

North Shore Cage Bird Cub



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Meetings at the Sunnynook
Community Centre,
148 Sycamore Drive,
Sunnynook.

4th Thursday of each month
excluding December.

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Bird Chatterings the N.S.C.B.C. Newsletter

Minutes from Monthly Meeting 22.06.03

Attendance; 11
Apologies; Rick Staal; Robyn Clark; Mick Brown
Moved. Ron Mcilwain; Jim Ziarno.

Minutes, as read in March news letter.
Moved. Mark Nissen; John Longworth

Mail In 1. Year Books
2. Receipt from Sunnynook Community Centre, Re; Club
meeting venue. Paid for by Rick Staal from seed sales.

Mail Out 1. Year book order
2. Judges Books
Moved; Paul Hughes; Mark Thompson.

Finance; Savings account. \$3867.41
Cheque \$452.59
Less the following a) \$80 Judges books
b) \$32 Year books
c) \$450 Show Venue Fee
Moved. Ron Mcilwain; Mark Thompson.

General Business.
Report tabled by John Longworth, about a new disease killing hundreds of
budgies in some of the UK's top studs.
Sympathy card to be sent to Frank Wagstaff's family.

Annual show: Colin Punter to secure trophies from last years winners.
Donations for Tombola Raffle please give to Mark Nissen on the morning of
the show
Donations for the kitchen to be given to Carol Ziarno.

The Following to be finalised at a show committee meeting

- 1 Stewards
 - 2 Security
 - 3 Assistance to Show manager in setting up staging
- Meeting closed 8.35pm
Next meeting To be held in the Sunny Nook Community Centre
148 Sycamore Drive, Sunny nook.

On the 24.08.03 (4th Thursday of each month excl December)

TOMBOLA RAFFLE

Please donate prizes for
this fund raising raffle at
our show.

You can bring them along
on Friday night or
Saturday morning.

See Mark Nissen

Recycle and Scrap Metal

please give to Jim Ziarno who is kindly collecting for club funds



Market Place and Notice Board

Bird Equipment: Maurice Donnell has a variety of excess bird equipment of all kinds suitable for Canaries and Finches. Young bird keepers will get a very good deal. Ph 410 4140

Budgerigar Show Cages: unpainted boxes with hinges etc available from Colin Punter. Ph 837 1091

Budgerigar Show Cage Fronts: are available for \$15 from Rick Staal. Ph 476 9155

Budgies: various colours from \$15, Mark Nissen. Ph 48 234 71



Membership and Renewal

This newsletter, past issues, membership forms, and other resources and information are on the web at:

<http://cagebirds.arecool.net>

Surname.....First Name/s.....
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Street.....Suburb.....
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Phone.....D.O.B if < 16 yrs.....
Status.....Parent Club.....yes/no.....

Interests (circle those that apply): Budgerigars, Yorkshire Canaries, Gloster Canaries, Norwich Canaries, Border Canaries, Roller Canaries, Parrots, Lovebirds, Finches, Bengalese, Zebra Finches, Foreign Birds, Doves, Colour Canaries, Quail, British Birds, Other (please specify).....

Subscription: Single Adult \$20, Partnership \$25, Junior \$5, Junior Partnership \$10, Pensioner \$12, Pensioner Partnership \$15. Late renewal: add 10% after 1 November.

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The Red Sided Eclectus



The red-sided eclectus (*Eclectus roratus polychloros*) is one of nine recognized subspecies of eclectus parrots. Although they have previously been considered better aviary birds than pets, this opinion is rapidly changing. Many people have enjoyed these beautiful birds as wonderful and enchanting pets. They don't talk as well as other parrots but are very clean and relatively odorless.

Males tend to be the gentler sex, but this is controversial. For this reason, many people feel that males are more appropriate for families with smaller children. Red-sided eclectus are found in Australia, New Guinea and the South Pacific Islands. Females have distinctive differences in the plumage between the subspecies, however the males are difficult to differentiate. The difficulty of identification of males often leads to inadvertent hybridization. Red-sided eclectus are found on the West Papuan islands of Indonesia and in New Guinea. Life span is probably up to 40-plus years.

Eclectus are unique among parrots in their strikingly dimorphic plumage color. The females are a deep scarlet to bright red with black beaks. The males are brilliant green with yellow-orange upper beaks. Early ornithologists even considered them different species due to the striking dimorphism. Their feathers have a soft, almost fur like appearance. They are large stocky parrots with short square tails.

The male is a brilliant forest green. He has brilliant red patches on the sides and under wing coverts, blue bend to the

wing and dark blue flight feathers. The female has a distinct blue feather ring around the eye like blue eyeliner. Her red is brilliant and her breast is a brilliant blue purple, which is separated from the red above by a distinct sharp line of demarcation. The under tail coverts are bright red. The tail feathers are solid red. The outer edges of the primaries are green. Eclectus will often appear stoic but are interested in activities around them.



Young eclectus should be socialized to many people and exposed to a variety of situations such as new cages, toys, visits to the veterinarian, handling by friends etc. Eclectus do well when provided with plenty of fruits and vegetables. Their diet should be comprised of 75 to 80 percent fruits and vegetables and 20 to 25 percent pellets. Treats may be given in small amounts especially as rewards for good behavior. Fresh clean water must be provided every day. Vitamin supplements are not needed for birds that are eating a formulated and nutritional diet. Routine bathing or showering is vital to maintaining good plumage and skin condition.

The fine feathering of the eclectus is especially beautiful when they receive routine baths. Ideally birds should be taken outdoors on a warm day and lightly sprinkled and allowed to dry in the sun. In-

door birds can be misted or bathed in the shower and allowed to dry in a warm room or dried with a blow drier.

Breeding season and clutch size - Eclectus parrots are prolific breeders and many pairs will breed year round. The prominent breeding season is the spring. Females may be aggressive toward males. There are reports of eclectus breeding successfully until age 28.

Some eclectus breed in nest boxes and some breed on perches. Provide a Z-box, rectangular or vertical nest box approximately 18 inches by 18 inches by 24 inches. Females may stay in the box most of the time. Pine shavings make excellent nest material. Breeding cage should be as large as practical but at least 3 feet by 3 feet by 6 feet.

Eclectus are easy to hand rear and will do well on hand rearing formulas. The sexes can be distinguished at a very early age and the down tends to be black in female chicks and grey in males. At about 4 to 5 weeks, the head will take on a green or red cast as feathers emerge and tails feathers will begin to emerge verifying sex. Eclectus chicks must be handled very gently to avoid fearful or aggressive behavior.

The red-sided eclectus is a relatively healthy bird.

The following diseases have been reported in this bird.

Feather picking, Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease, Polyoma virus infection, Psittacosis, Bacterial infections, Candida (yeast) infections, Ingestion of toxins such as heavy metals, Infertility and female aggression, Vitamin A deficiency.



Newsletter Contributions

Mark Nissen

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!

Please provide sponsorship for the annual show. \$5 or \$10 or more will make the show a success! Please contact Jim Ziarno with your sponsorship.

Membership Enquiries

Jim Ziarno

Phone:
09 444 3024

Border Canary

The Border Canary evolved from the 'common' canary, bred in the North of England and the Scottish Borders from the 1700s. In 1889 a meeting was called at the Scottish Border town of Langholm where a name and common standard were adopted. The Border Fancy Canary Club was formally established on June 5th 1890 and the variety soon became the most popular breed of canary bred in the British Isles.

The Standard defined that the Ideal should: Not exceed five and a half inches in length Stand at a 60 deg angle to the perch Have a smoothly rounded head and breast Display a jaunty carriage and lively disposition The variety became known as 'The Wee Gem' because of its compact size and lively character. It was a fertile and free-breeding bird, averaging 4 or 5 eggs per nest and the hens were excellent mothers. Many colour variations were subsequently bred including: Yellows and buffs: clears, ticked, variegated Greens Cinnamons Whites and Blues.

Four point,
even-marked
buff and yellow
Borders

by
Harry Norman
1911



From Yesteryear

A reader kindly sent in a clipping from the Auckland Star Newspaper, dated October 18th 1937.

In the clipping the following classified advertisements were placed:

Budgie Mixture, clean seed, 4d lb; 4lb 1/3. - Parrot


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Some approximate comparisons on the prices (also provided by our reader) are: 4d = 3 c, 1/3 = 15 c, 10/6 = \$1.05, 12/6 = \$1.25.

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CONTACTS: ☎(09) 299-6623 May or ☎(09) 266-4607 Kevin or Iris

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

New Zealand Finch Breeders Association
FIRST NEW ZEALAND FINCH CONVENTION
 Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Rd,
 Mt Wellington, Auckland.
Sat 27th - Sun 28th September 2003

Full registration entitles one delegate to the following:

- *Entry into Saturday Convention *Morning, Afternoon tea and Lunch
- * Saturday Night Dinner *One Parson Finch Raffle ticket
- *Bus ride to Sunday Aviary visits *Light Morning tea * Light Lunch

FULL 'EARLY BIRD' REGISTRATION NZ\$ 100.00

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From 2nd March 2003 until 31st August 2003

To Register please fill this out and return with Cheque or Money Order

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