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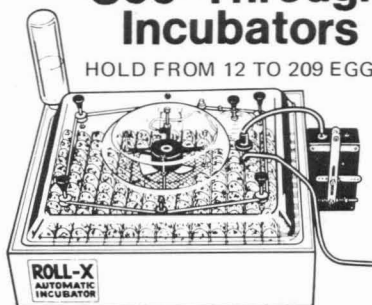
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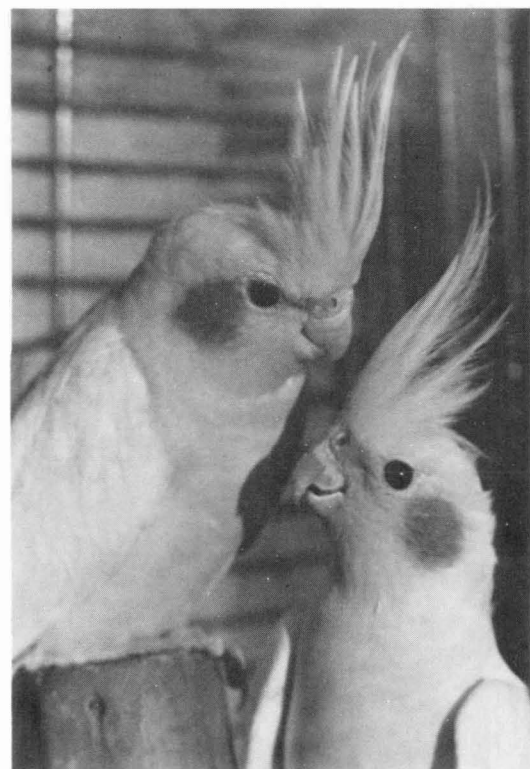
A lot more of them deserve to be printed in the Watchbird than we have space for here. On the front and back covers, this page and page 37, are the winners in the three categories. Mike Demlong chaired the committee and Ralph Jones, Al Valenzuela, and Bob Freud served as judges.



Bethany Franco
— Tanager



Kristen Buhl
— Brown Pelican



William Parlee — Cockatiels



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Please — when dealing with strangers use only sound business procedures. And when dealing with friends be even more careful.

OOOOPS — Photo credits were overlooked for the Aug/Sept '77 cover birds. Those beautiful photos, the Violet Eared Waxbill, and the Crowned Pigeon, came to us by the courtesy of the San Diego Zoo.



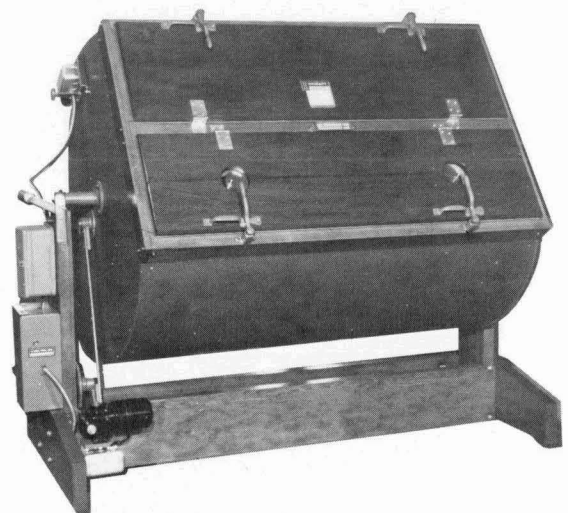
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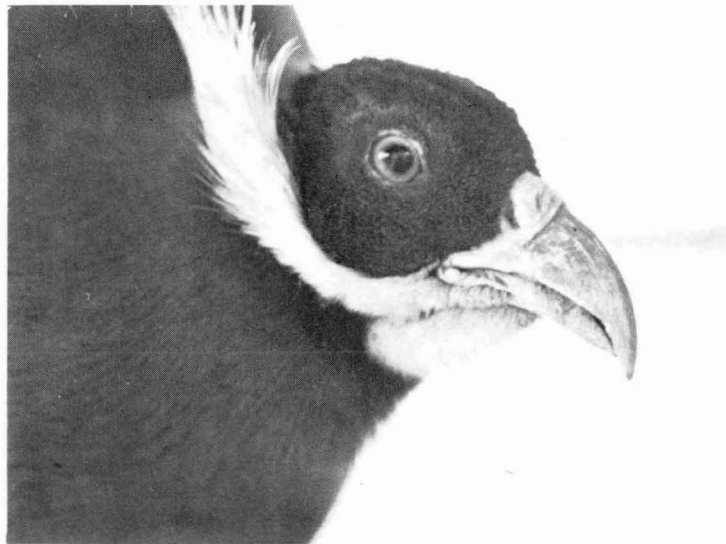


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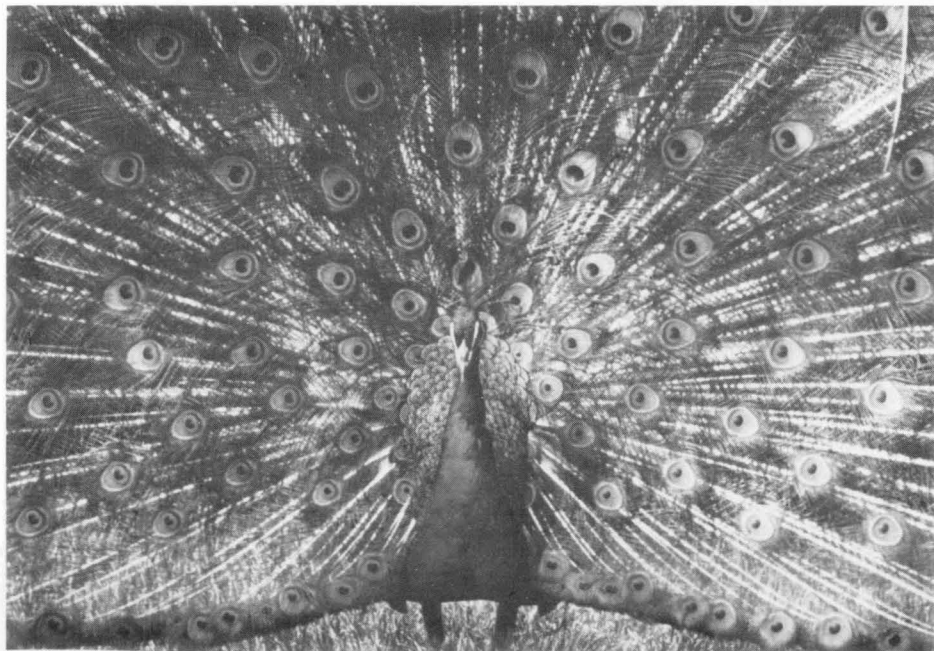


Craig Hendee – Brown Eared Pheasant

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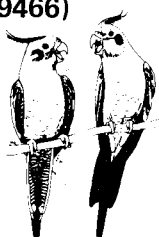
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PSITTACOSIS *contd. from page 10*

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2. Never introduce a new bird into your flock until after it has survived a 30 day quarantine period under your own direct control. It may be prudent to medicate some birds for psittacosis during this period.

3. Seek an early diagnosis for the cause of any suspicious deaths or illness among the birds in your flock.

4. If psittacosis is found in your flock, follow the official recommendations regarding medication and disinfection, to the letter.

I would like to conclude the discussion with this final observation. There should be no stigma attached to the collector or dealer whom you hear has had the disease. At least he is conscientious

enough to seek the answer to his disease problems.

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Recommended Reading

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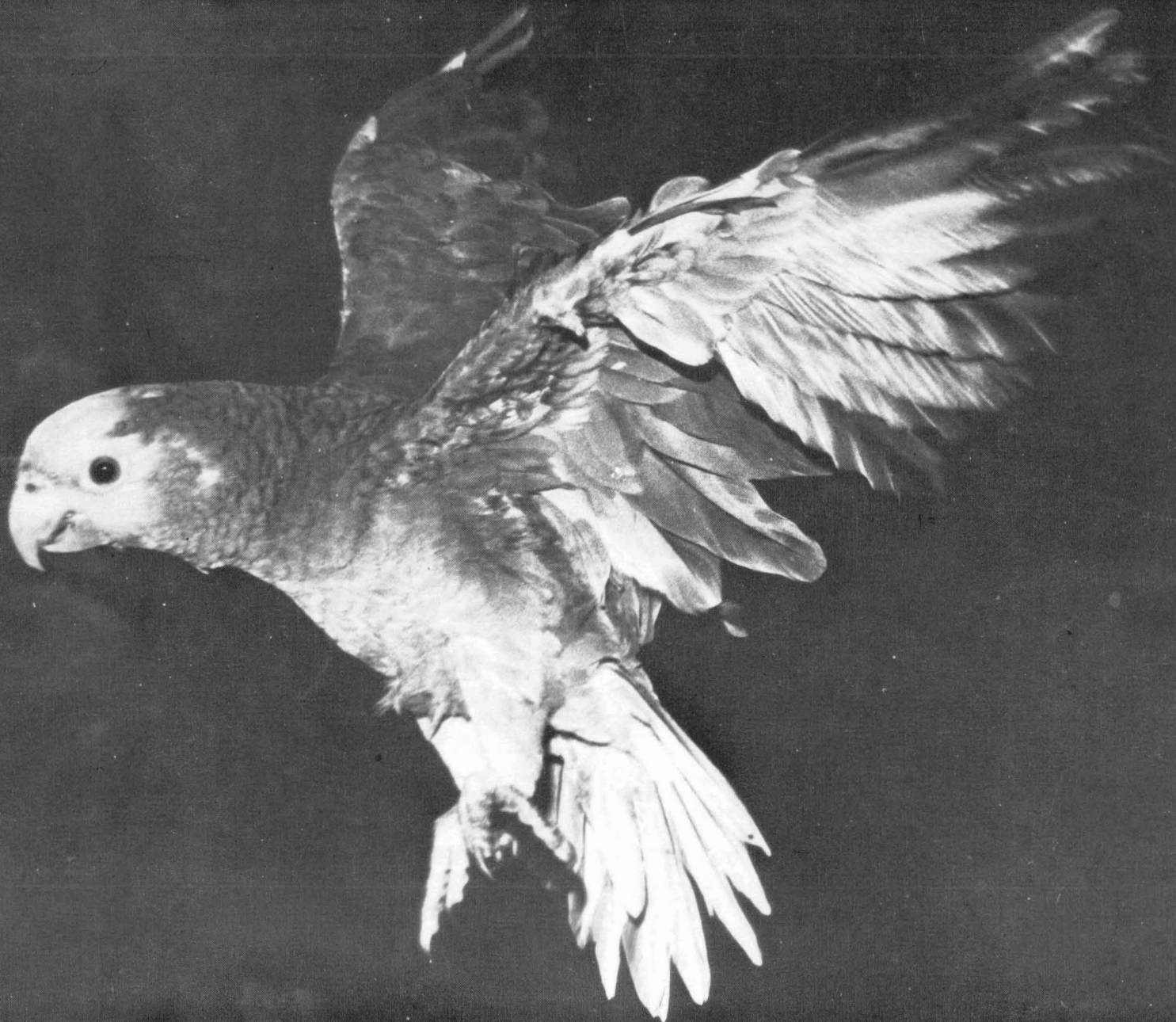
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