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September Speaker

Shawna Augustine

Lineolated Parakeets

Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow

September 14, 2013

**Salt Lake County Complex
2001 So. State,
Room N 1100
Salt Lake City
7:00 pm**



<http://lineolatedparakeet.blogspot.com>

President's Message

Happy September and Autumn everyone (bring on the cooler weather).

I am glad that we had everyone that showed up to the Bar-B-Q to make it such a hit. I think our feathered friends had a good time also. Let's keep up the fun and get together again..... Oh Yeah, it's time for us to meet again at our monthly meeting and this meeting is bringing us a great speaker.

Let's all welcome Shawna Augustine to our meeting. Shawna has been a member of the American Federation of Aviculture for 7 years, and is currently serving as the Utah State Coordinator. Having been around birds since she was 9, Shawna has a great understanding of our feathered friends. She will be talking to us about "Lineolated Parakeets - Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow". She is a member of the Lineolated Parakeet Society and has 3 lineolated parakeets as part of her flock at home with her husband Virgi. I am sure that we will get a unique perspective.

I know I cannot wait to hear what great education she has to bring to our meeting. As always I look forward to seeing the new faces so make sure we are all inviting new people to come join the meeting. See you there.

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Does Your Bird Think You're His Mate? Uh, Oh!

by Madeleine Franco

Part 2 of a 2-Part Article- Emphasizing Ways to Keep Your Bird

9) If your bird is constantly picking at new "blood" feathers, try increasing the protein in his diet.

10) Do not pet your bird in ways that will stimulate him sexually—never pet him under his wings, down his back or tail, or near his vent. Don't hold him close for long periods of time, and resist the temptation to put little birds in your shirt, even though their heads look adorable peering out of your own neck hole. Head scratches are fine, but even these in excess can cause him to misbehave.

11) Do not encourage your pet bird to regurgitate. If he regurgitates for you and you are accepting of that behavior, it could signal your acceptance of your role as his mate. Obviously, you cannot sustain that role, so it is best not to start something you can't finish.

12) Do not allow your pet bird to play with large boxes or extremely large (log-like) pieces of wood during breeding season. This can cause him to engage in nest-building behavior, which will likely take his hormones to a crescendo. If your bird is particularly fond of corrugated cardboard—and many birds are—try making toys out of corrugated cardboard cut into approximately 3" x 6" pieces and strung on a length of vegetable-tanned leather or cotton rope, with a knot between each of the pieces. This will give his beak the same tactile satisfaction without replicating a nest hollow. Additionally, evidence suggests that round toys (balls of all types, large wooden beads on the cage floor, and walnuts and other round nuts not recognized as food) can stimulate hormonal behaviors among both females and males, and it is best that such toys be withheld as breeding season approaches.

13) Do not allow your bird to engage in any self-pleasuring in your presence, and keep in mind that a bird's excessive self-pleasuring can result in prolapse, a very uncomfortable and inconvenient condition. Return him to his cage if he persists in behaviors that are unacceptable, and provide distractive activities and toys. Oftentimes, treating him to a bath or shower can help.

14) Your bird's hormones are triggered by the amount of light he receives. Try to limit the amount of bright light your bird receives to less than 12 hours a day.

15) If your non-breeding female bird lays an egg or several, don't panic, and don't pull the eggs. In all likelihood, she will only replace them by laying more, which ultimately can result in a calcium deficiency. Allow her to incubate the eggs until it occurs to her that her efforts are in vain—usually between 20 and 30 days. Her going through that natural cycle will signal her hormones to allow her to return to her normally scheduled life. For an excessive egg-layer, you may want to resort to plastic or ceramic eggs, as a bird typically doesn't lay more eggs while she is incubating others.

16) Toward survival of their species, all animals and birds are more likely to engage in mating behaviors in times of plenty or excess. Do not overfeed your pet bird, but don't deny him special treats either. Especially, don't give him more protein than he needs during the breeding season. Moderation is key.

17) Recognize sexual behaviors such as a sudden onset of wing drooping and panting in your presence for no other apparent reason and while remaining alert and otherwise animated, rubbing and excessive submissive or coo-like noises. In most cases, you're bird probably is not sick. Provide distractions if these behaviors should occur. If such behaviors persist for long periods of time, however--or if the bird is engaging in these behaviors alone in her cage and appears listless or exhausted--consult your vet, as the bird could be suffering from illness or some sort of blockage, including egg binding.

18) Know that loud vocalizations are oftentimes part of the mating/breeding cycle and will just as often subside once a seasonal peak has passed.

19) Many birds can become more aggressive and protective of their own spaces during the breeding season. Learn the body language (flapping wings, pinning eyes, rocking back and forth enthusiastically and with feathers ruffled, to mention a few), so as to avoid a nasty bite, which provides a bird's last line of defense against unwanted advances.

Treat your bird with humaneness and compassion for his "plight," and realize that this too shall pass.

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ALPHABET SOUP

What the letters mean:

BFA
Blue Fronted Amazon

BGM
Blue & Gold Macaw

BCC
Blue Crown Conure

CAG
Congo African Grey

DYH
Double Yellow
Headed Amazon

GCC
Green Cheeked conure

G2
Goffins Cockatoo

LCA
Lilac Crown Amazon

M2
Moluccan Cockatoo

MM
Military Macaw

JC
Jenday Conure

NC
Nanday Conure

OWA
Orange Wing Amazon

Q
Quaker

SC
Sun Conure

SM
Severe Macaw

SIE
Soloman Island Eclectus

U2
Umbrella Cockatoo

YCM
Yellow Collared Macaw

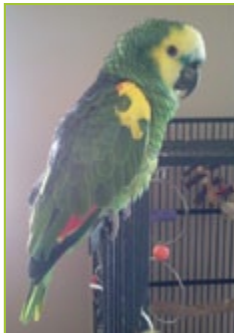
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Yellow Naped Amazon

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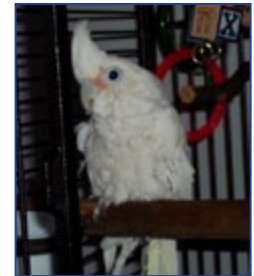
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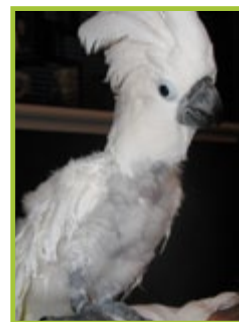
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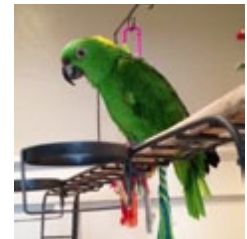
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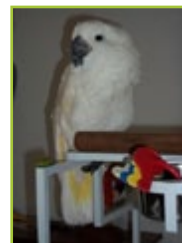
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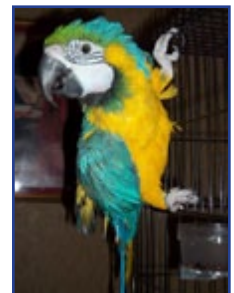
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BGM



Pretty Bird
YNA

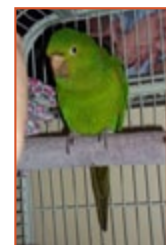
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Cleo
M2
(medical hold)

Beaker
U2

4 Cockatiels

Paco
Green-Cheeked Amazon
(red-headed)



Casey
White-Eyed Conure



Spirit & Petey
NC Pair



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Bird Food Facts

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Events

September 14, 2013-September WAES Meeting
Lineolated Parakeet

September 21, 2013- Strut Your Mutt
Liberty Park, Salt Lake City • 8:30 am - 1 pm
Contact Audrey Hollaar to volunteer a.hollaar@utah.edu

September 22, 2013- People's Market
International Peace Gardens, 900 W. 1000 S., Salt Lake City
9 am - 2 pm

September 28, 2013- West Valley City Pet Fest,
WVC Animal Shelter, 4522 W. 3500 S., West Valley City
10 am - 2 pm

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