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Calif. Food & Agriculture Moves to Ban Psittacines

A.F.A. has been advised, through a correspondent in Sacramento, that the State Department of Food and Agriculture is drafting a proposal to prohibit the importation and possession, in California, of the Indian Ringneck Parakeet, Nanday Conure, and Canary Wing Bee Bee because of evidence of these birds breeding in the wild, within the State. Two additional Psittacine species, Double Yellow Headed Amazon, and the Red Headed Amazon have been sighted in the wild. Although no evidence of their breeding is available, they also may be banned. After the proposal has been finalized, it will be submitted to the Wild Life Importation Advisory Committee for recommendation or rejection. The A.F.A., through it's representative on this committee, will gather scientific evidence in the support of countering this proposal, to protect avicultural interests.

Members will be kept advised of the status of this proposal through the Watchbird and delegates of the member clubs. ■

A.F.A. SECRETARY RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO PET BIRD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The California State Department of Public Health has accepted the nomination of A.F.A. Secretary, Russ Sutton, for appointment to the Department's Pet Bird Advisory Committee. Dr. William Mayer, Director of Health, advised Mr. Sutton in January of his appointment to fill a vacancy on the committee with two years of the three year term remaining. Mr. Sutton's term expires December 31, 1976.

The Pet Bird Advisory Committee is charged with the responsibility of administering the state leg-banding law for Budgerigars. The law, an outgrowth of the Psittacosis scare years ago, requires all Budgies wear non-removable official legbands for which the breeder must pay a Health Band Fee.

Mr. Sutton has had many years experience with Budgies and other species of birds. He is one of the delegates of the Orange County Bird Breeders and was elected President for 1975. ■

Proposed Classroom Study Of Bird Behavior

Mr. Roger Talley, a teacher in San Diego, is preparing a study program for the classroom designed to develop interest and concern for birds. Mr. Talley feels that birds are individuals in the economy of nature and their behavior is an absorbing interest. They should lend themselves well to science experiences that students would appreciate.

The program will begin by encouraging undirected observations. Such observations will lead to elementary investigations involving measuring, record keeping, design and fabrication of equipment, and ultimately drawing of conclusions.

Mr. Talley has submitted a brief outline of the proposed teaching guide. The outline:

- I. Introduction to Birds.
- II. Activities.
 - a. Bird Watching.
 - b. Observation Experiments.
 - c. Additional Field Activities.
 - d. Education Suggestions.

Appendix

- I. Notes on Materials.
- II. Information on Specific Breed
 - a. Food
 - b. Shelter
 - c. Habitat
- III. Plans for Cage Construction.
- IV. Bibliography.

Upon completion, the guide will be available to put to use in the classroom—to be presented to a teacher when a pair of birds are introduced to the class through the A.F.A. members or member of it's affiliated clubs. ■