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The Mexican Thick-Billed Parrot is a magnificent, rather large parrot that used to inhabit parts of Arizona. It is now an endangered species but has been bred in captivity. See article on page 6. Photo courtesy of San Diego Zoo.

### BACK COVER

These beautiful Black-Necked Swans enjoy life on their pond at the McConnell Farm. Black-necks are rather shy swans but can be bred and raised in aviculture. Photo by Ken McConnell.

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