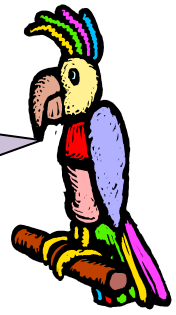




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BEING AT THE FEB. MEETING  
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**BRING YOUR BIRDS**

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**NEXT MEETING: Feb 27, 2011** The OAS meeting begins with a social time and set up time at **1:30 pm** The **business portion of the meeting begins at 2p.m.** Our meetings are held in the Hardesty South Regional Library which is located off memorial behind the car dealership at 8316 East 93rd Street

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- C. To obtain and distribute information by educational speakers, exhibits, and general fellowship necessary to complement the keeping, raising and breeding of caged birds.
- D. To support and assist other organizations with similar goals or interests, whether state, national or international.

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### **It's Spring Fling Bird Fair Time**

**Our fair is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope everyone has it on their calendar. Our fairs are successful because of all the work that is done by the OAS members.**

**We need volunteers to help at the fair Friday night and Saturday. Call any of the board members and they will get you signed up. The board member's phone number are listed in the newsletter on the second page.**

**We need items for the raffle tables. Bring them to the meeting this Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Give them to Kathleen Jones or Alena Jo Gleason and they will get them to the fair. If you can't bring them Sunday, you can bring them to the fair.**

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## NOTES TO MEMBERS:

**1 Our meeting is this Sunday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.** Hope you are planning to come and share a meal with everyone. Bring your favorite finger food. Be sure that the food is safe for our birds. They like to join us for a snack. After all they know they are the most important members. Right? Then we will settle down for a good DVD. We all need a good time and relaxation after that record breaking winter snow. What better way to spend your time than visiting with each other about our favorite subject, our birds.

## **2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

2010 Membership expired at the end of December. Hope everyone was able to send in their renewal.

### 2011 OSA EVENT CALENDAR

**January 23,** Betty Brewer

**March 5** Spring Fling Bird Fair

**April 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.)** Madelyn Franco

**June 26** TBA

**August 28** TBA

**September 25** AFA Report

**November 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun )** Holiday Party

*\*Don't miss the party, it's lots of fun\**

**February 27** Video/Pot Luck

**March 27** Members Presentation (Show & Tell)

**May 22** TBA

**July 24** TBA

**September 10** Indian Summer Bird Fair

**October 23** TBA

**December** No Program-See you next year

**AFA IN BRIEF**  
**February 2011**  
**Editor - Carol Lee**

The AFA 37th Annual Convention "Jewels in Aviculture"  
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**Lory League Hookbill Show - Budgies to Macaws**  
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Judge: Linda Rubin - MA SPBE Affiliated  
Saturday, August 6th - 9:00am to 3:00 pm

**Attention Florida Residents!**

Exotic Newcastle's disease (END) was diagnosed in three double crested cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) in Pinellas County Florida last week. Fred Smith, the Florida regional director for the American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA), is working with the Florida Department of Agriculture and the Florida state veterinarian's office to keep us updated. Complete notice at [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org) .

**2011 Call for Papers**

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you have the opportunity to give more than one presentation. Abstracts will be accepted through February 15, 2011.

For more information, please go to [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org) .

**Fundamentals of Aviculture Level 1**

By Rick Jordan & Barbara Heidenreich

With illustrations by Lyrae Perry

This online course provides a foundation for the emerging science of aviculture. It is presented in nine chapters ranging from anatomy and physiology to avian behavior; from laws and regulations affecting aviculture to how to provide proper housing and prevent illness of birds in our care. To learn more & to enroll, please go to: [http://www.afabirds.org/foa\\_intro.shtml](http://www.afabirds.org/foa_intro.shtml) .

The **second course** in the series, **Fundamentals of Aviculture II** (Intermediate Aviculture) is in final developmental stages. Students that have taken the first class will be notified when the course is ready. The projected target date is on or before March 31, 2011. All students enrolling in FOA II will have to have completed the first level class to enroll. For more information, contact Linda Seger, FOA Development at [foatech@earthlink.net](mailto:foatech@earthlink.net).

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### **Important Dates to Remember:**

#### **AFA Board of Directors Meeting**

February 19, 2011

Teleconference

#### **AFA Board of Directors Meeting**

April 29-30, 2011

Houston Hilton North

Houston, TX

#### **AFA Board of Directors Meeting**

August 2-7, 2011

AFA Convention, San Francisco, CA

Last day to re-affiliate your club or specialty organization and update your delegate membership is May 15, 2011.

**AFA BOD Election will begin in May 2011**-To nominate persons for AFA Board of Directors, contact Julia Stacy ([elections@afabirds.org](mailto:elections@afabirds.org)), the AFA Elections Committee Chairperson.

### **Have You Been to the AFA Store Lately?**

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*We want to thank Betty Brewer for her very interesting program on "Why we save feather." Three of her friends who use our feathers joined her and described how they use them. They let us know how important this is to them. And it is important for us also. There is a limited supply of feather available that can be used. Migratory bird's feather s not allowed except with a permit. Some have to be turned in to the government. These feathers have to be obtained by allotment. There is a long waiting list.*

*We need to make the saving of feather one of our very important projects! Gather all feathers no matter what shape. They can be used. Partial feathers are just as important as the complete feathers. **SAVE THEM ALL AND TURN THEM IN.** Bring them to the meeting and give them to Alena Jo and she will see that they get to Betty.*

**We want to thank Carol Spillman for all the time she has given to OAS. She has worked with the board for several years in many areas. Due to her work schedule she has had to resign from the board. But she will see us at our meetings and events when she can. Thanks Carol**

**Minutes of General Meeting – January 23, 2011**

At 2:00 PM, President Jim Geurin brought the first General Membership meeting of 2011 to order at the Hardesty Regional Library and requested all cell phones be silenced. There were 20 members and 4 guests present. Officers in addition to President Geurin included: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alena Jo Gleason, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Debra Rivers, Treasurer Debbie Davis, Members-at-Large Carol Spillman & Robert Morgan, Secretary Karen O’Brien and Committee Chairs Donna Dozier (Library), and Kathleen Jones (Refreshment).

The minutes from the November General Meeting, and the December 4 and January 4 Board Meetings, which were published in the January newsletter, were approved.

Debbie Davis, Treasurer, presented the current finances, which were approved.

Mary Hill, Bird Fair Chairperson, was on vacation, but had left word that all was moving forward for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Bird Fair. Everyone was invited to gather items, which need not be bird related, for the raffle table. Also, the need for one or more club members to take Mary’s place for the September bird fair was once again presented, since Mary will be gone at that time. Now would be a good time to start following her around to see what’s involved.

At 2:10 p.m., the business meeting was adjourned and club member/speaker, Betty Brewer was introduced. Some information I took away: the feathers donated by our pets are used in various ceremonial items because birds carry prayers to the Creator; and there are governmental restrictions on gathering even molted feathers from migratory birds, limiting access to only card-carrying permitted Native Americans. The rationale for that is that someone may decide to kill birds to obtain feathers for sale.

If anyone wants to donate feathers molted from their pet birds, all sizes are welcome and used by the group Betty works with. Bring them to our monthly meetings and Alena Jo will collect them to take to Betty.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen O’Brien, Secretary

**NOTE:** Due to the impending epic snow storm, the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, was cancelled. However, the Board members have consistently been in touch with one another to continue carrying on OAS business.



NO BOARD MINUTES FOR FEB. DUE TO BAD WEATHER THE MEETING WAS CANCELED

# Birds can Dance!

Friday, May 01 2009 @ 03:12 AM BST

Contributed by: Paul Brennan

Birds Can Dance, Experts (and Zany Videos) Reveal  
Matt Kaplan for National Geographic News  
April 30, 2009

His tastes may be sooo ten years ago, but the Backstreet Boys' smallest fan has helped scientists make an all-new discovery: Birds can dance.

And so far, they're the only known animals to display such rhythm.

Cats, dogs, and lab monkeys spend lots of time around human music. But no animal had ever been confirmed as moving to a beat—leading to the common belief that animals ain't got rhythm.

For one of two new studies on animal dancing, Aniruddh Patel at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego and colleagues worked with Snowball the parrot, which seems to love "dancing" to the likes of Queen and Backstreet Boys.

To test whether the sulphur-crested cockatoo was really keeping a beat, the scientists would change the music's tempo—represented in these videos as "BPM" (beats per minute).

Not one to miss a beat, Snowball quickly picked up the new rhythms, stomping and head-bobbing in time.

"We were surprised by the degree Snowball could adjust his tempo," Patel said.

Only "Talking" Birds Can Dance?

The team theorized that dancing in rhythm relies on brain systems for vocal learning, found in humans and many parrots—an idea put to the test by the other study, led by Adena Schachner at Harvard University.

Schachner's team reviewed thousands of YouTube videos showing bird species that imitate sounds "dancing" to music.

"Across the hundreds of species in the database, we only found evidence of keeping a beat in species that could imitate sound," Schachner said.

Aqua Boogie?

The finding is a bit surprising, since wild parrots are not known to dance to other birds' songs, Schachner said.

No other wild animals are known to dance in time with music, either, for that matter. But the Neurosciences Institute's Patel noted that other animals are vocal learners, including a few that aren't born with dancing feet—or any feet at all.

"I'm now particularly interested in finding out if dolphins can move to the beat of music, as they, like humans, and unlike all other primates, are vocal-learning mammals."

(Also see "Got Rhythm? Baby Zebrafish Do.")

Findings published online in Current Biology on April 30, 2009.

Videos: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/04/090430-birds-dance-rhythm.html>

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## New Australian Parrot Species Discovered

Sunday, December 19 2010 @ 12:06 PM GMT

Contributed by: MikeSchindlinger

A team of Australian researchers has identified a new, critically endangered species of ground parrot in Western Australia.

By the BirdChannel.com News Division

Posted: December 15, 2010, 11:00 p.m. PST



Australian researchers have identified a new, critically endangered species of ground parrot in Western Australia. The team, led by Australian Wildlife Conservancy's Dr. Stephen Murphy, used DNA from museum specimens up to 160 years old to reveal that populations of ground parrots in eastern and western Australia are highly distinct from each other and that the western populations should be recognized as a new species, *Pezoporus flaviventris*.

“The discovery has major conservation implications,” said Murphy in an Australian Wildlife Conservancy press release. “The Western ground parrot has declined rapidly in the last 20 years, there are now only about 110 birds surviving in the wild and most of these are confined to a single national park. It is now one of the world’s rarest birds.”

Dr. Jeremy Austin, Deputy Director of the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA at the University of Adelaide said, “Our findings demonstrate that museum collections, some going back more than 150 years, continue to be relevant and can provide critical information for understanding and conserving the world’s biodiversity into the future.”

Director of CSIRO’s Australian National Wildlife Collection, Dr Leo Joseph, said that, “Even after 200 years of study, we are still recognizing new species of birds in Australia. This finding highlights the need for further research on Australia’s unique, and sometimes cryptic, biodiversity.”

The team's findings have been published this month in the international conservation research journal Conservation Genetics. Learn more information about the Australian Wildlife Conservancy at its website.

<http://www.freeparrots.net/article.php?story=20101219120626687>