

# 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

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Arlington, TX 76011  
ph (817) 261-2300  
For information contact:  
Nelda Harris, show secretary  
128 S.E. Newton Burleson  
Texas 76028 / ph (817) 295-1472

**South Jersey Bird Club  
9th Annual Show  
October 6, 1990**

The Clarion Hotel &  
National Conference Center  
Exit 8, N.J. Turnpike,  
399 Monmouth Street  
East Windsor, N.J. 08520  
For information contact:  
Janice Nelson, show manager  
(215) 788-9312 or write to:  
SJBC, 247 Roosevelt St.,  
Bristol, PA 19007

**SunCoast Avian Society  
15th Annual Exotic & Pet Bird Show  
October 6 & 7, 1990**

Bellevue Biltmore Resort Hotel  
25 Bellevue Boulevard  
Clearwater, Florida 34616  
For information contact:  
D. Dollar, show secretary  
(813) 937-5447  
or Delphia Distler (813) 525-8625

**Sunshine State Cage Bird Society  
19th Annual Exotic Bird Show  
October 13, 1990**

Plaza Inn  
603 Lec Road, Orlando, FL 32810  
(407) 644-6100  
For information contact:  
John & Shirley Flaherty, show mgrs.  
197 Jay Drive, Altamonte Springs,  
FL 32714 / ph (407) 774-0367

**Kansas Avicultural Society  
(affiliated with ABS, AFA, NFS,  
SPBE, ACS, NCA and ALS)**

**Ninth Annual Caged Bird Show  
October 13, 1990**  
at the Wichita Quality Inn  
8300 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67207  
For information write or call:  
Maria May  
4621 Farmstead, Wichita, KS 67220  
Phone (316) 744-1696

**The Greater Rochester  
Hookbill Association  
7th Annual Parrot Exhibition  
October 13, 1990**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Contact:  
Linda Mudge, show chairperson  
3549 Marion-Walworth Road  
Marion, NY 14505  
phone (315) 926-5984  
or Paul Lewis  
4159 Dean Road  
Marion, NY 14505  
phone (315) 926-7661

**New Hampshire  
Avicultural Society's  
16th Annual Cage-Bird Show  
October 13, 1990**

Saint Philip Greek Orthodox Church  
500 W. Hollis St., (Exit 5W off Rte. 3)  
Nashua, New Hampshire  
Judges & Information:  
Ann Beatham, 48B Chestnut St.  
Nashua, NH, phone (603) 880-8164



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  
Penninger Rd., Central Point, Oregon  
For information contact:  
Shirley (503) 772-4176 or  
Faye (503) 582-2180

**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) 242-8471

**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 Grandstand Building  
Admission fees:  
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  
8363 Tommy Drive,  
San Diego, CA 92119  
(619) 562-1080 (days)  
(619) 466-4999 (evenings)

**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  
5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, CA  
For information contact:  
Susie McKinney (707) 448-0680  
or Helen Candle (916) 933-1619

**The Rochester Cage-Bird Club  
22nd Annual Bird Show**

**Saturday, November 10, 1990**  
Monroe 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 37950-1425  
or call:  
Don Mitchell (615) 986-7122 or  
Gary Ried (615) 690-0613

**Northern Illinois  
Parrot Society's  
Bird Fair**

**November 18, 1990**  
The Hattendorf 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 Brownsboro East  
Brownsboro Rd. & I-264  
For information:  
Bruce Pitchford  
214 Glissade 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 lorries, housing, diets and diseases affecting lorries 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 stud books have been set up for many species of lorries. 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 lorry society. With the threat of bird importation coming to a close, ILS is working harder to reach lorry owners and obtain husbandry data on all species of lorries and lorikeets in captivity and in the wild. We urge participation in the annual census and the stud books, ask that each person raising lorries close band all offspring and keep accurate breeding data, and strongly oppose the hybridization of lorry 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

### "Lories and Lorikeets in Aviculture"

book by John Vanderhoof

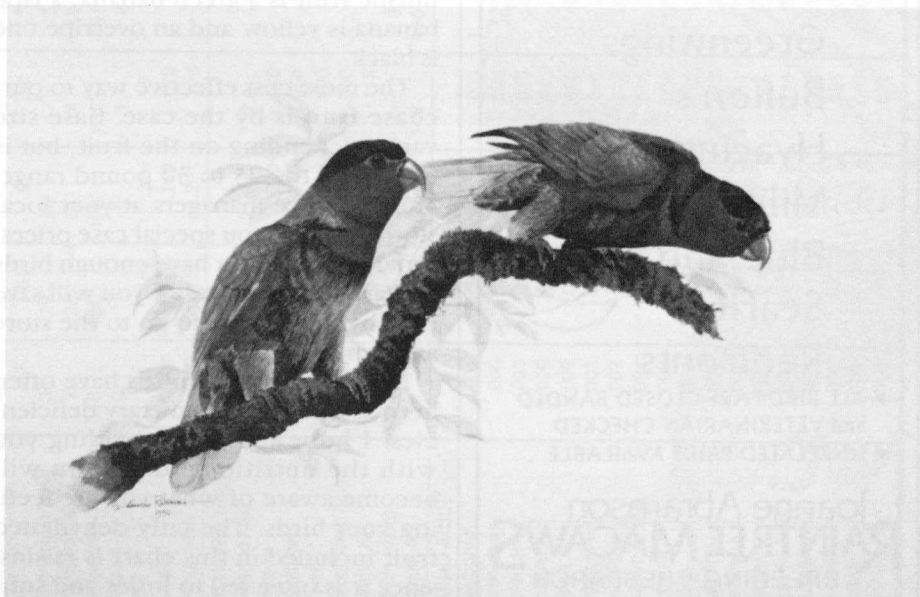
This upcoming lorry book is due around Christmas of this year. This large format (9" x 12") book will be around 80 pages in length and deals mainly with those lorry and lorikeet species now found in captivity. The author has maintained and reproduced up to 30 species and subspecies of lorries and lorikeets for many years. He was the first to manufacture, test, and perfect a dry lorry 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 lorries 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 lorry lovers with up-to-date avicultural information on this beautiful group of parrots. ●



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