

# Nestmates Anonymous

This service is to match unmated birds, to bring joy to forlorn single birds and their discouraged owners, and to broaden the gene pool in needy species.

To list a bird give as much of the following as you can: English name or names by which it is known, Latin name and sex; your name, address and phone number; one dollar for up to four birds.

To answer a listing send a separate letter for each bird sought (each one goes to a different source), including your name, address and phone number; enclose a dollar for each bird sought (to cover mailing your response).

Address all communications to Ms. Cathy Grosse, 3120 Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211. Do not write to the *Watchbird!*

## WANTED:

- 2 female Hyacinth macaws,  
*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*
- 3 female Sun conures, *Aratingia solstitialis solstitialis*
- 1 female Tresmariae amazon,  
*Amazona ochrocephala tresmariae*
- 1 female Yellow collared macaw, *Ara auricollis*
- 1 female Alexandrine parakeet,  
*Psittacula euphatria nipalensis*
- 1 female Greater sulfur crested cockatoo, *Cacatua galerita galerita*
- 1 male Red vented cockatoo, *Cacatua haematuropygia*
- 1 male Moluccan cockatoo, *Cacatua moluccenses*
- 2 male Red fronted macaws, *Ara rubrogenys*
- 2 male Scarlet macaws, *Ara macao*
- 1 male Noble macaw, *Ara nobilis*
- 1 male Orange winged amazon,  
*Amazona amazonica amazonica*
- either sex Buffon macaw, *Ara ambigua*
- either sex Rose breasted cockatoo,  
*Eolophos roseicapillus* ●

## The Slaughter of the Birds

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Naturalists were appalled recently when employees of a television station at Springfield, Illinois, the high tower of which was near the Sangamon River, picked up 827 dead or crippled birds one morning near the high mast.

In this huge slaughter of migrating birds, 40 species were identified, the six most numerous being the grey-cheeked and Swainson's thrushes, red-eyed vireos, ovenbirds and the Tennessee and chestnut-sided warblers.

Then a second kill at this same television mast chalked up 219 dead birds. Later, the third kill snuffed out the lives of over 1,100 song birds. It is significant to note that all of these bird kills occurred in September.

Why the mass suicide of our song birds?

There are a number of reasons, most of them made by man.

Birds a-wing on migratory flights run into foul weather, much as humans do on the highways. Lighthouses, tall buildings, monuments, tall radio and TV masts and microwave towers all are traps to flocks of night-flying birds. They fly into the structures in storms, usually in the dead of night, and because they fly at great speed, death usually results.

Evidently this is a wildlife tragedy that at the moment has no answer.

The mystery of bird migration has always fascinated bird lovers. The little purple martin flies over two thousand miles to South America for the winter. The seasonal flight of birds in migration is one of the great phenomenon of nature. But now man has added his own obstacles in the form of high buildings, towers and communication aerials, into which the birds get entangled.

Why do certain high structures in the nation never have a bird-kill? The frequency of these bird-kills take place

only on the migratory routes used by birds, year after year. One path of migration, called a flyway, follows roughly the Mississippi river, and any barricades built in this path has bird-kills far too often for the consciences of naturalists.

Weather also plays its part. The rapidly-flying flocks of migratory birds



There are more than 500 towers such as this along our flyways, and all of them get their share of birds on migration.