The International Loriidae Society

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Remember back to the August 1981 AFA convention held in San Diego, California. At this time, a group of 40 lory enthusiasts decided to form a Lory Society. The time was ripe for the formation of such a club because the last decade had seen unprecedented developments concerning the importation of lories and lorikeets.

During the 1970s, the European and American bird markets received an influx of lories from Indonesia and New Guinea. Unfortunately, many of these birds ended up in pet stores and were sold as pets as there were far more lories on the market than could be consumed by dedicated aviculturists. Many of the rarely imported species of lories were passed on to the pet trade during this time and, being too widely distributed, comparatively few aviary-bred strains were established. Sadly, other birds perished as the pet owner was unable to devote the time to care for these birds properly.

Members of the Lory Society felt it was vital that the maximum use was made of existing lory stocks and, by forming the society, they would have direct contact between lory breeders.

The first year of the Lory Society showed promise and at year’s end the society had 130 members from 37 states, England, Canada, Australia, five European and one south African country (plus six zoos) with over 1,200 lories registered on the census. During 1983, the Society showed a decline in activity and limped along until January 1985. At this time, the society was revamped and the members adopted the name “The
The Watchbird offers free publicity for member club bird shows by announcing the dates and locations of the shows. To have your show listed it is necessary to get the data to the Watchbird four to five months before the show date. For example, if your show takes place the first week of October, it should be listed in the August/September issue. The deadline for that issue is June 1st. (Copy/ article deadline is two months preceding publication date.)

**The Northwest Bird Club**

**Annual Bird Show**
October 13 & 14, 1990
Jackson County Expo
Penringer Rd., Central Point, Oregon
For information contact:
Shirley (503) 772-4176 or Faye (503) 562-2180

**Baltimore Bird fanciers**

**50th Annual All Bird Show**
October 20, 1990
Holiday Inn
Cromwell Bridge Road In Towson, MD
Contact catalog editor:
Brad Clark, 204 LaVerne Ave.,
Baltimore, MD 21227
Weekdays (301) 341-9595
Eve's., weekends (301) 424-8471

**Motor City Bird Breeders**

**39th Annual Canary and Cage Bird Exhibition**
October 27 & 28, 1990
St. Stephen's Hall
4330 Central, Detroit
For information contact:
Kathy Frank
19400 MacArthur, Redford, MI 48240
(313) 538-6598

**Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club**

**58th Annual Show**
November 2-3, 1990
Hillside Holiday Inn
4400 Frontage Rd., Hillside, IL 60162
For information, write:
Jane Muscato
2725 Midland Drive
Naperville, IL 60567

**San Diego Bird Show**

**November 2, 3 & 4, 1990**
Del Mar Fairgrounds
Lower Granstand Building
Contact:
Adults $2.00 / Children 6-12 $1.00
Children 5 and under: free
Open to the public: Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm
For information contact:
Mike Morrison, show chairman
8925 Tommy Drive,
San Diego, CA 92119
(619) 562-1080 (days)
(619) 406-4999 (evenings)

**New Hampshire Avicultural Society's 19th Annual Cage Bird Show**
October 13, 1990
Saint Philip Greek Orthodox Church
500 W. Hollis St., (Exit 5W off Rte. 3)
Nashua, NH
Judges & Information:
Ann Beatham, 48B Chestnut St.
Nashua, NH, phone (603) 880-8164

**Exotic Bird Club of Florida**

**2nd Annual Caged Bird Show**
November 3, 1990
Holiday Inn
Palm Bay Rd., Palm Bay, Florida
For information contact:
Walt Petty (407) 632-7494

**Capitol City Bird Society**

**14th Annual Show**
November 9, 10, 11, 1990
La Sierra Community Center
5525 Eagle Rd., Carmichael, CA
For information contact:
Sue McKinney (707) 448-0680 or Helen Candle (916) 933-1619

**The Rochester Cage-Bird Club**

**22nd Annual Bird Show**
Saturday, November 10, 1990
Morroe County Cooperative Extension Auditorium
Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY
Contact:
Kevin Gorman, promotional chairman
Rochester Cage Bird Club
204 Conrad Drive
Rochester, NY 14616

**Tennessee Valley Caged Bird Club**

**Educational Seminar**
November 17, 1990
Campus of Univ. of Tenn.
College of Veterinary Medicine
For information write to:
P.O. Box 51425,
Knoxville, TN 37930-1425
or call:
Don Mitchell (615) 986-7122 or Gary Red (615) 690-0613

**Northern Illinois Parrot Society's Bird Fair**
November 15, 1990
The Harttendor Center
225 E. Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove Village, IL
For information contact:
Barbara Kubala (708) 398-8563

**Alabama Budgerigar & Cockatiel Breeders Association Show**
November 24, 1990
For information contact:
Debra Morgan
1403 6th Ave. S.E.,
Decatur, Alabama 35601
(205) 350-1424

**2nd Annual Tri-Club Bird Fair**

sponsored by Feathered Friends Society, Southern Indiana Bird Society, and Kentuckiana Bird Society
December 1 & 2, 1990
Ramada Inn Brownborow East Brownborow Rd. & I-264
For information:
Bruce Pitchford
214 Glenwood Dr.
Fairdale, Kentucky 40118
(502) 367-4799
International Loriidae Society (ILS)’

The International Loriidae Society’s goals were reaffirmed as follows:

1. To the building of self-sustaining captive bred populations of all the Loriidae species possible,

2. To disseminate avicultural and scientific information on the family Loriidae to all the members, and other interested parties through the newsletter (which is sent to members four times a year),

3. To take an annual census of the captive population of the family Loriidae,

4. To assist, where possible, the preservation of the family Loriidae in the wild.

Since 1985, the membership has continued to increase; information about breeding lories, housing, diets and diseases affecting lories is published in the quarterly newsletter; the society has an annual meeting of members during AFA’s convention; an annual census is taken and results published in the newsletter yearly; and study books have been set up for many species of lories. As with other societies, articles are always in demand.

During 1986, ILS had 60% of their membership reporting on the census indicating 667 pairs of birds in captivity with 576 young being produced. However, in 1987 the census figures were down with one species showing a reduction of 25 pairs in captivity. Did birds die, did members lose interest and not report, did people sell their birds to non-members who did not report, or did the ILS fail to keep the members’ interest?

Late in 1988, the ILS reorganized with new officers being elected. Fresh ideas emerged and interest again grew in the lory society. With the threat of bird importation coming to a close, ILS is working harder to reach lory owners and obtain husbandry data on all species of lories and lorikeets in captivity and in the wild. We urge participation in the annual census and the study books, ask that each person raising lories close band all offspring and keep accurate breeding data, and strongly oppose the hybridization of lory species.

Dues are $12 per year. For further information, contact Sharon Casmier, secretary/treasurer, ILS, 17704 S. Tapps Drive East, Sumner, WA 98390.

New book soon to be published . . .

“Lories & Lorikeets in Aviculture”

by Dale R. Thompson
Canyon Country, California

“This upcoming lory book is due around Christmas of this year. This large format (9” x 12”) book will be around 80 pages in length and deals mainly with those lory and lorikeet species now found in captivity. The author has maintained and reproduced up to 30 species and subspecies of lories and lorikeets for many years. He was the first to manufacture, test, and perfect a dry lory diet that can also be used as a nectar. This book came about primarily as a request from many people who asked about the proper identification of the family Loriidae and as an answer to numerous questions regarding their maintenance and breeding. This book will be interesting reading for most bird enthusiasts, but it is mainly written for those aviculturists interested in propagating this group of birds. There are several chapters at the beginning of the book that deal with aviary and cage design, nestbox size and design, diet flexibility, proper pairing, fostering of eggs and babies, medical, anatomy and other pertinent information.

The main portion of the book gives information on each separate species. This includes their size, call, diet, incubation, nesting, sexual difference if any, distribution in the wild, their pet quality and other general information that is specific to the species.

The most outstanding quality and certainly the most notable are the full page paintings which accompany each species. There are 34 species that are done with watercolors. These illustrations are second to none and all are originals painted by Gamini Ratnavira, one of the finest wildlife artists in the country today. Exquisite likenesses of those species of Loriidae now found in aviculture are painted with all natural backgrounds.

Several books on lories and lorikeets are presently available but they mainly deal with history and early breedings of given species. John Vanderhoof’s Lories and Lorikeets in Aviculture fills a need for lory lovers with up-to-date avicultural information on this beautiful group of parrots.

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Gamini Ratnavira’s painting of Black-capped Lories, reproduced here in black and white, is one of 34 accurately detailed full-color illustrations for the new book, "Lories and Lorikeets in Aviculture."