS

MAY BECOME THE NEW NORMAL!

UPDATE:

Late this week and after this article was written, the Redondo Beach City Council approved a contract with a company from out of state to provide a drone light display on the 4th of July off the coast of Redondo Beach! Thanks to city staff and council for meeting this challenge to still being able to celebrate our nation's independence with a colorful light display over our evening waves!

SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



RENEWAL MEMBERS: **Kathy Rollinger**

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Number of Current Members: **92**

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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SBBS MISSION STATEMENT

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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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 & CONTAGIOUS 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, July 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!

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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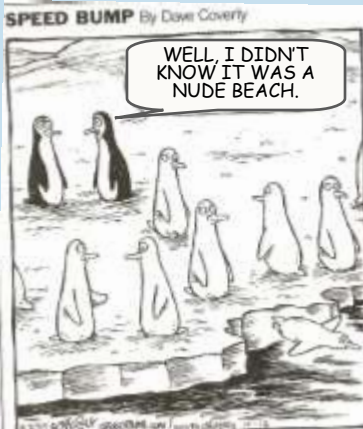


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2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90245 (near the corner of Gould and Valley Drive)

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!

Members are invited to participate Board Meetings which are usually the 2nd Monday of the month. Call Janet for details.

South Bay Bird Society — Officers and Board of Directors



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Do you want to volunteer in ANY way for SBBS?

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The people listed above have chosen to "Step-up" to help with our club. Thank you!





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