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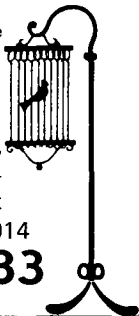
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U.S. Endangered Species Act Enforced

The U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Endangered Species is cracking down on the interstate sale and shipment of endangered species for commercial purposes* without a permit, as evidenced by the recent confiscation of a pair of Turquoise and Scarlet-chested Parakeets at a Miami, Florida airport. The birds, shipped by A.F.A. member Robert Graves of Kentucky (who was unaware of their endangered status), were turned over to a Miami zoo, although the Scarlet-chested Parakeets were later returned to their owner. Mr. Graves was subsequently visited by agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kentucky Fish and Game Commission, however, no further action was taken.

In a July 7th telephone conversation with A.F.A. President Jerry Jennings, Mr. Earl Baysinger, Chief of the Office of Endangered Species, said the Scarlet-chested Parakeet was definitely on the endangered list and was surprised they were returned to their owner. No plans to remove the Scarlet from the endangered species list are under consideration, according to Baysinger, and he could not offer an explanation for their return other than they were probably not properly identified by the confiscating officer as an endangered species. The Scarlet-chested Parakeet is often referred to as the Scarlet chested Parrot and Splendid Parrot.

Mr. Baysinger further stated that the long-awaited guidelines for the reclassification from endangered to threatened "... certain captive, self-sustaining populations of exotic (birds). . ." would be published in the Federal Register within the next two weeks, allowing the usual sixty days for public comment. Under the new procedures many of the common aviary bred birds, though endangered in the wild, will be exempted from the ban on interstate sale. Reclassification, however, will not be automatic. Rather, it will be based upon reliable information submitted by the A.F.A. and other concerned organizations. Wild-caught specimens of endangered species will still require permits for importation, regardless of their captive status.

If and until reclassification occurs, the following species are listed as endangered, requiring a federal permit for their shipment across state lines.

DUCKS

Hawaiian (Koloa)
 Laysan (Teal)
 Mexican
 White-Winged Wood

GEESE

Aleutian Canada
 Hawaiian (Nene)

PHEASANTS

Bar-Tailed (Humes)
 Blyth's Tragopan
 Cabot's Tragopan
 Western Tragopan
 Brown-Eared Manchurian
 White-Eared Manchurian
 Chinese Monal
 Edwards
 Imperial
 Swinhoe
 Trinidad White-Headed Cuckassow
 Mikado
 Palawan Peacock
 Schlatters Monal
 Red-billed Curassow

QUAIL

Masked Bobwhite

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

Attwaters Greater

PARRAKEET

Scarlet Chested
 Golden-Shouldered
 Turquoise
 Orange-bellied

PARROTS

Thick-billed Parrot (Mexico)
 Baotamas or White-fronted Amazon
 Red-Browed Parrot (Brazil)
 Orange-fronted Kakariki (New Zealand)

SOFTBILLS:

Rothschild's or Bali Mynah

A.F.A. members and other aviculturists may help in securing reclassification by submitting the following information to: A.F.A., P.O. Box 1125, Garden Grove, Calif. 92642.

1. Name of endangered species & number of breeders (pairs) in possession.
2. Number of young reared annually, i.e., 1973, 1974, 1975, etc.

Names and addresses of all aviculturists providing the above information will be kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL! The U.S. Endangered Species Act does NOT restrict intra-state possession and sale. To the best of A.F.A.'s knowledge, non-native endangered species may be legally kept under state laws (Illinois excepted) without permit.

*Commercial purpose is defined as the interstate sale and shipment; loans and gifts are not considered commercial. Maximum civil and criminal penalties of \$20,000 in fines and/or one year in prison may be assessed under the existing law for violations ■