

# LIPService

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The Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.



When all at once I saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils; beside the lake, beneath the

trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze. - William Wordsworth

With Spring around the corner, I thought this quote from Wordsworth would be a good way to start the perch. Daffodils, crocus and hyacinths are always a welcome sight after a long, cold winter.

As you may have heard, a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Suffolk County. We have also just heard from one of our sister club's in Connecticut—HPAI has been detected in wild shore bird. We made the decision to have our volunteers leave their parrots a home for the LI Pet EXPO and also for the upcoming March 16 in-person meeting. The Parrot Club in Connecticut is also asking their members to leave their parrots at home and to adopt a bio-security protocol. Please read more information within this newsletter on what you need to know to be more prepared to avoid contact with

any infected birds/areas.

We were invited to present to the veterinary students at LIU Veterinary College—they have a Special Species Club. A PowerPoint presentation was created to give them an overview of the club, plus what companion parrot owners are looking for in an avian vet. The students were very engaged and asked some great questions. We are inviting them to attend our Zoom/in-person meetings so they can learn more about what it means to be owned by a companion parrot.

Our presenter for February was DeeAnna Garrett from China Prairie Products located in California. Dee gave a great presentation on “Sprouting 101, plus Sprouting Myths Debunked”. I know she took the fear out of sprouting for me. Plus, Dee has already sent us a raffle prize for our next meeting! Dee is available to answer any of your sprouting questions and would like the opportunity to present to our group in the future. Dee's email is: [chinaprairie2014@gmail.com](mailto:chinaprairie2014@gmail.com)

We're happy to say that a few more of the parrots in the local shelter have been adopted and

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are doing so well in their new homes. The remaining parrots for adoption at the shelter are two Goffins Cockatoos, one Bare-eyed Cockatoo and an Umbrella Cockatoo. We continue to work with the shelter in helping to pre-screen the candidates. If you're interested in any of the shelter 'toos, please contact me at 631 957 1100. This just in: Our 2022 Member Appreciation Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, July 24 at Belmont Lake State Park in North Babylon in the Oak Pavilion. Please mark your calendars. More info will be forthcoming as the time gets closer.

See you at Greenwood Hall on March 16!

Diane Hyde, President

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. **Please be respectful. Mute!**

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022** - Next in-person meeting at Greenwood Hall
- **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - Zoom Presenter: Shellie Hochstetler from Cockatoo Ranch
- **Tuesday, August 9 2022** Jimmy Buffett Concert at Jones Beach. Tickets for the concert are on sale now. Join the Long Island Parrot Society's Tailgate Party all day! Watch for details

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## OUT OF TOWN & VIRTUAL EVENTS

**Organizations:** list your upcoming events here. Email information to: [editor@liparrots.org](mailto:editor@liparrots.org)

- Livestream on The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan hosts 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!
- **Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>** - **Greater Philadelphia Pet Expo** - Oaks, PA
- **March 26, 2022**- CT Parrot Society's Featherfest- CANCELLED
- **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](http://Visitafabirds.org)
- **September 26-29, 2022**- "Wild Parrots Up Close" International Parrot Convention of Tenerife, Spain Loro Parque. Visit <https://www.wildparrotssupclose.com/>
- **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://parrotloverscruise.com/>

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## FINANCIAL REPORT - February 2022

### Deposits as of February 2022

Deposits	\$1977.50
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1977.50</b>

### TFCU Account Balances as of February 28,2022

Operating Fund:	\$7774.40
EXPO Fund:	\$10,594.34
Parrot Care:	\$2,544.07
MM (Shelter):	\$138,053.92
CD (Shelter):	\$9,249.68
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$168,216.41</b>

### Expenses as of February 2022

Phone:	\$120.00
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Life Storage:	\$362.00
USPS (Bulk Mail/Postage/PO box):	\$78.00
CRM (SalesNow)	\$60.60
Misc:	\$1587.82
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2278.42</b>

## Board Meeting Minutes - February 2022

February 9, 2022 7PM via ZOOM ATTENDING: David Abrahams, Donna Barbaro, Susan Chamberlain, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Candy Little, Kaitlin Saxton

**PARROT EXPO:** SC emailed vendors; received vendor inquiry from Well Fit Pet; need to prepare 2022 Vendor Application and post on website; ideas for Keynote speaker & other presenters?

**New Meeting Hall:** will update website with new info; post on Google My Business; Facebook (both pages)

Looked at floor plan; discussed placement of vendors, etc. Variety of tables to choose from. We can be there 2 hours pre-event, and half hour afterwards. 8 ft tables, 60" round, 34" square card table. Donna sketched a floor plan. Trash must be put into dumpster. Surfaces wiped, etc. *All mess must be cleaned up before we leave.*

**Meeting speakers** discussed. In person speaker possibilities for March? Vets and behavior consultants considered pending availability. David Abrahams will be contacting potential presenters.

**American Legion** will be notified that we will no longer be renting their hall.

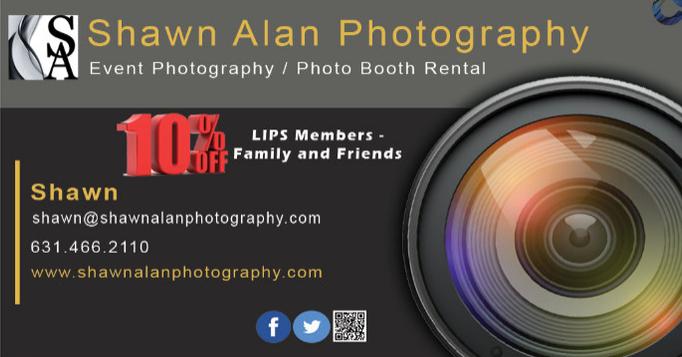
**TFCU**—switched signer on accounts from Ann to Shawn

Michael Granatosky—LIPS member who is an assistant professor at NYIT—he would like to join in on the **presentation to the Special Species Club at LIU** on February 25th (which is next door to NYIT). Michael does research on parrots and his students have studied the Quakers in Brooklyn. Donna has outlined our presentation. Birds will be present as visuals. Will invite the Special Species Club to March meeting. Will query members about presenting to the club.

**Update of Kenny B's birds in shelter.** 3 birds have been adopted from the municipal shelter by a retired LIPS member; another person interested has been referred to shelter. About 3 birds remain at shelter out of the original 10. The birds were adopted through the shelter, not LIPS.

**Update of the female U2s** (Mush & Tovah) whose owner died, to be placed together. Robert has worked with the birds, feeding, cleaning, etc. Birds have been transported to Karrie Noterman in PA. Birds had to be placed together and one has an expensive medical condition that must be addressed every few months.

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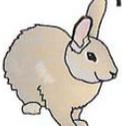
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Robert Gross is always going above and beyond for Long Island's birds and their human families. He spends endless hours counseling bird owners, has delivered cages to the housebound and has gone out to help retrieve lost parrots. (No, he doesn't climb trees!)

Have you contacted your senator about the Lacey Act? The Lacey Act will affect your ability to have and travel across state lines with a pet bird. Learn more: <https://usark.org/2022lacey1/>  
Call or e-mail your senator's office: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Our hearts are with the people and pets of Ukraine. We have seen news reports of people evacuating cities with their pets. One heartbreaking photo showed an African grey parrot being rolled through the streets in its cage. A compassionate veterinarian in Warsaw, Poland is offering free vet care for refugee birds, along with help finding temporary homes for them if needed.

The Pet Store Next Door (formerly the Borghese family's Fine Feather), located at 687 Glen Cove Road, Glen Head next to Dr. Krasnoff's office extends a 10% off promo code for all members if they use the code liparrot10. Owner Jamie Krasnoff is going to purchase a half page ad for a year in LIPService!

Thanks to Shawn Florman for garnering 2 new LIPService ads starting this month: Lafeber and The Pet Store Next Door. He and Karie-Ann are doing a fantastic job on the newsletter—have you noticed its fresh look?

We hear that charter LIPS member, Meredith Bain got to fulfill a lifelong dream—she kissed a giraffe while on a Disney safari! We're all envious! Meredith's husband Gene is scheduled to ride a bull in the Cracker Day Rodeo in Fellsmere, Florida on March 6<sup>th</sup>! He's billed as the NYC Concrete Cowboy.

Not Just Parrots—Members Donna Barbaro and Paree Hecht have been trading chicken stories and photos online!

Shout out to Bobby Horvath of WINORR who accepted several wounded raptors recently, including a juvenile bald eagle. He also rounded up a hawk trapped in a subway station!

Many thanks to all who donated to LIPS in honor of Betty White, and thanks to Kaitlin Saxton for setting up the fundraiser on Facebook! LIPS netted \$475.00.

WOW! Special thanks to Donna Barbaro for the spectacular Power Point presentation she put together for a Zoom meeting with LIU vet students! She and Diane Hyde did a wonderful job outlining our club's mission and its services for the school's Special Species Club! It also included a section on the veterinary needs of bird owners.

Our newest Board members are doing great! David Abrahams is working diligently on getting speakers for in-person and Zoom meetings, and Candy Little is doing an amazing job coordinating outreach events!

Have you noticed that the club has a QR code? Point your smart phone at it on the back of your newsletter or in Feather Flash and it will take you right to the LIPS website!

## GIMME SHELTER

By: Susan Chamberlain



Did you develop your love for birds as a child? Pets teach responsibility, conservation, patience, and

respect for life. Fostering a love for birds in young people is essential: , our own bird's future may be in their hands.

Tailor noise levels and beak strength to the age of the child. Very young children enjoy watching budgies, finches and canaries, flit about and chirp. By about five years of age, a child is ready to hold, under supervision, a budgie, lovebird, or cockatiel. At about seven or eight, children are capable of feeding and light cage cleaning. Be sure that children wash their hands before and after handling pet birds. Supervision is key!

Locate the cage in area where the bird can observe family activity, yet not be in the middle of a maelstrom. Avoid placing the cage in bedrooms or in the kitchen. Bird dander may exacerbate human allergies, especially in bedrooms. Cooking fumes and cleaning products in the kitchen will be harmful to a bird. Stress is a factor when a bird moves to a new home. Do not permit children to over handle, over stimulate or over train the newbie. Allow the bird to adjust to its new environment, and work with it at its own pace.

Do take noise level into consideration. Birds ordinarily begin to chirp at daybreak and may wake sleeping children. A dark cage cover will help the bird to sleep a bit later.

Avian escapes often occur when exterior doors are opened while birds are at liberty in the home. Make it a fixed rule that your child's bird must be safely inside its cage before doors are opened.

Also, many birds end up neglected or rehomed because children become bored with them, fail to care for them properly, become involved in sports or other activities or go off to college. Many birds have come into the Long Island Parrot Society's Parrot Placement Program due to such issues.

Noted macaw breeder and avian advocate, Kashmir Csaky expounded on the pets and kids' issue:

"Should children have pets? Yes, of course they should have pets! Pets can be a child's best friend and comfort them through loneliness and feelings of isolation from the "clique." They can make children, feel loved, worthy, and teach them patience, empathy and the unselfishness and the value of another species. Pets can teach a child many virtues.

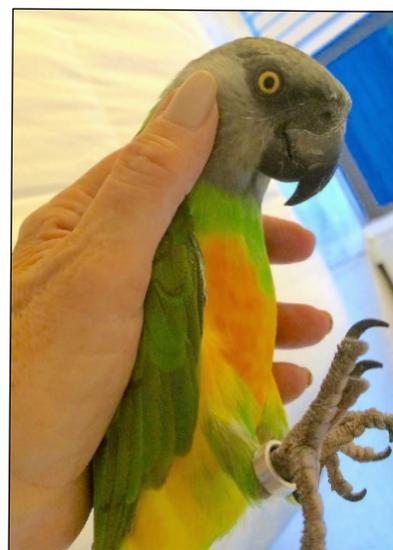
"Should a child be responsible for a pet? Children can be expected to display varying degrees of responsibility depending on their age. They should never be held fully responsible for a pet. That is the parent's job. No child should have a pet forced on them. If the

child really wanted the pet, it is still the job of the parents to insure the welfare of the pet.

"Children do not have the life experience to understand certain aspects of responsibility which are needed to physically care for another life. They do not have the sophistication to understand a veterinarian and are too naive to know what questions they should ask if their pet is sick. When someone offers them bad advice, they do not have the skills to recognize puffery, exaggerations, and falsehoods.

"Some lazy and irresponsible parents have allowed their children's pets to die of thirst and starvation. Their excuse was that they were teaching the children to be responsible. All this teaches a child is that life is not important.

"Should children have pets? *Yes, if they have responsible parents.*"



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**Bird Paradise**, Burlington, NJ, 10% off (doesn't apply to purchased birds or Harrison's products) - in store only. 15% discount for on-line purchases—code: LIPS15.

**B.T.J.'s Jungle**, West Islip (631-587-8191) 10% off

**Central Veterinary Associates**, 24/7, Valley Stream + 5 other locations, 10% off all services, call (888-4CVA-PET), [www.centralvets.com](http://www.centralvets.com) — for LIPS members

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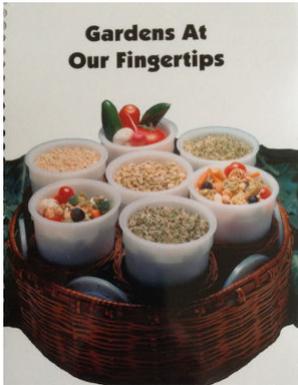
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**Total Pet Care/Lawrence Labs**, Holbrook (800-TOTL-PET) 10% LIPS.



# Book Report



**Garden at Our Fingertips** by Gene Monson & Pam Lazaris  
We learned so much about sprouting for our birds during China Prairie owner DeeAnna Garrett's Zoom presentation last month. The company sells sprouting kits and a variety of sprouting mixtures for sprouting along with supplements and healthful human stuff.

Fresh food lovers and their parrots are sure to benefit from this informative book combining sprout recipes, nutritional profiles of sprouts, growing tips in a 5 x 8 plastic coil-bound, 141- page book with references and an index.

This sprout recipe book was written for novice and experienced people who sprout but provides excellent recipes for critters as well. Check it out at:

<https://www.chinaprairie.com/garden-at-our-fingertips-sprouting-informational-book.html>

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## History of Parrots-A Timeline and Quiz

By Susan Chamberlain

40 million years ago: First evidence of parrot species

1.5 million years ago: Evidence of parrots in South America

1000 B.C. First written evidence of parrots appears in the Indian *Rigveda*

500 B.C. Evidence of talking parrots in Persia

344-342 B.C. Aristotle referred to parrots as *psittacae* in his *History of Animals*.

327 B.C. First parrots brought to Greece by Alexander the Great's military forces.

146 B.C. Greeks introduced parrots to Rome after the Roman conquest.

77 A.D. Pliny the Elder's *Natural History* mentioned parrot training methods.

400 A.D. Fall of the Roman Empire led to a decline of interest in parrots in the area.

1493 Christopher Columbus returned to Spain with a pair of New World parrots for Queen Isabella, and popular interest in the colorful birds surged.

1800s Budgies are introduced to England.

1864 The Cuban red macaw becomes extinct. Unconfirmed sightings persisted until 1885.

1869 Hendryx brand is hatched; later becomes Prevue-Hendryx trade name for cages.

1904-1910 Last confirmed sightings of Carolina Parakeet; unconfirmed sightings persisted for many years afterwards.

1918 Last Carolina parakeet in captivity dies at the Cincinnati Zoo.

1930 Parrot fever scare, widely reported in the New York Times, spread to the U.S. and import regulations were implemented.

1930s-1952 The *American Radio Warblers*, a troupe of singing canaries were broadcast on their own radio program.

1936 Franz Scherr opens Parrot Jungle on the site of a former nudist colony in Miami, Florida.

1940 Sarasota Jungle Gardens opens in Sarasota, FL. It is a piece of 'old Florida' that remains open today.

1948 Debut of Oscar winning film, *Bill and Ted*, featuring a cast of live lovebirds and budgies

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1959 Busch Gardens opens in Tampa, FL

1969 Monty Python's *Dead Parrot Sketch* airs for the first time

1972 Loro Parque is founded in Tenerife, Spain

1973 Reference to effects of exposure to pyrolysis products of coated (non-stick) frying pans on cockatiels (American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal).

1973 Text of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is agreed upon at a meeting of 80 countries in Washington, D.C.

1974 American Federation of Aviculture founded.

1975 Debut of *Baretta* TV series featuring Fred, a triton cockatoo.

1980 Association of Avian Veterinarians is established.

1982 Laboratory test results revealing the toxic effects of PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) on budgies is published in the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

1982 First issue of *Bird Talk* magazine is published.

1985 The Long Island Parrot Society is founded.

1986 New York enacts a law prohibiting the trade of imported exotic birds.

1988 Red-crowned (green cheeked, Mexican redhead) Amazon is listed as threatene.

1989 The World Parrot Trust is founded.

1991/1992 Dr. Branson Ritchie and research team at University of Georgia identify the virus that causes Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease (PBFD) and subsequently develop a diagnostic test for same.

1992 *The Wild Bird Conservation Act*, prohibiting the importation of wild birds is implemented in the United States.

1993 American Board of Veterinary Practitioners first offered Board certification in avian medicine and surgery. As of this writing, there are approximately 135 active Diplomates in the United States.

1994 Red crowned Amazon is listed as endangered.

1998 Movie *Paulie* featuring a blue crowned conure is released.

2001 California lists the red-crowned Amazon as an 'introduced species.' It has been proliferating in Southern California since the early 1970s.

2005 Commercial release of movie, *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*

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**FTP (NAS)**—shared access to LIPS documents; Shawn proposed keeping documents, etc in one spot. System duplicates info from one drive to the next. Good for accessing files and adding info. Approved for purchase.

**Change-over of email/website host.** We're paying too much money for very little: mostly a la carte services. Shawn has researched other hosts and has located better prices for unlimited emails, etc. Website can have whatever email boxes needed. Possibility of down time doing switch over. May take up to a week. Email would be down as well during the changeover. Low traffic on website lately, so won't matter if site is down. Shawn will contact MOTO, Blue Feather, unlock domain, etc to get transfer process started.

**LI Pet EXPO**—captains (March—SCC Brentwood & April—Hofstra)Some volunteers have signed up; plans for set-up discussed.

**PA Speaker for Meeting Hall;** amplified speaker set suggested for in person and zoom meetings. Discussed placement in room, cost and suitability for Zoom.

### **BIRDS NEEDED FOR FILM PROJECTS AND PHOTO SHOOTS**

**We have a call for a variety of beautiful and colorful birds,** from small to large, to take part in a NYC photo shoot in late March or April.

Birds will be required to fly from one perch to another. More details will be provided as we get them. This is a paid gig. The deal is, you get paid and donate 10% to LIPS.

If interested, please call 631-957-1100 or email [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org) with your contact information.

### **CALL FOR BUDGIES OR OTHER LITTLES!**

Kevin Champoux works with the filmmaker Rebecca Miller. They are currently in pre-production on a small independent film, set to shoot in New York City in April.

They are looking for two birds of the same species(budgies, Quaker, ringnecks, etc.) for a couple of scenes in the film who would be able to sit on an actor's shoulders. They are hoping to find someone who owns such birds and who might like to be a part of a film project and would be able to come to set with them and work with the actress. Candidates must be vaccinated against COVID.

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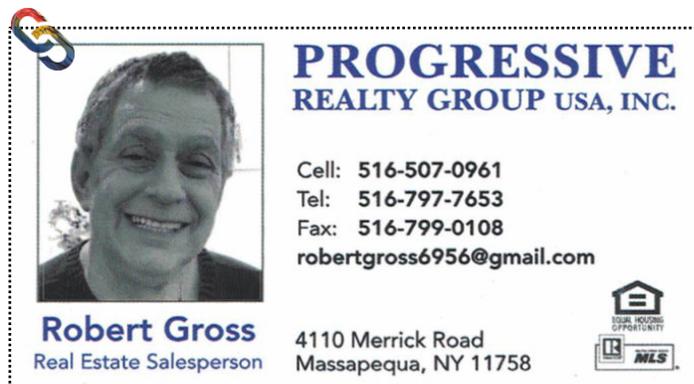
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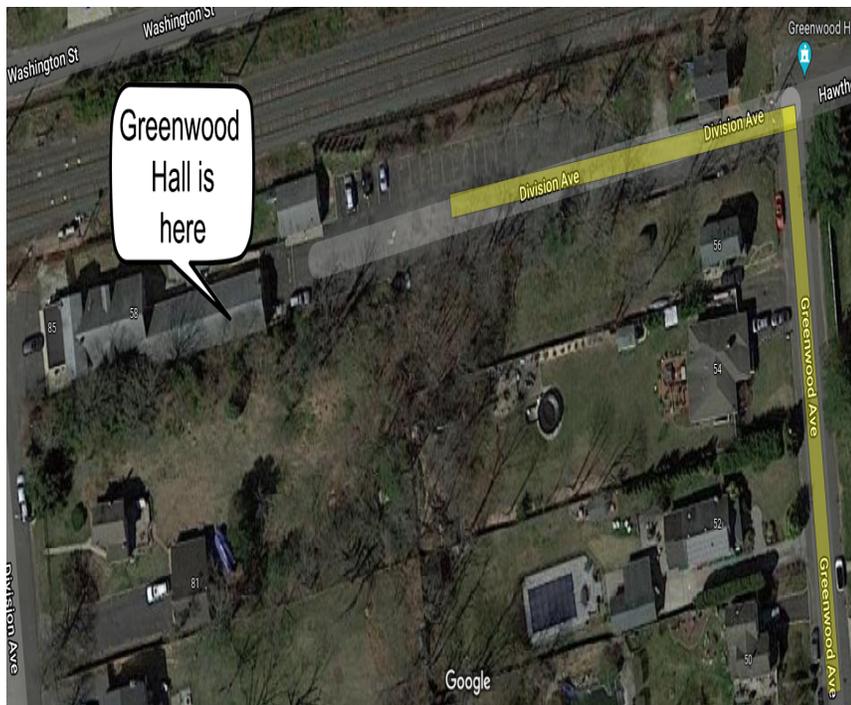
### Please observe the following rules for the safety of your parrots and others!

- 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, 58 Greenwood Avenue East Islip, NY 11730



### From the East:

Sunrise Hwy to exit 46. Left on Connetquot Avenue. Stay straight. Turn right at Hawthorne Ave. (Just after Railroad tracks.) Stay straight until the end of the street, note the Greenwood Hall Sign. Follow into the long drive way.

### From the West:

Sunrise Hwy to exit 46 toward County Rd 17/Carleton Ave/East Islip/Central Islip. Merge onto Sunrise Hwy South Service Rd. Turn right onto Garfield Ave. Turn left onto Jackson St. Turn right onto Carleton Ave. Turn left onto Union Blvd. Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto Greenwood Ave Street.



**NEW YORK:** In mid-January 2022, New York State's new Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) approved Heritage Wind – the first wind energy facility considered under the state's new renewable energy project review process.

Members of the conservation community, including American Bird Conservancy (ABC), Genesee Valley Audubon Society, and Rochester Birding Association, expressed concerns about the project. While concerns remain, ABC believes that ORES rendered a thoughtful decision that balances renewable energy development with the need to protect the state's declining bird populations.

Apex Clean Energy, the developer for Heritage Wind, proposed to place wind turbines adjacent to a wetland and forest complex of great ecological importance which is recognized by the National Audubon Society as an *Important Bird Area*.

ORES agreed with the independent experts at the agencies and conservation groups, indicating that the six highest-risk turbines should be relocated or removed from the plan. They also agreed with independent experts that six specific turbines posed an unacceptably elevated risk to birds, and that they should not be installed near important bird habitat.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Beginning in September, residents of Auckland, New Zealand will be banned from breeding and selling certain exotic parrots, including monk parakeets, ringnecked parakeets, and rainbow lorikeets, under the city's pest management plan. Feral populations of these birds are thought to be endangering native birds.

**AUSTRALIA:** Magpies have thwarted scientists who are studying their habits by helping each other remove tracking devices!

**BONAIRE, Netherlands Antilles:** The 2022 roost count revealed 1779 yellow shouldered Amazons on the island, a significant increase over the past several years, according to Echo! Visit [echobonaire.org](http://echobonaire.org)

**CHILE:** The Chilean subspecies of the burrowing parrot was on the brink of extinction, with small, fragmented populations scattered throughout the country.

Full protection of the burrowing parrot was implemented, and in the 35 years since, it has become one of the most successful conservation programs in Chile, achieving a twentyfold increase in the population of the species, from only 217 birds to 4,478 individuals now in the reserve. The key to this success has been the protection of one of the bird's key habitats, Río de los Cipreses National Reserve, and the native plants it depends on for food.

Conservationists say they're hopeful the burrowing parrot is on track to repopulating areas from where it has gone extinct; sightings have even been reported near Santiago, Chile's capital.

The burrowing parrot, (*C. p. bloxami*) is related to the Patagonian conure. It is endemic to Chile and isn't found in the wild anywhere else in the world. Burrowing parrots are so named because they form colonies and dig their nests in ravines or hillsides along river basins and water bodies. Each pair of parrots digs tunnels in walls of dirt, often going ten feet deep. Inside the tunnels, they create an incubation chamber, carefully cleaning the area to make it as smooth as possible. They enter and leave their tunnels throughout the mating season from September to February.

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## HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA AND OUR PARROTS

BY DONNA BARBARO FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or HPAI has not been detected in a wild bird in the United States since 2016. On February 19, 2022, HPAI was detected on Long Island in Suffolk County within a small flock of backyard poultry. That flock was allowed to mingle with wild waterfowl.

All birds are susceptible to avian influenza. All parrot owners should be on alert. HPAI is a HIGH Risk virus with 100% mortality for all birds, and a low risk of transmission to humans.

### ABOUT HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Avian influenza seasonally occurs in the US from December to June because the virus survives for long periods in cool humid weather, within bodies of water, and on many surfaces. HPAI is easily transmissible and deadly. It kills within 24 – 48 hours via internal hemorrhaging. There is no cure and no vaccine to prevent it.

[HPAI outbreaks](#) are driven in large part, by migratory waterfowl. Infected birds can shed avian influenza viruses in their saliva, nasal secretions, and feces. It can occur in wild birds without those birds appearing sick. HPAI is a potent enveloped-virus (like SARS-COVID-19) that spreads quickly by direct bird-to-bird contact or when birds come in contact contaminated water or surfaces.

Since January 13, 2022, HPAI has been reported in [wild and domestic birds](#) in 18 states including Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, and New York. As spring migration continues and birds return to their breeding grounds, it will most likely occur in more flocks along the Atlantic Flyway as well as move westward into the Mississippi and Central Flyways. [Consolidated map of all reports \(layered map of Google Maps\)](#)

### DISINFECTANTS & CLEANSERS

There are many disinfectants and cleansers approved by the EPA to inactivate (kill) avian influenza ([EPA List M](#)). Some are cheap and easily accessible products that include soap, bleach, Lysol, Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaners, and isopropyl alcohol. Many are or can be diluted to be used in spray bottles or footbaths. Read labels for dilution rates and contact times. Most are NOT SAFE to use around your parrots, but they are excellent disinfectants. If you have questions, call the manufacturer, and ask!

Product	Mix	Contact	Rise Required	Notes
Household Bleach	3/4 cup household bleach to 1 gallon of water (1 part bleach to 10 parts water)	10 min	Yes	Not safe around birds. Make new solution every 24 hrs. Can be used as a foot dip.

Disinfectants safe to use around parrots.

Product	Mix	Contact	Bird Safe	Notes
Envirocelens	Mix at 1:10 (50ml to 1 pint of water) <a href="https://myparrotopia.com">https://myparrotopia.com</a> <a href="https://allbirdproducts.com/products/enviroclens">https://allbirdproducts.com/products/enviroclens</a> <a href="https://allparrotproducts.com/products/the-birdcare-co-enviroclens">https://allparrotproducts.com/products/the-birdcare-co-enviroclens</a>	6 min	Yes, light fragrance	keep bird away until solutions dries. No wipe/rinse required. Mix good for 6 months.
F10 SC F10 SCXD	1:500 (2 ml / l water) SC – Disinfectant, SCXD Disinfectant cleaner <a href="https://myparrotopia.com">https://myparrotopia.com</a> <a href="https://www.kwikipets.com/collections/f10sc">https://www.kwikipets.com/collections/f10sc</a>	10 min	Yes	No wipe/rinse required (for either). Mix good for 6 months.

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**TEXAS:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has pushed back the final review of the SpaceX Starship rocket project in Boca Chica, TX due to a deluge of comments from bird conservation advocates. The FAA is going through more than 19,000 responses as it develops the final environmental assessment for the project. The new release date is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Recent news reports have stated that the project may be moved to Florida. [Ask the FAA and SpaceX to take steps to protect birds! \(abcbirds.org\)](https://www.abcbirds.org)

**NEW YORK:** For the third time in as many years, the bald eagle pair in Centerport are incubating a trio of eggs! They successfully raised triplets in 2020 and 2021, and we look forward to another fantastic experience! The eagles are quite visible this time of year, fishing in Mill Pond and flying throughout the area. Photographers have documented their lives on Facebook (Bald Eagles of Centerport) and have produced an annual calendar that benefits WINORR (Wildlife in Need of Rescue and Rehabilitation). If you would like a chance to see the eagles 'in person,' visit the Mill Pond Bridge in Centerport.

Bald eagles have made a dramatic comeback since the banning of DDT, but they are still imperiled by lead poisoning after ingesting fish or animals that have eaten lead or lead-contaminated prey. Shotgun shells and lead fishing weights have contributed to this problem in waterways. Rodenticides can also be deadly to birds when they eat animals that have ingested the poisons.

The Bald Eagle's Latin name accurately reflects its appearance and habits: *Hali* and *aietos* mean "sea eagle," and *leuco* and *cephalos* mean "white head." The use of the word "bald" in its English name does not mean hairless; rather, it derives from the Middle English word "balde," which means shining white.



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2006 The Camiguin hanging parrot of the Philippines is recognized as a distinct species.

2007 Alex, the African grey subject of Dr. Irene Pepperberg's studies passed away.

2011 The Movie, *Rio* hits theaters: A pet blue macaw and his human friend travel to Rio de Janeiro to meet the last surviving female of the species.

2012 *Bird Talk* ceased publishing.

2018 Hyacinth macaw listed as threatened species under the Endangered Species Act

2018 *Bird Talk* resumed publishing under new ownership.

2019 *Bird Talk* again ceased publishing.



# Quiz

1-The Alexandrine parakeet is named for:

- A. Alexis Carrington
- B. Alexander Hamilton
- C. Alexander the Great
- D. Alexandria, Egypt

2-Parrots are zygodactylous. A zygodactylous bird has:

- A. The ability to talk
- B. A unique shade of green
- C. Two toes facing front and two toes facing back
- D. A hooked beak

3-Most parrots nest in cavities of trees. The only parrot species that builds a nest is:

- A. Kea
- B. Quaker parakeet
- C. Meyer's parrot
- D. Blue-fronted Amazon

4-Parrot-type birds can be dated back to 40 million years ago. This dating was accomplished by examining the following evidence:

- A. Cave paintings
- B. Mummies

- C. Feathers
- D. Fossils

5-The United States enacted a law prohibiting the importation of wild-caught birds, except under special circumstances in:

- A. 1992
- B. 2008
- C. 1918
- D. 1986

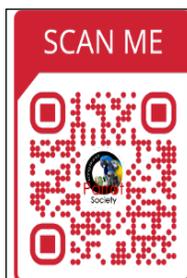
6-Trained parrots were featured in a popular show at the 1964 World's Fair. The birds came from:

- A. Parrot Jungle
- B. Hartz Mountain
- C. Catalina Island
- D. A theatrical agency

7-The first European to see macaws in their natural habitat was most likely:

- A. Louis the XI
- B. Christopher Columbus
- C. Winston Churchill
- D. Marco Polo

ANSWERS" 1-C, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D, 5-A, 6-A, 7-B



Scan the code to see the answer key from last month's puzzle.

*Look for a new Puzzle next month.  
The new puzzle will  
be a cross word.*

**The Long Island Parrot Society has a new meeting hall!** After 27+ years in Babylon Village, we've moved!

Our new in-person meetings will be held at Greenwood Hall, 58 Greenwood Ave., East Islip! We have four meetings scheduled for 2022: March 16, June 15, September 21, and December 21. **Due to cases of avian flu on Long Island, please leave your bird at home.**

**Because COVID is still of concern, please do NOT bring snacks to share to meetings. You may bring snacks for yourself.**

In addition, our picnic will be held offsite at Belmont Lake State Park in July. Zoom meetings will continue twice a month, with in-person meetings streamed to at-home participants.

## HOW CAN I PROTECT MY PET BIRDS?

We can inadvertently pick the virus up on our clothing, shoes, or hands and while Long Island has historically been spared from this disease, we do receive a good share of birds during migration. And, if there is anything COVID has taught us, it is BE PREPARED.

HPAI can be anywhere, so it's important to avoid moving or spreading on your clothes, shoes, cars, or equipment. Parrot owners should keep their birds indoors during a nearby avian influenza outbreak as well as taking steps to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus carried by visitors, other birds, and potentially contaminated things like cages, toys, or food and water.

### Do not take parrots outside

- Any time you take your birds outside, they are at risk for exposure.
- Do not put parrots on the ground.
- Do not use outside materials for toys or foraging without proper cleaning & disinfection.
- If your birds are housed in an aviary, ensure your aviary has a cover and that the sides are screened to prevent all wild birds and rodents from entering.
- Ensure food and water are covered to prevent risk of contamination.

### Keep the Outside OUT of your home!

- Wild and domestic birds should never be housed together or in close proximity to one another.
- Keep shoes outside. HPAI can be carried on small particles carried by birds and other animals, your shoes are a great risk for contamination within and around your home, leave them outside or in the garage. Disinfect them regularly.
- Change your clothes. Just like shoes, clothes can also carry HPAI into your home. If you have spent time in nature or where there are large amounts of wild birds, change your clothes before entering your home.
- Discourage wild birds, rodents, and waterfowl on your property. Don't feed wild birds. Make your entire premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers. Put control programs in place for wild birds (including their feces and their feathers), rodents.

### Clean and Disinfect Regularly

- Wash your hands and disinfect surfaces and shoes frequently.
- If you don't have soap and water, use hand sanitizer.
- Be aware that all disinfectants have a required contact time for killing avian influenza.
- Many disinfectants are not safe to use around parrots, so do research on safety.

### Other Pets & Your Parrots

- Dogs and Cats that go outside present risk of HPAI to your indoor birds, so you may want to keep them separated.
- Use pet-safe wipes to remove surface debris from fur and paws.
- In multiple-species households, service exotics first and other pets last. Be sure to wash hands in between.

### Know the signs of HPAI. Domestic birds may show the following symptoms:

- Sudden death without clinical signs, Lack of energy and appetite, Decreased egg production and/or soft or misshapen eggs, Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles and hocks, Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and leg, Nasal coloration, coughing, sneezing, Incoordination, Diarrhea
- Report sick birds. 1-866-536-7593

### Stay informed and be vigilant.

## CONCLUSION

The current outbreak of HPAI will not last forever, but it may come back seasonally. The best thing you can do now to protect your flock is keep them indoors and prevent bringing the virus into your home. Change shoes or clothes and disinfect them before entering your home. Educate yourself about implementing a bio security plan and the ways you can stay safe by visiting [The Defend the Flock Program](#).

# Adoption Spotlight



Name of Parrot : Perry

Species : Scarlet Macaw

Age of Parrot : 8 approx

Sex : Male

Birthday Hatchday : Unknown

Bird Color : Blue

Wings Clipped : Partially flighted

Parrots Usual Diet : Zupreem and fresh veggie

Talking Ability : Says some words and phrases

Last Vet Check Date : 2017

Good With Children : Not a Good Fit

Good With Dogs : Good Fit

Good With Cats : Unknown

Good With Other Pets : Not a Good Fit

Is Bird Hand Tame : Yes but he does bite

Have Any Feather Issues : Over Preens

Any Behavior Issues: He's a biter and started attacking my other scarlet

Reason : He attacked my other scarlet



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

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