

MEMBER PROFILE:

JONAH RODES

AFRICAN GREY

Jonah is a seven-year old Congo African Grey who Pete and Pat Rodes adopted from Phoenix Landing in 2009. Jonah was the beloved pet of a woman who acquired him as a baby, who later married and then had a baby. Although her husband liked Jonah, he was not getting the attention he needed because of the new baby.

Pete and Pat didn't know exactly what to expect when they met Jonah. After all, he was an adult bird who had spent all his life with his original owner. However, he was well-mannered and friendly, although he was a little nervous. He was beautiful, having been well-cared for by his prior owner, who sent along an eight-page dossier about Jonah's background, habits, diet, likes, dislikes, etc.—an invaluable tool for helping him adjust to his new home.

Jonah has a vocabulary of over 50 words and phrases, and he is constantly learning new words and rearranging words into difference phrases. Among his favorites are: *Go outside?*, *You be good boy!*, *Ready? Ready? Ready?*, *Want some?*, *I'll be right back.*, *I'm right here.*, *You okay?*, *I love youuuu.*, *Hey bird.*, *Whatcha Got?*, *Shower? Shower?*, *No. No bite. No.*, *Go poop. Go poop.*, *Wanna come with me?*, *Hey booger.*, *You got to go to work.*, *God bless America.*, *Bad bird; bad bird; what you gonna do?*, *I can talk; can you fly?*, *Gimme kiss*, and numerous others. He also holds mumbled phone conversations and makes numerous sounds such as chicken clucks, water dripping, cricket sounds, laughter, falling bomb noises, and others.



Jonah's favorite toys are bells. His favorite food is people food. He gets plenty of fresh and dried fruits, lots of vegetables, and nuts. He eats every meal with Pete. Jonah's favorite spots in the house are his swing and the window sill. He will ask, "Want to go to the window?"

Jonah is a truly potty-trained bird in that he will not soil his cage. If he needs to poop, whether in or out of his cage, he will whistle or say "Got to go poop," and one of his people will put him on the back of his "potty chair" with a piece of newspaper underneath him. Pete and Pat have to be careful not to be gone from home for long periods of time, leaving Jonah in his cage, for fear that he might make himself ill by refusing to soil it. The Rodes can't imagine their life now without Jonah and their other two parrots: Goffins' cockatoos Tula and Jill. They also adopted Jill from Phoenix Landing.



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Eclectus, Maui - Sue Brewer, 2010 Photo Contest

Financial Report

November 11/30/2010

Beginning Balance	\$2,626.86
Deposits	100.00
Checks	100.00
Withdrawals	.00
Ending Balance	\$2,626.86

December 12/31/00

Beginning Balance	\$2,626.86
Deposits	.00
Checks	.00
Withdrawals	.00
Ending Balance	\$2,626.86

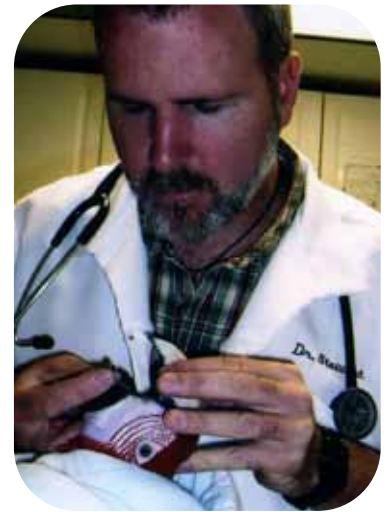
January 01/31/2011

Beginning Balance	\$2,626.86
Deposits	.00
Checks	40.00
Withdrawals	.00
Ending Balance	\$2,586.86

“The Birds and the Bees”

Reproduction, Disease and Prevention in Pet Parrots by Paul Stewart, DVM Avian and Exotic Pet Clinic of Roanoke

A 1992, federal law prohibited importation of companion birds into the US. Captive propagation is the sole way of fueling the pet trade. Breeder selection for productive hens, hand-raising and suboptimal diets have influenced the frequency of reproductive disease cases seen in practice, especially with smaller species. This article summarizes factors influencing reproduction in the parrot hen, describes common problems of the reproductive tracts and offers tips to help minimize reproductive behavior and subsequent disease. Approximately 10% of avian patients treated at our hospital are seen for reproductive disease.



Normal anatomy:

Male parrots have paired abdominal testes, epididymus and ductus deferens that deliver sperm into the cloaca during breeding. There can be significant increase in testicular size during the breeding season. Females have a left ovary and oviduct located adjacent to the kidney. The oviduct includes the infundibulum (site of fertilization), magnum (glandular/albumen added), isthmus (non-glandular), shell gland (glandular/albumen and shell added) and vagina (for delivery to the cloaca). In parrots, the laying interval is usually two days during nesting.

Influences on reproduction:

- 1) Time of year for laying (usually mimics time of year when survival is optimized): -spring and early summer for species from temperate zones. -Rainy season in desert species (budgerigar and zebra finch)
- 2) Nutrient availability (both food and water)
- 3) Temperature (appropriate for raising chicks)
- 4) Mate availability (another bird, a friendly owner, a mirror or a favorite toy)
- 5) Nesting building site and material availability
- 6) Behavior interactions with perceived mate (owner may be accepted as mate)
- 7) Photoperiod: Temperate species are most stimulated by increasing day length, (12 hours of daylight).

There are 8,700 species of birds. Most are monogamous, diurnal and breed seasonally. In captivity, 100 turkeys can produce 9,000 chicks in a period of 6 months. One hundred Amazon's may produce 50-100 chicks over 6 months. Egg removal in cockatiels can change from 4-7 eggs to 30 eggs in 2 months. Egg production in excess of two clutches a year should be discouraged to help prevent problems associated with chronic egg laying. Interesting fact: Eggs from pairs of cockatiels with hand raised males were infertile. Hand raised female cockatiels laid more than those raised by natural parents. Normal reproductive behaviors are frequently misinterpreted as “problem” behavior in our pet birds. These include seeking dark places for nest sites, shredding paper or chewing up wood/cardboard, territorial aggression, regurgitation and masturbation. Many bird owners establish a pair bond with their pet. This can re-enforce these same behaviors and lead to chronic egg laying, egg binding, dystocia and even prolapse (see below).

**“A changing environment
is not perceived
as conducive for reproduction.”**



Reproductive Tract Disease:

Chronic egg laying

Chronic egg laying occurs when a hen lays eggs beyond the normal clutch size and/or frequency, even without appropriate cues. Often there is another bird, a human, a toy or mirror that they perceive as their mate. Sometimes there is no perceived mate. This condition can lead to egg binding, dystocia, calcium depletion and prolapse.

Egg binding/Dystocia

Failure of an egg to pass through an oviduct at a normal rate (egg binding), or obstruction of the cloaca by an egg (dystocia) can be caused by oviduct muscle dysfunction, malformed eggs, excessive egg production, previous oviduct damage or infection, malnutrition (deficiency in calcium, vitamin A and E), obesity, lack of exercise, heredity and concurrent stress or disease. With dystocia, damage to vessels and nerves can occur. Cloacal obstruction can lead to constipation, uterine tears and kidney failure. Signs include droopy winged, wide stance and reluctance to fly or perch. There may be straining to pass the egg unsuccessfully. Legs may become weak or paralyzed.

Prolapse

Prolapse of tissue from the oviduct through the cloaca may occur as a result of dystocia. Prolapses are often recurrent. The veterinarian may suture the cloaca to keep the tissue in place while healing occurs and while the causes can be addressed and corrected.



Salpingitis/Metritis

Salpingitis is inflammation of the upper reproductive tract. Metritis is inflammation of the lower reproductive tract, both commonly caused by bacterial infection. This can occur through infection from other organ systems such as the liver, air sac, pneumonia, or retrograde infections from the cloaca. Obesity has also been associated with many cases of salpingitis. If the reproductive tract is inflamed, shell formation and contraction may not be effective, leading to egg binding, peritonitis from uterine rupture, and death.

Cystic Ova

Follicles on the ovary can become grossly enlarged and filled with fluid. The cause of cystic ova is not fully understood. If large enough, cysts can rupture internally, cause fluid in the abdomen or grow to compress the air sacs leading to respiratory distress. Treatment is with Leupron to quiet the ovary. Ultrasound-guided aspiration or surgery are often needed.

Neoplasia (Tumors)

Ovarian and oviduct cancer are fairly common. The

hen will present with similar signs to cystic ovaries or dystocia. Egg retention, cysts, abdominal fluid, and hernias often occur due to ovarian tumors.

Peritonitis

Inflammation in the abdominal cavity can be caused by egg material that escapes the reproductive tract, either by ectopic follicles or by a tear of the oviduct. Often this leads to abdominal swelling, breathing difficulty and poor appetite. If bacteria get into this material, death is likely. Surgery is often needed to treat this disease.

Prevention of Reproductive Behavior:

Modify the environmental and husbandry to minimize reproductive cues. Do not provide your parrot with a nest box or any item that could be considered a potential nesting site unless you want to promote breeding behavior. Phase out any interactive behavior, individuals or objects that give the bird perception that a mate is present including any cage mate, mirror or toys to which they are "romantically" bonded. On occasion, owners may need to stop handling the bird until reproductive behavior stops (sometimes 30 to 60 days).

Discontinue hand feeding and hand grooming. Pair grooming over the back and under the wings is a reproductively motivated behavior in birds. Avoid putting pressure on the back, touching around or under the tail, and even holding the beak. Instead, build a flock relationship with your pet through positive reinforcement training for appropriate behavior. Visit www.goodbirdinc.com for instructional DVDs on healthy parrot training, flock interaction (with multiple care-givers) and foraging behavior. Do not let your bird be "leader of the flock". Provide a time-out for misbehavior: If your bird is regurgitating to you or masturbates while being handled, return him or her to their cage immediately. Provide daily grooming opportunity, bathing and flock/foraging opportunities.

Optimize your parrot's diet by gradually (and carefully) converting to a formulated basic diet (Harrison's, Roudybush or Lafeber) and healthy table foods like orange and yellow vegetables and dark leafy greens. Diets lower in fat and sugar/starches will not be as likely to stimulate reproductive behavior. Always be sure your parrot has a safe calcium source in the cage. Always consult your veterinarian for specific diet recommendations and conversion methods, based on your bird's medical needs. Make sure they are maintaining a healthy weight at all times.

If your hen is demonstrating chronic egg laying, more aggressive modification may be needed. If a perceived mate exists, there may need to be a complete visual and auditory separation. Sometimes this means

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Book Reviews - Evelyn Krippendorf

Avian Medicine: Principles and Application, Winger Publishing, Inc., publisher.

There is no substitute for an avian veterinarian when your bird is sick, but this abridged version of the original 1384-page text will give you something to do while you're waiting for him/her to call back. While it wasn't written for the layman, there is useful information in it that we pet owners can understand. For example, it gives the life spans and weights of various species, and lists common diseases by species, as well as the symptoms. I obtained my copy from the Phoenix Landing Foundation booth at our annual Bird Fair. I recommend it, unless you are a "bird hypochondriac," in which case, don't open the cover. You'll think your bird has every other disease listed in it.

Project Parrot: A Behavior Guidebook for You and Your Bird, by Jenny Drummey Phoenix Landing Press, publisher

Project Parrot is a step-by-step workbook, the purpose of which is to help you understand and modify your parrot's behavior. If you have a parrot with problem behavior, this guidebook is an invaluable source of information for identifying that behavior, analyzing what occurs just before the problem behavior, altering the antecedent behavior, and teaching the bird an ore desirable new or alternate behavior. It contains training plans for teaching your bird to go into a travel carrier, forage for food, tolerate bathing and step onto a scale. Once you have mastered the basic skills, you can go on to eliminate undesirable behaviors and teach more behaviors. While the book is dead serious about what it teaches us, it is written in a light-hearted, easily understood manner. Of course, while the author hopes you will apply the principles you learn, it is an interesting read even if you don't want to undertake any training. At the least, it will help you better understand your bird's behavior. The book is available from the Phoenix Landing Foundation.

SWAYBACK Birds Visit the Adult Day Care Center!

On Friday afternoon, January 14, 2011, Sue Brewer visited the Adult Care Center for a Bird Presentation. This was Sue's third visit to the center. For this visit she brought six of her beautiful exotic pets. With her was fellow club member Melody Blank ens hip who also brought her Amazon parrot, Rene.

Over 30 participants and staff members gathered in the dining area and were delighted with Sue's fascinating talk and discussion of the various habitats, behaviors, colors and other details of each bird's species. She talked about their lives in her home and the realities of keeping long lived pets in our lives. All the birds were well received and some even interacted with the participants. No doubt Sue and Melody enjoyed their time at the center and will be back again very soon in the future to share more birdie antics and experiences

Club Notes & News

The Christmas Party!

In December we had our annual Christmas Party, Lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship were had. The Dirty Santa Swap was just as much fun as it always is if not more. As a part of club business the Board-of-Directors were nominated and voted on. (you can see the updated Board List on PG 2). We hope everyone enjoyed the Party and we look forward to seeing you all through the year.



January's Meeting

Our January meeting featured a species presentation on Amazons. Melody Blankenship and her double yellow head Amazon, Rene, spoke on some common features among Amazons in behavior, physical traits, trainability, and suitability as a companion bird. In addition, Sue Brewer brought her blue front Amazon, Guapa to illustrate the difference in types of Amazons. Due to very low attendance at recent meetings, Sue Brewer, President of SWVBC, polled those at the meeting about the success of our change of meeting day last year to Sunday afternoons. An email poll will be sent to each member within the week to see if we should change back to meeting on Tuesday evenings. The results of this poll will determine when we will meet. Until notified otherwise, we will continue meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 3:30pm.



February's Meeting

Wanda Crowder gave an educational program on birdie book making. A valuable addition to any companion parrot's life.



SWVBC Changes its Meeting Day and Time

During the February Board Meeting, Evelyn Krippendorf presented her findings from the meeting day survey she conducted. Nineteen responses were received. Seven people preferred meeting on Sunday, five preferred meeting on Tuesday, six had no preference for either day, and one couldn't meet on either day. Based on further discussion within the Board, Melody Blankenship moved and Kay Fielder seconded the motion that the bird club meeting day be changed from the second Sunday of the month, to the second Tuesday of the month with the Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and general meeting at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. New hours will begin with the March 8, 2011, meeting.

Evelyn will put an ad in the Roanoke Times announcing the new date and time of our meetings.

Looking Ahead...

March 8, 2011

Diane Brubaker

A species talk on Love Birds. Diane will bring her black-faced love bird, Alice, to the meeting. Topics being covered will be the care and feeding a love birds, color mutations, socialization, behavior specifics, and other areas that may be of interest to all parrot lovers.

April 12, 2011

Melody Blankenship

Traveling with Your Bird

Summer isn't that far away. Before you know it, is vacation time. Melody will talk about the dos and don'ts of traveling with your bird short and long distances, by car or plane, across the country or overseas. Handouts will be available with great tips on how to make travel easier for your bird family.

May 10, 2011

Dr. Paul Stewart, Veterinarian

Personal Care for Parrots 101

Dr. Stewart will talk about how to take care of your bird's grooming needs. He will instruct, with demonstrations, on wing clipping and nail clipping as well as talk about showering and/or bathing, what to do if your bird's beak is getting flaky, and how humid your bird room needs to be. Other topics of interest will also be included along with a question and answer period.

June 25, 2011

The Annual Bird Fair



Parrot Community News

THE PLAYFUL PARROT CLOSES BUT JUNGLE WINGS CAN FILL YOUR ORDERS

The Playful Parrot, formerly located on Colonial Avenue in Roanoke, closed its doors on January 29, 2011, due to a lack of business. Jean Fejes, who managed the store, will maintain a website, www.junglewings.com, from which she will fill orders for food, toys, cages, perches and other bird supplies. Jean will come to Roanoke on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She will be parked in a blue Suburban in the Awful Arthurs parking lot in the Towers Square Shopping Center on Colonial Avenue, across from the old Playful Parrot site, during those hours to deliver orders, or you may have orders shipped directly to your home.

Call Jean at (540) 651-3207, or email her at jeanfejes@gmail.com to place your order or to make sure she has what you need.

Jean has agreed to give Southwest Virginia Bird Club members a 10 per cent discount on orders. Be sure to tell her when you place your order that you are a member.

Jean will also be at our Annual Bird Fair in June. Be sure to stop by her exhibit.

BIRD SUPPLY VENDOR OFFERS 10% DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS

My Safe Bird Store (not to be confused with The Bird Safe Store owned by Joe Arbogast which is alive and well) is offering a 10 per cent discount to Bird Club members. Refer to their ad in this quarter's Newsletter for the promotional code to receive the discount.

Kathie, who owns the website-only store, has owned birds for over 32 years. She has been involved with many facets of the avian world over the years, including fund-raising for PDD research and for Dr. Irene Pepperberg so that she can continue her research into the cognitive abilities in parrots. She has also held and attended seminars by Dr. Pepperberg, Sally Blanchard, Barbara Heidenreich, as well as other avian lecturers, to learn more about parrot behavior, health, foraging and enrichment.

Kathie states that her mission is to provide only safe and healthy bird products. She does not sell birds; and she maintains a bird-free environment for her products to avoid the risk of contaminating them with feather dust which she said carries most bird diseases. She points out that many retail stores which sell bird products also carry birds, and many allow their

customers to bring their own birds into the store while they shop. This puts your own birds at risk, even if you never bring your bird into the store. She also inventories all of her products; nothing is drop-shipped to you from other sources.

My Safe Bird Store does not carry a variety of seed and does not sell peanuts or corncob bedding. Seed is not a healthy diet by itself, and peanuts and corn cob bedding can cause aspergillosis, a deadly bird disease.

Kathie will be glad to answer any of your questions about her products.

Email her at orders@mysafebirdstore.com.

Visit the website at www.mysafebirdstore.com to view the products. She carries everything you need for your flock, including some of the yummiest food available which she custom blends herself from human-grade dried veggies, fruits, nuts, pastas, and natural pellets. It smells good enough to eat yourself! I highly recommend the Bountiful Harvest Blend for Parrots and the Bountiful Harvest Qwacker Jax Fund Blend (includes small bagel toys in the mix to surprise your birds). My order came quickly and was beautifully packaged and was exactly as represented.

The website is easy to navigate through. The last time I looked, she had several delicious-sounding recipes. There is always something on sale! The web-store offers free delivery for orders over \$100.00.

Kathie supports several bird groups, including Phoenix Landing Foundation, Inc., by offering free delivery on orders shipped to those organizations.



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re-homing either the mate or the hen. Try changing the location and arrangement of the cage frequently. A changing environment is not perceived as conducive for reproduction.

If your bird is already laying eggs (non-fertile) on a perceived nest site, allow the eggs to remain there for the normal incubation period based on species. If fertilized, you must quickly become an expert at managing your soon-to-be avian family, or replace the eggs with bird-safe artificial eggs at www.theeggshop.com for the normal incubation period. If removed immediately after laying, unwanted fertilized eggs can be broken or frozen (for a week) to prevent chick development, but should be replaced with artificial eggs to prevent persistent ovulation.

In difficult cases, decreasing daylight to 8 hours, with 16 hours of darkness may improve success at halting breeding behavior.

If the above therapies are not successful to control reproductive activity, medical therapy may be needed. With the exception of Leuprolide, most hormonal therapies have variable success and potential side effects. As a last resort, surgical salpingo-hysterectomy (spay) may be needed.

What to do until you can get to the veterinary clinic: If your bird has signs of reproductive disease, these are often emergencies. Be sure to have a veterinary exam as soon as possible to optimize your pet's chances of successful treatment. Make sure food and water are easily accessible and provide a low perch. Make sure your pet is kept in a warm, humid environment with clean cage substrate. If any prolapsed tissue is present, keep it moist with sterile lubricant or Vaseline. Smaller birds can succumb within 24 hours of egg binding. Larger birds often survive longer than 24 hours, but prognosis is often improved if diagnosed and treated early.

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Meeting Information

Directions to SWVBC Meeting

- From I-81, exit at the junction with I-581.
- Take the Orange Avenue exit heading east. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Williamson Road.
- The Huntington Court Methodist Church is on the right at 3333 Williamson Road, NE.
- Meetings are normally held in the small building behind the church in the back parking lot.

The Southwest Virginia Bird Club holds its monthly meetings in Roanoke on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the Huntington Court Methodist Church on Williamson Road in Roanoke. As the newsletter is only published quarterly, notices with meeting information will be emailed to all members a week in advance of each meeting. Information is also available on our website at www.swvbc.org.

Annual individual membership dues are \$15.00; the family rate is \$20.00. Please submit a completed membership application with payment, to join SWVBC and again each subsequent year to renew. All memberships expire on June 30 of each year. You will not receive a reminder of your dues expiration; just put a note on your calendar for June that it is time to renew. OR, renew at next year's Bird Fair!

Members are encouraged to submit articles, stories, pictures, etc. to the editor for publication in upcoming newsletters. The next newsletter will be emailed on **June 1, 2011; The submission deadline is April 20, 2011.**

Please send ads, articles, pictures, etc. to:

Holly Tarquinio

Holly7766@yahoo.com

Address all other correspondence, dues payments, etc. to:

Southwest Virginia Bird Club

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Bird of the Month

Our club is always concerned about the health of your feathered loved ones, which is why we ask members not to bring their birds to the meetings. Some of our meetings are species specific and speakers at those meetings will bring one or more birds.

So, if you want your birdie to strut his or her stuff, please contact Melody Blankenship at 344-0313 to schedule the both of you for a program. If you can, please send a photograph with a paragraph or two describing your loved one and your program to melody.blankenship@tapintohope.org for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The SWVBC proudly supports:

- Phoenix Landing
- The Hyacinth Macaw Project of Pantanal, Brazil
- Lear's Corn Subsidy
- The Indonesian Parrot Project.



African Gray, Cocoa-Rose; Laura Ashley, 2010 Photos Contest.



Membership Information

ALL OF THIS FOR \$15 PER YEAR!

IN SWVBC WE SHARE – Whether it’s consoling someone who has just lost a bird or rejoicing with someone who has added to his or her flock. We also share a lot of fun about feathered antics.

IN SWVBC WE SOCIALIZE – Before each meeting we spend a little time “catching up”, having refreshments, sharing and laughing, and sometimes even picking a feather or two off one another! In July we picnic with lots of good food and fun. And in December we gather with holiday decorations to sum up the year, have good food and fun, and exchange gifts in the wildest way possible!

IN SWVBC WE LEARN – We have a program each month that informs each of us. We talk of specific species, first aid, nutrition, diseases, cages, safe toys, etc., etc., etc. We attend state and national conventions/seminars and bring back the best information to share. We read, and read – Bird Talk, Companion Quarterly and the latest books. Our relationship with Phoenix Landing and The Hyacinth Macaw Project in Brazil affords us some of the latest information on avian aviculture and rehabilitation. We sponsor nationally known speakers at our Bird Fair and invite the public to come and learn.

IN SWVBC WE CONNECT – We secure a “rehabber” to check on a pigeon in a parking lot and catch a love-bird in someone’s backyard in order to return it to its owner. We re-home a brown parrot with one of our members and get a pair of red-rump parakeets to a caring breeder. We facilitate the placing of a cockatoo with The Gabriel Foundation. We secure “baby sitting” services when someone needs to travel and retrieve a Quaker that has been relegated to a dark basement. We get information for a panicky pet owner that has a baby that won’t eat even though the expert had to do this by cell phone while on the way out of town. The list goes on.

IN SWVBC WE TEACH – We teach each other. We teach second graders as well as the elderly at the Roanoke Methodist Home where a lady talked for the first time in months when she touched a parrot. We teach to television audiences and at veterinary clinics and at pet stores. At every opportunity, we share what we know. Some of us even teach at national conventions and seminars. We design and construct wonderful educational exhibits for our Bird Fair.

IN SWVBC WE CARE.



Cockatiel - Traci Thompson, 2010 Photo Contest

A Note from the Membership Committee

Dues are renewable each year by the end of June. Please renew your membership by completing the application form found at the end of the newsletter. You may bring the form, with your payment, to the next club meeting or mail to the address on the form.

To change your street or email address, please email ekkrrippendorf@gmail.com with your changes, including your name, current mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number.

Monthly meeting notices and quarterly newsletters are emailed to current members. Email addresses and names will only be used by the club membership and will not be used or shared for any other purpose.



Southwest Virginia Bird Club

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Application: _____

Annual membership entitles you to a newsletter, access to club library, and other club sponsored projects. Annual Membership Category

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New Member

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What type of bird(s) do you have?

Would you be interested in serving on any committees?
(Bird Fair Committee, Membership Committee, etc.)

Please mail to:

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Please make checks payable to Southwest Virginia Bird Club
All club memberships expire on June 30 each year.

SWVBC Parrot Gazette

All Parrots Great and Small

