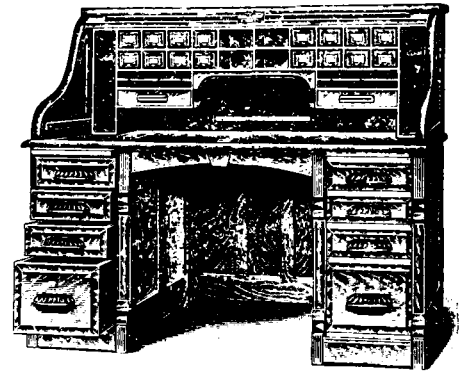


From The Editor's Desk

by Sheldon Dingle



Dear Sirs:

I recently became a member of A.F.A. at the convention in Long Beach. I own a Swainson's Blue Mountain Lorikeet and have been trying to purchase another bird but have been unable to do so.

Do you have the names and addresses of any breeders of Swainson's Blue Mountain Lorikeets?

I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank you,
Mrs. Patrice M. Wolfer
Redding, California

The best way to find a mate for your Blue Mountain Lorikeet is to place a wanted ad in the "Watchbird" and other avicultural journals. Thousands of bird breeders will know what you want and can contact you if they have a bird available. You might also contact some of the quarantine stations as a number of lories have been imported recently.

*Swainson's Blue Mountain Lorikeet (or Lory) is an ambiguous bird. It is also called Rainbow Lory. Under Rainbow Lory Forshaw lists twenty-one subspecies all of which are rather similar and will interbreed. The bird most commonly called Swainson's is *Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus*, but you could actually have one of several others. Good luck in pairing up your Lory.*

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank you for your efforts on behalf of the A.F.A. during its recent convention. You are to be highly commended!

I also thank you for extending the invitation to be with you on the program. It was a real pleasure and I enjoyed it very much.

The total program seemed excellent to me.

I'd like to encourage some of the clubs I know to join your effort. Can you send me the details on such? I'd like very much to bring the two hundred members of I.G.B.A. to some connection with the A.F.A. Club affiliation could do this.

Thanks again for all your effort and contact me if there is some work I can do.

Truly,
Harold Sodamann

photos for my article were taken by Steve McKinley of the Topeka Zoo. I hope you will print a statement to that effect in your next issue. I also would appreciate it if you could return the negatives for the photos.

Would it be possible to obtain a few extra copies of this issue for both the photographer and myself? Please advise me if there is a cost for this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chris LaRue
Topeka, Kansas

Thank you for such a well written and interesting article. See the "Oops" box for full photo credits. Your negatives are in the mail and we are sending you a half-dozen more copies of the magazine with the ridiculous cover. No Charge.

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I have been very impressed with the quality of the Watchbird and the apparent care you take in publishing accurate information. It is good to see that someone in this country can do a decent job publishing a bird magazine.

There are two things I would like to bring to your attention. First, in Rae Anderson's excellent article on Lady Gouldians (Watchbird, June/July) the scientific name was incorrectly given as *Poephila gouldiae*. The true name should be *Chloebia gouldiae*.

Second, I have noticed on occasion
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that certain authors use the term "specie" as the singular form of "species". It should be noted that "specie" refers to legal tender, i.e., money — not to animals. The term "species" is both singular and plural.

Again, thank you for the great contributions you are making on behalf of American aviculture.

Gerald Moore
Los Angeles, California

We appreciate the update on the Latin name. Some of our reference books (to say nothing of our researcher) are a bit old and tired. And regarding the specie-species thing, we have a genuine interest in both but will be more careful how we use them in future editions.

Ed.



Dear Editor:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Jim Baird at the Audubon Society here in Massachusetts.

We have recently repaired an aviary on our property but we are uncertain as to what type of birds to put in it. The aviary is hexagonal, about 7 feet across and 12 feet high. A bird house which was obviously meant for small birds is standing in it.

Could you possibly steer us in the right direction as far as finding the information which we need to go about deciding on the appropriate birds? I would very much appreciate any information which you have.

Sincerely yours,
Antonine Gal

Your best bet would be to contact the local aviculturists. They can tell you from experience which birds do well in your particular area and climate zone. It would be well to meet with a bird club or two if there are any organized in or near your town. Club members are always delighted to express their opinions regarding your birds. Two A.F.A. member clubs that may share similar climate problems are:

*American Singers Club
Madeline Mysliwicz
1413 N. Britton St.
Wantagh, New York 11793*

and

*Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society
Herschel Frey
1170 Firwood Dr.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15243*

Ed.

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PSITTACOSIS ROUNDTABLE

Everything you've always wanted to know about psittacosis, but were afraid to ask.

On May 17, 1976, a meeting of about 100 interested participants was convened in Los Angeles to discuss all aspects of the Psittacosis Problem. Included among the group were representatives and spokesmen from the quarantine stations, wholesalers, retailers, bird clubs and private collectors, Federal and State regulatory agencies, Federal, State, and County public health departments, Federal, State, and County diagnostic facilities, manufacturers and dealers in feeds, supplies, and medications, law enforcement agencies, and educational institutions.

The subjects covered ranged from a brief history of the disease through its characteristics, its impact on the quarantine station operators, dealers, and collectors, the influence of smuggling, and the treatment of individual birds and flocks. Each subject was introduced by an expert in the field and was thoroughly explored by the group. The discussions were informative, often spirited, and very interesting. The entire meeting was taped so that a permanent record might be prepared. Some seven hours of discussion have been edited and refined to yield about 85 pages of printed text. An effort was made to retain all of the solid and important facts which were presented, as well as some of the flavor of the animated discussions. This approach was taken because it is recognized that the solution of this kind of problem requires not only authoritative information, but a consideration of the human emotions which are involved.

If you have a personal or professional interest in the problem of psittacosis and wish to be more fully informed, this is your opportunity to obtain the most recent, authoritative, and concise information available in the past twenty years. Your copy of the 1976 Proceedings of the Psittacosis Roundtable will be mailed to you post paid upon receipt of your check in the amount of \$6.00. Checks should be made payable to and requests may be directed to:

Ralph Cooper, D.V.M.
Veterinary Laboratory Services
P.O. Box 255
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