

PSITTACINE RETRIEVAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES PUBLISHED

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has published recommended guidelines for the retrieval of the Indian Ringneck Parrakeet, Nanday Conure and Canary-Wing Bee Bee, all of which are confirmed as having bred in the wild. The program will be given a one year trial period, during which time the state's proposed prohibition on the possession and sale of said birds will be postponed. If the program succeeds, the contemplated restrictions will be shelved.

At a June luncheon, Lew Davis, Jim Johnson (biologists with the Department of Food and Agriculture), Rae Anderson, and Jerry Jennings set up a schedule of monthly meetings to discuss the program's progress and any problems that may arise. A series of training sessions for retrieval team volunteers will be conducted with the assistance of Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson beginning in July.

Although all escaped exotics are of interest to the state and the A.F.A., efforts will be concentrated on the three above-mentioned species, which have been designated "target birds" for the purpose of these guidelines.

1. The County Agricultural Commissioner of the county in which retrieval is to be

attempted must be notified, during normal working hours, of the aviculturists retrieval team's intent and methods to be employed prior to any such attempt. Personnel representing the Agricultural Commissioner or California Department of Food and Agriculture may observe and document recovery attempts.

2. All local ordinances and regulations must be observed. If retrieval efforts involve firearms, then local law enforcement officials should be informed, in advance, of such summary action. Any permits necessary for such action must be obtained, prior to such retrieval attempt.

3. If retrieval of "target birds" is attempted on private property, permission from the property owner to retrieve these species must be obtained prior to such attempts. (See Fish and Game Code Section 2016, Chapter 1, Division 3.)

4. Bi-monthly reports of numbers and species of "target birds" taken, along with information describing unsuccessful attempts and sightings is to be sent to the local Agricultural Commissioner and to one of the Department of Food and Agriculture Biologists (listed below) who will notify the study team of such retrieval attempts and results.

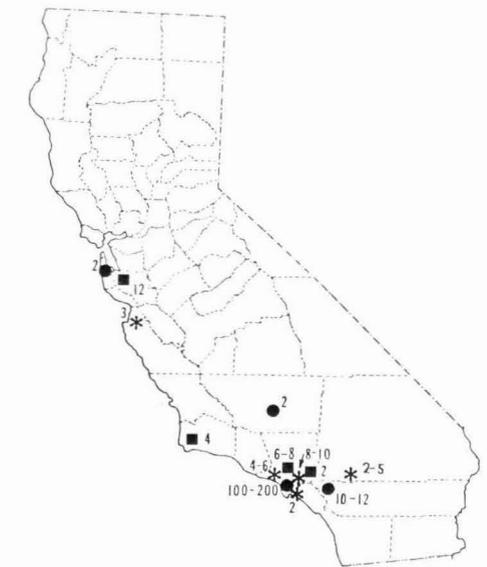
5. The Bird Pest Evaluation Study Team of the Department of Food and Agriculture reserves the prerogative to recom-

mend quarantine or prohibited status for any of the "target birds" at any time during the recovery program.

Aviculturists interested in becoming members of a retrieval team should notify the A.F.A. by mail, or contact their club delegate(s). All sightings of exotic birds should be reported to the following:

LOCATIONS & NUMBERS OF EXOTIC PSITTACINES IN CALIFORNIA AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975

- * Nanday Conures, *Nandayus nenday*
- Canary-Winged Parrakeet, *Brotogeris versicoloros*
- Ring-Necked Parrakeet, *Psittacula krameri*



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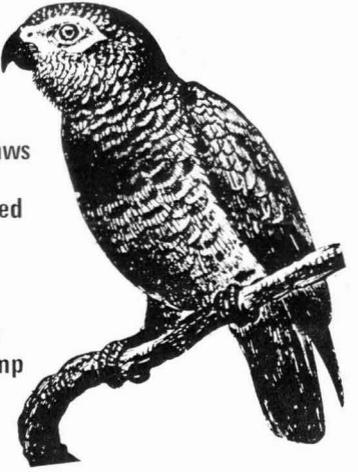
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