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Happy Pollydays! Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

During 2021, we conducted our twice-monthly Zoom meetings, had our Member Appreciation Picnic, and attended outreaches—we were cautious and it worked.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID, we will continue to be cautious in 2022. Our in-person meetings for 2022 will be on a quarterly basis (to include our Member Appreciation Picnic in July). More info inside this newsletter.

Our members continued to support the club by attending and participating in our Zooms, the picnic, cage sales/fundraisers and outreaches. Thank you to Kaitlin Saxton for donating an iPad Mini4 to the club to use at outreaches and meetings. Kaitlin also donated the brand-new Instapot for the Holiday Party Raffle. Thank you to Juli Straehle for donating “locking donation boxes” to be used at outreaches and for the macaw pillow as a raffle prize. Many thanks to all our members for donating their time in keeping the club moving forward and spreading the word about proper parrot care.

Great news, Jeffrey the older amazon at The Brookhaven Town Shelter, has been adopted by a very qualified couple. Jeffrey’s original owner taught Jeffrey how to talk, sing, count and be a fabulous bird all around. The shelter took very good care of him while a new qualified owner was being sought.

Kudos to our Parrot Placement Committee for continuing to help re-home parrots in this virtual world. Did you notice that the parrots featured on the holiday card were some of the parrots adopted during 2021!

Did you know that the Long Island Parrot Society has a Charitable Donation Fund? In line with our dedication to responsible bird ownership through education and example, we may donate to non-profit organizations or other entities serving, supporting, or caring for parrots in need. We allocate \$500 annually for this fund. During 2021, we donated to the following non-profits: Sam, I Can Foundation and Foster Parrots. At end of 2021, there is \$300 left in this fund. If at the end of the year this amount has not been donated, it will be divided and donated to the nominated LIPS Charitable Organizations. Our members will be polled during the in-person December meeting and via a Zoom poll to see which organizations should be considered for a donation. List is being compiled now for your consideration.

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In 2022, there will be changes to the Board of Directors. The following board members will be stepping down: Anne DePietri, Paula Basso and Patricia LoRusso. Anne, Paula and Pat will still be members of the club (so we can still benefit from their knowledge). We wish to thank them for their time and dedication to the club and wish them all the best. Anne was a steadfast leader while at the helm of the club; Paula bought in all those wonderful speakers during our in-person and Zoom meetings, as well as Parrot EXPO; Pat helped with the various outreaches and EXPO.

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VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING starts 7:00 p.m. following speaker. PLEASE MUTE YOUR AUDIO during speaker. SPEAKERS: Begin at 7:30 p.m. +/-20 minutes.
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Monthly Meetings:

Help with set-up before meeting and break down afterward
Coffee/Refreshments
Volunteers for **Parrot University** and **Outreach Events**
during the year

UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

- **Wednesday, December 15, 2021:** 7pm LIPS Annual Holiday Party...***IN PERSON!*** RSVP is required by emailing: info @ liparrots.org, or calling 631-957-1100 by Friday, Dec. 3, 2021
- **Wednesday, January 19, 2022:** Regular Zoom Member Meeting - Speaker TBD.
- **LI Pet Expo:** Outreach Event at Suffolk Community College, March 5th and 6th, 2022

OUT OF TOWN & VIRTUAL EVENTS

Organizations: list your upcoming events here. Email information to: editor@liparrots.org

- Livestream on The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan and Jack Pine host an informative and entertaining presentation on different avian topics each week! There's a trivia contest with a prize too! If you 'like' The Leather Elves page, you'll get a reminder when the livestream starts!
- **Saturday March 26th, 2022:** Connecticut Parrot Society FeatherFest in Middletown, CT.
- **Thursday - Sunday, August 4-7, 2022:** American Federation of Aviculture 48th Annual Educational Conference & Avian Expo, "Go BIG for Aviculture". Hyatt Regency, Dulles; Herndon, VA. Hotel \$99.00 per night for attendees. Visit afabirds.org
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- **Thursday - Sunday, November 3-13, 2022:** Parrot Lovers Cruise, Panama Canal Transit through New Locks aboard the Caribbean Princess. For further information, visit their website: <https://parrotloversruise.com/>

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FINANCIAL REPORT - November 2021

Deposits as of November 2021

Deposits	\$ 2270.57
Total Deposit:	\$ 2,270.57

Expenses as of November 2021

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CRM (SalesNow):	\$ 60.60
Misc:	\$ 969.51
Total Expenses:	\$ 2308.08

TFCU Account Balances as of November 30, 2021

Operating Fund:	\$ 6840.00
EXPO Fund:	\$ 10,593.00
Parrot Care:	\$ 2,649.45
MM (Shelter):	\$ 132,825.97
CD (Shelter):	\$ 9,188.80
Total:	\$ 162,107.22

Board Meeting Minutes - November 2021

November 10, 2021 - 7pm via Zoom: Donna Barbaro, Susan Chamberlain, Anne DePietri, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Pat LoRusso

Raffle prize for 11/17 Zoom meeting: Bird toy gift card.

HOLIDAY CARDS: Photos needed ASAP; successfully adopted birds in 2021.

Dec. NL deadline: Nov. 28; need additional time to proof NL and get it to the printer; to be mailed by Dec 6 or 7th. 471 NLs mailed in November. Gift card for print shop for holidays? They've always been very accommodating. Approved for \$100.00.

ELECTRONIC NL DISTRIBUTION: December paper version will be the last except for people who have requester paper. Shawn has set up PDF of NL on server. We will distribute link through Feather Flash. File name will remain the same, so we don't have to change the link each month. Shawn can put file on server each month. Archives are completely different and can be considered for future. NL will be available all month until new one is created. Can people who miss a month gain access to missed issue? Archives possible in the future. How much time do we want to elapse between publication & archiving? 525 to be printed for December.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Awaiting RSVPs from members. Servers will serve food & coffee. Kaitlin donating Insta-Pot for raffles; Lottery tree to be member appreciation raffle. Roberta Fabiano to donate entertainment services. New Food vendor Jamie at "Pet Store Next Door" will be at Holiday party. Hand sanitizer to be provided at party. Lg at entrances; smaller at each table.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Kaitlin wants to rename the public page 'Friends of Long Island Parrot Society' to differentiate it from our "group". FB 'Group' where people ask to join will be called 'Friends of LI Parrot Society' while public page will be 'Long Island Parrot Society' to avoid confusion.

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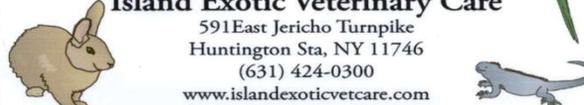
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2021 - 7pm via Zoom: Donna Barbaro, Susan Chamberlain, Anne DePietri, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Pat LoRusso

CHARITABLE DONATION FUND: \$500. allocated annually for the fund. Guidelines indicate we should poll members regarding distribution. Board will review possibilities and present to members so funds remaining from 2021 allocation can be awarded.

TECH: First sound board was defective; returned and new one is fine. Diane & Shawn tested and found that it will work out very well. Equipment needed for December meeting/party.

MEETING FREQUENCY: Suggested quarterly in-person meetings for 2022 plus picnic. (March, June, September, December, plus July picnic) Virtual meetings will be other months. In-person speakers for physical meetings. Steve Baldwin (Wild Parrots of Brooklyn) possible speaker.

AMAZON PARROT AT BROOKHAVEN SHELTER: Jeffrey is looking for a new home; shelter has asked LIPS to help place the bird. Club provided a cage; behavior person is working with him; shelter will be bringing him to vet for exam. Donna B visited him at shelter & provided some toys.

Member passed away leaving numerous birds. Islip shelter retrieved the birds. Diane H will call shelter to offer help if needed.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE RADIO INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT GROSS: Review of questions to be asked & answered. Important to emphasize difference between shelter and sanctuary, emphasize education and interaction with the public.

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News from The Flock

Condolences to Linda Womack on the loss of her beloved budgie, BJ.

Congrats to Eric Powers who was honored with the 2021 Outdoor Educator Award by the NY State Outdoor Educators Association!

Many thanks to Deborah Hills for her donation of toys for the late Ken Bonscheur's parrots at the Town of Islip Shelter.

Looking for a bird-safe ceiling fan? Check out the wire enclosed Allen + Roth Valdosta ceiling fans at lowes.com

Planning on having your bird groomed at the LIPS Holiday Party on December 15th? You MUST wear a mask when in proximity to the grooming table.

Grooming Rates:

Nails: Conure and smaller \$5; Larger \$10 / Wings: Conure and smaller \$10; Larger \$15

Beak: \$15-30 depending on needs / work

Kudos to the LIPS Adoption Team for the extraordinary work they have done this past year. Special thanks to Diane Hyde for delivering toys to the birds at the Islip Shelter.

Thanks to Candy Little who won \$30.00 worth of toys from the Leather Elves at our monthly Zoom meeting! Candy donated her winnings to Kevin Bornscheur's bird at the Islip shelter, and Robin Sullivan generously included her buy one-get one free in the deal!

Congratulations to Shana Kersten of Long Island Budgie Rescue for adopting out sixty birds over two years! Excellent work, Shana!

Roberta Fabiano is approaching her 100th weekly concert on Facebook Live! Mondays at 2PM on the Frog Hollow Music page. We love that Eric Peake joins the viewers, along with numerous LIPS members!

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Connecticut Parrot Society has scheduled Featherfest for March 26, 2022!

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GIMME SHELTER

By: Susan Chamberlain



Many thanks for your support throughout 2021. Donations from our annual Holiday fundraising effort are already coming in! Because of you, our members and donors, The Long Island Parrot Society has been able to survive, and even thrive with increased membership, throughout this challenging year. Twice-monthly Board of Director's meetings and twice-a-month member meetings via Zoom have enabled us to stay connected and 'see' each other during the pandemic. We provide distinguished speakers and informative programs at our twice-monthly ZOOM meetings for members.

The Long Island Parrot Society has been able to continue most member services, including our adoption program. Volunteers fielded constant e-mails and calls about lost and found birds and have helped facilitate several successful reunions. It is a 7 day a week job. We have been able to add to our



Shelter Fund, which is of great importance, and your donations will help make it a reality. Donations have enabled us to help birds in need now by supporting emergency cases medically and in foster homes. We have had to make emergency placements, relocations, and temporary foster arrangements. Our Parrot Placement team has worked in conjunction with municipal shelters to help foster and provide for displaced birds. A club member recently died, leaving ten birds in need of immediate housing. Another Long Island resident was hospitalized and not expected to go home. Two parrots were left behind. Both sets of birds went to Town shelters, and our team helped with equipment, advice, and finding a perfect foster home for one of the birds. LIPS members generously donated toys to the shelter. Diane Hyde delivered the toys and was permitted to tour the avian part of the facility, which she reported was exemplary. She also said that employees were taking great care of the birds and were eager to learn more about their requirements.



If you are able, please remember The Long Island Parrot Society with a donation this holiday season. Donations may be made by check and mailed to the address below or call 631-957-1100 to donate via credit card. You may also donate via PayPal to bookkeeper@liparrots.org. Please note 'donation' with payment. Donations postmarked by December 31 are tax deductible for 2021. Check with your accountant for specific details.

Amazon shoppers can garner donations for LIPS by shopping through smile.amazon.com and noting Long Island Parrot Society of New York as the chosen charity. Not a penny comes out of your own pocket!

Others can go to igive.com/liparrots to shop major retailers while enabling donations for the Parrot Society!

Getting creative: Girl Scout Troop 429 of Coventry RI sold enough cookies to sponsor a parrot at the Rhode Island Parrot Rescue for a full year!



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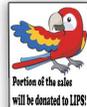
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Wow look at those discounts!





An important message from Dr. Amy Hopkins.

I got the sad news today that club member Delia's timneh African grey died of brain hemorrhage from West Nile Virus recently.

A Place Call Hope is reporting a large number of crows with WNV this year, all of which have died.

If you take your birds outside, please consider this and try to avoid them being out when mosquitoes are active. Down here on the coast, mosquitoes are active all the time, but inland they are most active at dusk

and dawn. Please plan accordingly. Unfortunately there's no treatment other than supportive care, so best to avoid exposure to mosquitoes as much as possible for you and your birds.

If you use insect repellent yourself, be aware that DEET is toxic to birds, so make sure it is washed off completely before handling your birds. Picaridin is a much better choice. It is just as effective as DEET and is reportedly not toxic to birds.



We are saddened by the recent passing of member Kenneth Bornscheur. Kenneth participated in outreach events with some of his beloved pet birds. His ten parrots are (at this writing) being cared for at the Islip Animal Shelter and have benefited by donations of toys and supplies by LIPS members.



Clean Air Check-Up

- Check and change filters on heating and air conditioning units frequently.
- Have air ducts inspected for mold and cleaned when necessary.
- Keep bird cages clean! Dust from dried droppings can compromise indoor air quality and spread disease.
- Use unscented detergent and forego the use of fabric softener sheets when laundering cage covers, as your bird may be sensitive to scents and chemicals.
- Scented candles may have adverse effects on birds. Use pure beeswax candles instead.
- Never mix cleaning products together (ex. chlorine bleach and ammonia), as lethal fumes may result.
- Open a window for at least few minutes every day to release indoor pollutants.
- Spray cage tray paper lightly with water before removing them from the cage. The mist will help keep dust down.

History of Parrots - Part 3- 20th Century

By Susan Chamberlain

Of approximately 330 parrot species, the Carolina parakeet was the only parrot native to eastern North America. At one time it flourished in Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana with its range extending north as far as New York and North Dakota and west to Nebraska. One of the last confirmed sightings of wild Carolina parakeets was reported in 1904, with unverified sightings occurring until 1944. Reasons for its extinction include hunting, loss of habitat and nesting locations and possible avian diseases imported with European settlers. The last captive bird died at the Cincinnati Zoo in 1918.

The Great Depression, the 'parrot fever' scare of 1929-30 and the ensuing World War II war effort all took a toll on the exotic bird hobby. Large birds were not common household pets, but canaries were popular in the United States during the first half of the twentieth century. The American Radio Warblers, billed as 'canary songsters' were featured on live radio broadcasts during the late 1930s until about 1952. The birds sang along with background music, and some of the recordings still exist on 78-RPM records. Budgies became extremely popular in the 1940s and 1950s and some surveys rank them as the #1 pet bird today. A 2007 Bird Talk survey listed the cockatiel as #1 and budgies as #3, with canaries as 20th in popularity.

The 1970's saw a resurgence in parrot ownership, which some attribute to the popularity of Fred, the cockatoo in the hit television series, *Baretta*. During this decade pet shops also began displaying tame parrots on open stands, which encouraged people to interact more closely with the larger birds. Many of these birds had been imported as youngsters and tamed and trained by the store owners, thus making them better potential pets. As interest in exotic birds surged, better cages and avian diets entered the market. Bird toys, long a staple item for budgies, began to appear for larger hookbills. Breeders, seeing the handwriting on the wall as conservation legislation loomed, began to intensify their captive breeding efforts.

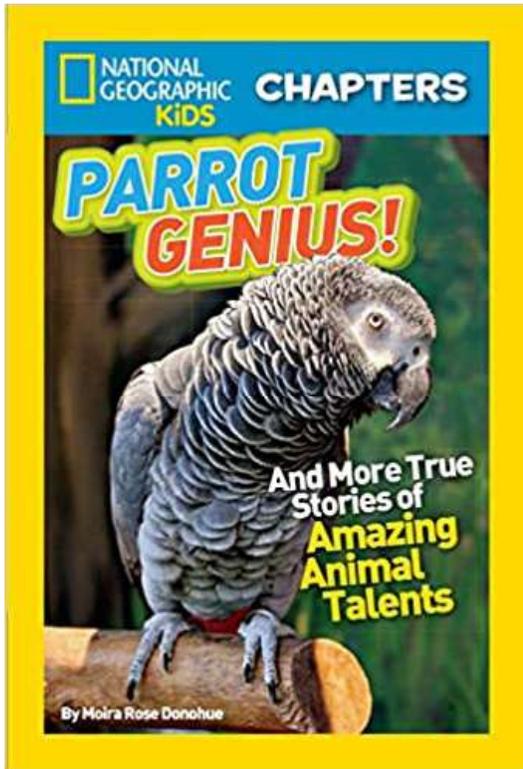
Avian medicine became specialized, and the Association of Avian Veterinarians was established in 1980. Two years later, Bird Talk magazine began publishing, bringing timely information to information hungry bird hobbyists. As a result of published articles, people became aware that fumes from heated non-stick cookware are deadly to birds. 1986 New York enacted a law prohibiting the trade of imported exotic birds within the state, and the World Parrot Trust was established in 1989.

The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 halted most imports of exotic birds into the United States. In 1993, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners offered Board certification in avian medicine and surgery. The American Pet Products Association, in a 2009/2010 survey, estimates that approximately six million households in the United States include pet birds, with the total number of birds at approximately 15million. Today's pet bird owner can take advantage of expert behavioral advice, state of the art veterinary care, scientifically formulated avian diets and a dazzling array of toys, cages and accessories to keep their feathered friends happy, comfortable, and well occupied.

Parrots are still being discovered. In 1980, a group of scientists came upon a previously unseen parrot in a cloud forest in El Oro, Ecuador. After studies were done to authenticate that it was indeed a new species, it was named the El Oro parakeet (*pyrrhura orcesi*) in 1988. The Camiguin hanging parrot (*Loriculus camiguinensis philippensis*) of the Philippines was recognized as a distinct species in 2006.

NEXT: Parrots as Tourist Attractions and Legislation & Agreements

Book Report



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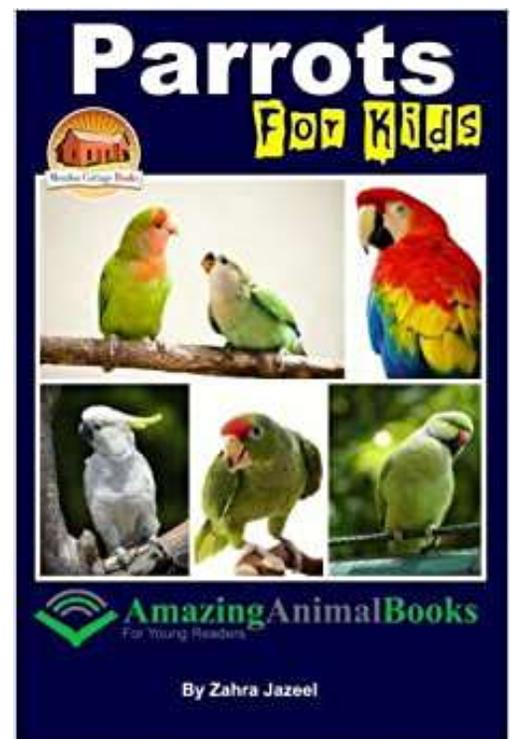
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Thank you!

Please observe the following rules for the safety of your parrots and others!

- You must be a LIPS member for at least 60 days prior to bringing birds to meetings or events.
- Non-members and guests are not permitted to bring birds to meetings or events.
- Flighted birds must be confined to carriers or cages.
- All birds must remain under supervision of their pet human or a caretaker designated by said human.
- Please clean up after your birds (poop, food, etc.).

The following birds must have been quarantined for 60 days prior to attending meetings or events:

- Newly acquired birds, baby birds and geriatric birds.
- Sick birds; any bird exposed to sick birds within the past 60 days.
- Birds that have been boarded in pet shops.
- Pin-feathered baby birds are not permitted at meetings or events unless contained in appropriate, solid sided containers or incubators. Owner assumes any risks associated with bringing such birds to meetings or events.

Directions to Our Meeting Hall, 22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY



East or west bound: Northern State Parkway, Exit 42 South; LIE Exit 51 South; Southern State Parkway, Exit 39 South; Sunrise Highway, Exit 40 South. All parkways except Sunrise Highway: Proceed south on Deer Park Avenue. Deer Park Ave. forks just past the Southern State. Bear to the right and continue south ([Old] Deer Park Ave.) over Sunrise Hwy. Under the RR Bridge, make the second right (Grove Place). Hall is on the left, high school on the right. Parking is in rear of hall or across the street behind the school.

USE FRONT DOOR ONLY, NO ENTRANCE THROUGH THE BAR OR BACK DOOR. ALL MEMBERS/ GUESTS MUST SIGN IN. REAR ENTRANCE FOR VENDORS & HANDICAPPED ONLY. The phone number of the Hall is (631) 669-0094.

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PLEASE NOTE: This is your last print edition of LIPService unless you specifically request a paper copy. LIP-Service goes virtual with the January 2022 issue. Please email info@liparrots.org or call 631-957-1100 with your preference.

LIPS in-person meetings will be curtailed in 2022 due to uncertainty about COVID. Plans are to meet in-person on the third Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, plus at the July picnic and various outreach events. ZOOM meetings will continue on a twice-monthly basis, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Thanks to Kaitlin Saxton for making the following changes to our FB pages (based on our last Board meeting):

- Private Group: Friends of Long Island Parrot Society.
- Public Business Page: Long Island Parrot Society of New York, Inc. This title must match the wording on our non-profit paperwork so we can be part of FB's Giving Tuesday matching program.

HOLIDAY PARTY PRECAUTIONS!

Thank you to all who responded to the Holiday Party/Meeting invitation! This is our first time back in-person since January 2019! We are sorry that some of you are unable to participate, and happy that we will be seeing many of you on December 15th! Roberta Fabiano is back with musical entertainment, and vendors will be on hand with bird food and supplies, bird toys and gift items for your favorite humans!

Because COVID is still a threat, we are observing the following:

- The party will be catered. Pizza, heroes, salad, and dessert will be served to you. Please do NOT

bring food to share. If you have dietary restrictions, and wish to bring food for yourself, you may do so.

- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the meeting hall and at tables.
- Please wear a mask when not seated at your table.
- If you are bringing a bird for grooming, the groomer requires that you wear your mask while at the grooming table.
- As at all Club events, please keep flighted birds confined to cages or carriers. Please use hand sanitizer prior to handling birds. Do NOT handle another member's bird without permission.

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Reminder: Effective January 2022, the LIPService newsletter will now be sent to our members virtually. If you prefer to receive a paper version of the newsletter instead of the electronic version, please email us at info@liparrots.org or call us at 631 957 1100.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for any of our meetings/events, want to be added to our volunteer email list, want to donate unwanted items, and/or would like to suggest speakers/topics you would like to see/hear about, please either leave a message at 631-957-1100 or email us at info@liparrots.org.

See you at the next meeting!

Diane Hyde, President

West Nile Virus



Cornell University
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BASICS

West Nile Virus (WNV) is an arbovirus (a mosquito-borne virus) of the genus *Flavivirus*. It infects over 250 species of birds, but corvids (crows, blue jays, and ravens) are the **MOST SUSCEPTIBLE** to dying from the disease.

Most mammals can become infected but usually do not develop clinical disease. Horses represent approximately 97% of all reported non-human mammalian cases of WNV. The majority of cases are reported during the **SUMMER MONTHS** when exposure to mosquitoes is high.

CLINICAL SIGNS exhibited in birds that become infected with WNV include loss of coordination, head tilt, tremors, weakness, and apparent blindness. Some species are more resistant to WNV than others, with crows and raptors being **HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE**.

MOSQUITOS become infected with West Nile Virus when they take a blood meal from a bird that is carrying the virus. Mosquitos then **TRANSMIT** the virus to other birds during subsequent blood meals, continuing the cycle.

Several laboratory tests can **DIAGNOSE** WNV; preferred tissues for testing include heart, brain and kidney. Oral swabs can detect virus DNA in crows, but are not usually effective in other species.

WNV is **TREATED** with supportive care. Vaccines are available for birds and horses, but not humans.

In order to **PREVENT** the spread of WNV, measures such as mosquito vector control and limiting exposure to mosquito bites should be practiced. Eliminating the **BREEDING HABITAT** helps reduce mosquito populations. Mosquitoes lay eggs in water, so removing standing water in and around homes can help reduce mosquito larvae.

Voluntary mosquito **SURVEILLANCE** is performed by some local health departments. It begins in early summer and mosquito pools from traps are collected weekly and tested for multiple diseases.



The NYS Wildlife Health Program | cwhl.vet.cornell.edu

A partnership between NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Cornell Wildlife Health Lab

ALERT

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WHO

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DETAILS

The first cases of WNV were detected in New York City in 1999. It has since spread throughout the continental United States and beyond.

Human cases vary considerably from year to year, from 712 cases nationwide in 2011 to 5,674 cases in 2012. **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS** including rainfall, temperature and mosquito vectors all play a role in the varying case numbers.

Other **MAMMALS** in which the virus has been detected include squirrels, chipmunks, mice, rats, and other rodents, as well as skunks, canids, white-tailed deer, raccoons, bears, opossums, bats, and non-human primates.

CLINICAL SIGNS Mammals are usually asymptomatic or will have flu-like illness including fever, headache, tiredness, body aches, nausea, and vomiting. Neurological signs and encephalomyelitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord) occurs in a small proportion of horses and humans infected with the disease. This form of the disease can be debilitating and cause **PERMANENT** central nervous system damage and possibly death.

The case fatality rate for **HORSES** exhibiting clinical signs is approximately 33%. Less than 1% of humans bitten by infected mosquitos become severely ill. The risk of severe disease is highest in individuals with compromised immune systems and individuals over the age of 50 or under 15.

TRANSMISSION *Culex* species of mosquitoes commonly carry WNV. When a species of mosquito that bites both birds and mammals becomes infected, there is the potential for transmission to incidental hosts.

Humans and horses are most likely to develop clinical illness. They are considered **DEAD-END HOSTS** because although they can become infected, the number of viral particles in the blood is not high enough to pass the virus on to new mosquitoes.

Direct bird-to-bird transmission of WNV is possible although not as significant as vector-borne (mosquito) transmission. Oral secretions and feces from infected birds can contaminate food or water and potentially

spread the virus from bird to bird. Raptors that prey on infected birds can acquire the virus by **INGESTION**.

Squirrels, chipmunks, and raccoons have been shown to **SHED** the virus in oral secretions, feces, and/or urine. In humans, WNV has been transmitted in a small number of cases by organ transplants, blood transfusions, and breast milk. Direct contact between people and animals is not a known source of infection to humans.

TREATMENT There is no specific treatment for the virus, only supportive care.

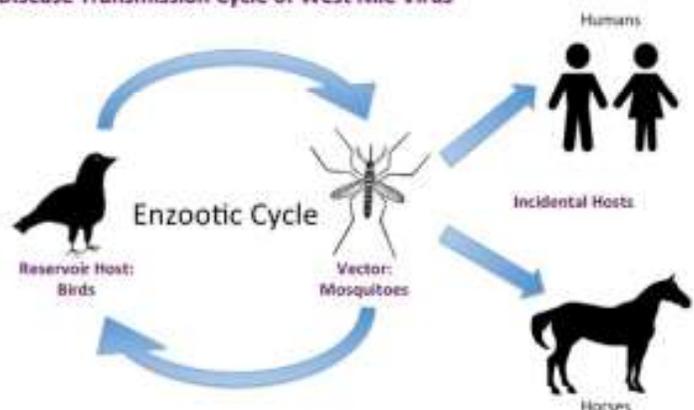
PRECAUTIONS AND PREVENTION Areas of standing water mosquitos lay eggs in include wheelbarrows, pool covers, birdbaths, gutters and any other place water can collect. Pool and pond water can be treated with mosquito dunks, which contain a natural bacterial product that kills mosquito larvae.

Mosquitoes should be prevented from entering the home through open windows and doors or broken screens. Personal **PREVENTIVE MEASURES** include limiting skin exposure by wearing shoes, socks, long sleeves, and pants, especially during times when mosquitoes are most active like dusk. Exposed skin can be protected with mosquito repellent. Local county health departments are responsible for general mosquito control measures in New York.

There is a WNV vaccine available for horses, and it is a recommended core vaccine by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). This vaccine is also used in **CAPTIVE BIRDS**.

SURVEILLANCE West Nile Virus is established across New York State. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Wildlife Health Program will routinely test for WNV on submitted cases during the summer and fall. Veterinary surveillance for encephalitis in horses is encouraged.

Disease Transmission Cycle of West Nile Virus



What does lead toxicosis look like?

Posted By **Brenna Fitzgerald, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), AAV Member-at-Large**, Monday, September 27, 2021



So you may be wondering, if my bird were to get lead poisoning, what would the symptoms be like? Well, lead can affect the body in multiple ways. Once ingested, much of the lead is passed undigested in the feces. But some will be rapidly absorbed through the small intestine. Lead paint dust can even be inhaled, in which case absorption happens through the lungs. Lead likes to attach itself to red blood cells and thereby gets delivered to all body tissues. Over time, its distribution in the body changes so that most of it gets stored in the bones and only a small amount (about 2-4%) stays in the bloodstream and organs. The bones can store lead for many years and it can be released, even years after exposure, under certain circumstances. For example, when female birds begin laying eggs they mobilize calcium from the bones to

make egg shells; if they've been exposed to lead in the past, stored lead can be released from the bones during this process.

Lead exerts many toxic effects on the body's tissues: it damages red blood cells and blood vessels and can result in anemia, it injures and interferes with the function of the central nervous system and peripheral nerves, and it causes kidney damage. Symptoms can be quite variable and depend on how much lead is ingested and how quickly it is absorbed into the body. In the acute stages, lead poisoning can cause neurologic abnormalities, including seizures, blindness, coma, head tilt or circling, incoordination, and weakness. Birds may begin drinking more water and passing more urine or they may have blood-tinged or very green urine or urates. Other symptoms are more vague, like lethargy, loss of appetite, and regurgitation of food. With chronic lead poisoning, weight loss, muscle atrophy, and poor GI motility can be seen.



Conservation Notes

According to the World Parrot Trust, the Galah, or rose-breasted cockatoo is one of the few species that has increased in numbers over the last few decades.

The Macaw Mountain Nature Reserve reported forty new chicks hatched and fledged in 2021, and 30 of them were scarlet macaws!

As a middle class grows in some parts of Africa, so has the demand for exotic pets. More than seven hundred online ads for exotics, most for African grey parrots, have been tracked. The World Parrot Trust raised the alarm, and the Market Monitoring Friction Unit reported an emerging online market for African grey parrots in several African countries, despite high levels of local and international protection.

The Parrot Lover's Cruise is back! The November 3-13, 2022, cruise sails out of Ft. Lauderdale and through the Caribbean (including Panama Canal transit!). Join fellow birdbrains for fun and to see parrots in the wild while supporting conservation efforts! Visit parrotloverscruise.com for details.

Gang-Gang cockatoos are in severe decline, partly due to the 2019-2020 brushfires in Australia. Other factors include climate change, loss of habitat and disease. Citizen scientists are being called upon to help with a project to reverse the decline.

According to Audubon.org the grey-headed albatross can circle the globe in only 46 days, making numerous pit-stops along the way. The Alpine swift holds the record for the longest uninterrupted flight—two hundred days in the air, as it hunted and subsisted on flying insects! A recent study about the great frigatebird concluded that birds sleep for brief moments while in flight!

Scales & Tails Pet Education Fair Middle Country Public Library, Centereach, NY. November 13th, 2021



Adoption Spotlight



Name of Parrot : Merlin

Species : Green cheek conure

Age of Parrot : 9

Sex : Unknown

Bird Color : Green/yellow w some red and blue

Size : Medium

Wings Clipped : No

Parrots Usual Diet : Pellets throughout the day. Nutriberries in the morning Apples and dried mango for snacks and training.

Talking Ability : Has talked in awhile but has learned a few phrases, it just sounds pretty raspy

Vet : 2014

Good with Children : Unknown

Good with Dogs : Unknown

Good with Cats : Unknown

Good with Other Pets : Unknown

Hand Tame : Used to be but he bites a bit now

Feather Issues : None

Behavior : He bites quite a bit and tends to favor one person at a time and will bites anyone else who comes around.

Reason : My husband and I got him as our first pet, pre kids. We tried to train him and made a decent amount of progress but he always attached himself to one of us and then attacked the other. When our kids were born I stopped trusting having him out around them. We feel that he deserves to find a home that he can spend time out of the cage again, and hopefully someone who has more experience and can train him properly.

Merlin is looking for his forever home. If you are interested in adopting **Merlin**, please contact us at 631-957-1100 or send an email to: info@liparrots.org for further information. You can find our adoption application at: liparrots.org/Adopt



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LIPS is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate and instruct on the proper care and maintenance of psittacines, and to encourage avian research, and the future construction, management and maintenance of an avian museum/educational center/shelter. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month (with the exception of February and July) at the American Legion Post #94, 22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY 11702. Parrot Phone (631) 957-1100 or email info@liparrots.org.

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