

Pionus Breeders Association Sets Up Studbook

The Pionus Breeders Association has just set up a Stud Book for each of the Pionus species. This is being done to enable breeders to know where their breeding stock came from and to make sure that we are keeping a clean gene pool. Some of the Pionus species are in great need of protection in the wild and further we need to have captive breeding populations set up now. Toward that end we are, at this time, asking all owners of the Pionus species to please answer the following questions about their bird or birds and forward that information to The Pionus Breeders Association for tabulation. It is only a matter of time before all bird species are in dire need of captive breeding programs due to the loss of rain forest in the home countries of each species.

Please submit the following:

- 1) Your name, address and telephone number
- 2) Species of Pionus
- 3) Total number of Pionus
- 4) Band numbers
- 5) Sex
- 6) Pet or breeder type bird
- 7) Domestic or wild-caught
- 8) Name of breeder
- 9) Age of bird
- 10) Name of bird
- 11) Any information you believe would be helpful.

The Pionus Breeders Association is now in the process of setting up captive breeding populations in the countries of origin. This will start with the breeding of some of the more threatened species and should, within a short time, include all the Pionus species. Since this is a major undertaking, we would like to enlist your support as a pet owner, bird breeder, or as a concerned environmentalist. If you wish to help support this effort, you may join the Pionus Breeders Association (you need not be a breeder to join) and send \$10 to Pionus Breeders Association, Bill Arbon, Ed., P.O. Box 540, Johnson City, Texas 78636. Should you wish to make a specific contribution for the Captive Breeding Program in the country of origin, please send a check in whatever amount to the same address just given. This will be a costly but very rewarding venture and we need all the support and donations you would favor us with. This is also a chance for you to have a beneficial impact on the continued existence of this special species, the Pionus parrot.

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