



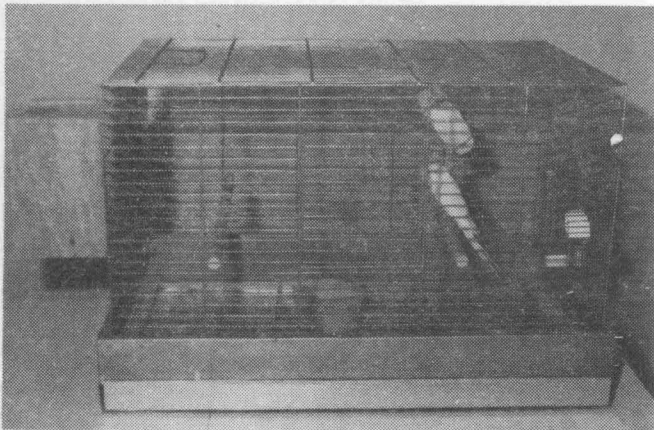
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DEDICATED TO CONSERVATION OF BIRD WILDLIFE THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT OF CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAMS, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

OCBB Introduces Educational Program

A pilot program of instruction in the hobby of aviculture has been instituted by the Orange County Bird Breeders. The ideas of introducing aviculture in the school rooms is one of A.F.A.'s long range projects. The Orange County Bird Breeder's A.F.A. delegate took the plans to their board meeting and met immediate approval. The program was put into action with the appointment of Chairwomen, Liz Snyder.



Typical breeding cage installed in classrooms by the Orange County Bird Breeders, showing nest box attached at left side. Cage measures 26" x 17" x 17", not including nest box.

With an initial investment of \$250.00, Liz and her assistants placed 20 large cages in 20 classrooms of 16 Orange County schools on March 15th of this year. The cages contained 10 pair of Zebra Finches and 10 pair of Budgies. Nest boxes made by Jack Snyder, were constructed to fasten to the outside of the cages, especially equipped with plexiglass tops, kept covered by heavy cloth until it was time for students to take a careful look at nesting activity. The cages were left at the schools until the close of the school session on June 6th. During this period lectures were given to 1000 students of grammar school age on the birds and their breeding habits. During one presentation 400 grammar school students handled a pet Patagonian Conure.

The programs were greeted with enthusiasm. Approximately 50 letters were received from the students.

At the close of the school session, the cages and birds were taken to the Awhanee Boy Scout Camp near Big Bear. The birds were placed in a large aviary in the nature study area for the summer.



Budgies enjoy a large flight aviary among the tall tree at Awhanee Boy Scout Camp near Big Bear. They'll return to school this fall.

The cages and birds will be returned to the classrooms in September. 15 to 20 more cages will be purchased and placed in additional classrooms during the upcoming school year. Orange County Bird Breeders have received many new requests from teachers who would like to be involved in this very successful and exciting program.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING

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San Diego County requires a special use permit to keep birds in outdoor aviaries in A-1 Agricultural zones only, which is a single dwelling located on up to 8 acres of land. Commercial, Industrial and other Agricultural zones can have an outdoor aviary without a permit.

Ordinances governing aviaries and the keeping of birds in the municipalities within the county may be governed by the municipality itself.

The city of San Diego requires that an outside aviary be at least 50 feet from the nearest residential door or window, adhere to all electrical and plumbing codes, and property line restrictions. The number of small birds kept in an outside aviary is not governed by ordinance. However, complaints regarding excessive noise between 10 PM and 6 AM, fly problems or rodents being attracted due to the presence of an aviary will be investigated by the San Diego Police Department and necessary enforcement action taken.