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NEW SPECIES ADDED TO THE ENDANGERED LIST

by Jerry Jennings

On Monday, June 14, 1976, the Department of Interior published a list of 159 animals to be added to the list of endangered species. Included in that list are 38 species of birds, several of which are important to aviculture.

Two species, the Elliott's Pheasant and the Red Siskin (also known as the Venezuelan Black-hooded Red Siskin) were a surprise and a hard blow to aviculturists. The Elliott's Pheasant is one of the most common species of pheasants kept and bred by aviculturists, while the Red Siskin has been used by canary fanciers for years to produce the Red Factor Canary.

Of particular interest to the Softbill breeder is the addition of two species of Cotingas. Following is a list of the new additions.

| Name (Common, and Scientific) | Known Distribution |
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| Solitary Tinamou (<i>Tinamus solitarius</i>) | Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina |
| Abbott's Booby (<i>Sula abbotti</i>) | Christmas Island |
| Frigate Bird (<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>) | East Indian Ocean Islands |
| Campbell Is. Flightless Teal (<i>Anas aucklandica nesiotis</i>) | Campbell Island, New Zealand |
| Pink-headed Duck (<i>Rhodonessa caryophyllacca</i>) | India |
| Harpy Eagle (<i>Harpia harpyja</i>) | Mexico, Central America, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina |
| Greenland White-tailed Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla greenlandicus</i>) | Greenland & adjacent islands |
| Peregrin Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus peregrinus</i>) | Europe, Russia |
| Black-fronted Piping Guan (<i>Pipile jacutinga</i>) | Argentina |
| Mitu (<i>mitu mitu mitu</i>) | Amazonian Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia |
| Elliott's Pheasant (<i>Syrnaticus ellioti</i>) | Southwestern China |
| Montezuma Quail (<i>Cyrotornyx montezumae merriami</i>) | Mexico |
| Cuba Sandhill Crane (<i>Grus canadensis nesiotis</i>) | Cuba, Isle of Pines |
| Black-necked Crane (<i>Grus nigricollis</i>) | Tibet |
| White-naped Crane (<i>Grus vipio</i>) | Mongolia |
| Lord Howe Wood Rail (<i>Tricholimnas sylvestris</i>) | Lord Howe Islands |
| Nordmann's Greenshank (<i>Tringa guttifer</i>) | Assam, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Siberia, Malaya, Burma |

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| Khar Turant Tsokhia (<i>Larus relicus</i>) | India, China, Tibet, South America |
| Mindoro Zone-tailed Pigeon (<i>Ducula mindurensis</i>) | Philippines |
| Bahaman or Cuban Parrot (<i>Amazona leucocephala</i>) | West Indies |
| Red-spectaled Parrot (<i>Amazona pretrei pretrei</i>) | Brazil, Argentina |
| Vinaceous Parrot (<i>Amazona vinacea</i>) | Brazil |
| Glaucous Macaw (<i>Anodorhynchus glaucus</i>) | Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil |
| Indigo Macaw (<i>Andorhynchus leari</i>) | Brazil |
| Little Blue Macaw (<i>Cyanopsitta</i>) | Brazil |
| Red-capped Parrot (<i>Pionopsitta pimenta</i>) | Brazil |
| Golden Parakeet (<i>Aratinga guaruba</i>) | Brazil |
| Hook-billed Hermit (<i>Pamphoden dohrni</i>) | Brazil |
| Resplendent Quetzal (<i>Pharouachrus mucinno costaricensis</i>) | Central America |
| Giant Scops Owl (<i>Otus gurneyi</i>) | Philippines |
| Helmeted Hornbill (<i>Rhinoplax vigil</i>) | Malaya, Sumatra, Bornea |
| Banded Cotinga (<i>Cotinga maculata</i>) | Brazil |
| White-winged Cotinga (<i>Xipholena atro-purpurea</i>) | Brazil |
| Koch's Pitta (<i>Pitta kochi</i>) | Philippines |
| Western Rufous Bristlebird (<i>Dasyornis broadbenti littoralis</i>) | Australia |
| White-breasted Silveryeye (<i>Zosterops albogularis</i>) | Norfolk Island |
| Red Siskin (<i>Spinus cucullatus</i>) | South America |

All of the birds listed have been added to the list of endangered species because of the status of their wild populations. Some of the species may be reclassified as "captive, self-sustaining populations" as soon as an application for such reclassification can be made. A census of the Elliott's Pheasant and the Red Siskin will have to be taken in conjunction with the application.

Until such reclassification has been made, aviculturists are reminded that it is illegal to buy, sell, or trade an endangered species in interstate commerce. Maximum federal penalties of ten years and \$10,000 fines may be imposed for violations. Also, aviculturists should keep in mind that some states may prohibit the possession of endangered species.