Calendar Of Events:

NO MEETINGS MAY—AUGUST

See you in the fall!
Wings in the Desert

President’s Perch

We had a very nice BBQ at our April meeting and the Bird Mart was a success.

The next AST meeting will be in September.

Joyce

From Sheldon Orloff,

Please check out the following links to recent articles:

Grooming Your Avian Companion (podcast) by Dr. Laurie Hess (ZuPreem) - 4/1/2019 - 23 minutes

Food for Thought by Mirran Trimble (Macaw Recovery Network) - 4/1/2019

Living Like a Bird by Renee Hewitt (intoBirds) - 4/1/2019

Car Safety: Why Your Bird Needs to “Buckle Up” by Amy Hopkins (Lafeber) - 4/2/2019

The Ups and Downs of Parrot Nesting Season in Guatemala by Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner (One Earth Conservation) - 4/2/2019

How emus and ostriches lost the ability to fly by Tina Hesman Saey (Science News) - 4/4/2019

Keeping Her Sister’s Legacy Alive: Saving the Blue-throated Macaws by Andria Frankfort (The Buzz Magazines) - 4/9/2019

Companion Parrots and Flight Part Three: The Benefits to Us by Pamela Clark, CPBC - 4/10/2019

Create a Hospitable Backyard Bird Habitat by Matt Rowe (Lafeber) - 4/10/2019

Parrot Chop, Veggies, and Feeding Fresh for Parrots by Michael Sazhin (Trained Parrot) - 4/12/2019
The objectives of the Avicultural Society of Tucson (AST) are to share avian information & developments among the membership & the general public, as well as to foster avian research. Placing adoption / rescue birds into a good home is a primary concern.

AST encourages humane treatment of all types & varieties of domesticated and non-domestic birds.

Education on proper care, diet, housing & the socialization of pet & breeder birds, as well as the sharing of possible dangers, is an ongoing project.

Articles on these subject appear in the monthly newsletter, & speakers on subjects are features at the general meetings. On occasion AST sponsors an educational seminar.

An education table is set up at all Exotic Birds Expos. In order to help inform the public.

Adoption Committee

Different kinds of birds keep coming into this program, so if you don’t already have a recent application on file, please fill one out and send it to faulkinbury@gmail.com

AST is not responsible for the health & behavior of any birds that are adopted out.
Grooming services are for AST members only, on a walk –in basis at the club monthly meeting.

These services are offered before the meeting between 1:00pm-2:00pm. Signed permission / liability forms are required.

Policy
Payments for services are against the club by-laws, however, donations are welcomed.

2 birds per member maximum each month.

Suggested Donations for Services at the club monthly meeting:
♦ $10.00 per bird for both wings and nails.
♦ $10.00 additional charge if dremel is used
♦ $5.00 for DNA sample

Your Avicultural Society of Tucson Dues are due every January — if you have not yet renewed, please do so, to support our club activities and to continue to receive the newsletter!

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE
♦ Ask owner’s permission to handle/feed birds & remember to return bird to the owner!
♦ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
♦ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.
Help, My Parrot is Bored!

https://www.forbirdsonlyny.com/blog/2016/3/3/how-to-keep-your-parrot-entertained

- **Make Sure They Have Plenty of Toys** - Provide your parrot with plenty of toys and objects to chew on. Rotate toys frequently. A foraging tree is a great way to give you plenty of places to hang new toys for your parrot. Include a clamp-on dish filled with foot toys and chewable items.

- **Let Them Stretch Their Wings** - Let your bird out of the cage. This will keep them happier and entertained, as well as providing much-needed exercise. Just make sure that the room is free of pet-hazards before you let out your parrot.

- **Teach Them Something New** - Spend some one-on-one time with your parrot and teach them something new! This will help keep your bird entertained, keep their mind stimulated, and will improve your relationship with your bird.

- **Make Sure Their Cage is Big Enough** - Small cages are no fun for birds. Make sure your bird has an appropriately-sized cage for their size and their needs. This will give your bird more space to roam, and more places for you to hang their toys!

- **Stay Social** - Birds are social creatures. Make sure you give your birds attention every day. Take some time to take them out of the cage and help them to fight boredom. Your bird will be a better friend if you take time to socialize with them.

- **Leave a Radio On** - When you’re out at a store or at work, your bird will still need to be entertained. Why not leave a radio or TV on to help keep your bird entertained while you’re away. Just try to avoid the nature channel, as some predator sounds might scare your bird. You can use a timer so it turns off at a certain time to allow for some variety and a quiet nap time.

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**USDA confirms virulent Newcastle disease in Arizona**


Finding in pet chickens, thought to be connected to outbreak in California, is not a food safety concern. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced April 5 that it has confirmed the presence of virulent Newcastle disease (VND) in a small flock of pet chickens in Coconino County, Ariz. Coconino County includes the Flagstaff area in northern Arizona, including Grand Canyon National Park, but APHIS did not disclose the actual location of the affected flock.

The agency said this case is believed to be connected to the current outbreak of VND in California, as tests show the virus is almost identical to the virus causing disease in California. Since May 2018, more than 400 VND cases have been confirmed as part of this southern California outbreak, primarily in backyard exhibition birds. A single case had also been found in a backyard flock in Utah that had been relocated from Los Angeles, Cal.

VND is not a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat.

APHIS is working with the Arizona Department of Agriculture to respond to the finding. Federal and state partners are also conducting additional surveillance and testing in the area, the announcement said.

APHIS emphasized that it is essential that all bird owners follow good biosecurity practices to help protect their birds from infectious diseases.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to their veterinarian or to State veterinary officials. Additional information on biosecurity for all poultry flocks can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock.
IF YOU FIND A BABY BIRD OUT OF ITS NEST

If it is a fledgling (i.e. nearly fully feathered, with yellow around beak) leave it alone if it is in a safe place. Baby birds often jump out of the nest before they can really fly.

If it is in a dangerous place, like on a sidewalk, street, or there are loose cats, put it under a bush nearby, where its parents can still take care of it.

If it is a nestling (i.e. still bare or fuzzy), try to find the nest and put the bird back. If you can’t find the nest, or if it is inaccessible, make a nest out of a margarine tub of some other clean plastic container. Punch holes in the bottom, add a little paper towel, and nail it to a tree or put it up somewhere near where you found the nestling, so the parents will still be able to find it.

If the baby bird is injured, keep it warm, and call a wildlife rehabilitator:

- Tucson Wildlife Center: 520-290-9453,
- Wildlife Rehab of NW Tucson: 520-743-0217

ARIZONA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
Bird Mart Schedule

El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium
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[Image of a bird on a branch]

[Image of a bird with text: "AFTER THE KIDS LEFT, WE SIGNED UP WITH AIRBNB..."]
Signs That Your Bird May Have Mites

Though not a common problem, there are several types of mites that can infect a companion bird. Look at your bird carefully when checking for mites. To prevent this problem, keep your cages clean and bathe your birds regularly. Mites are very small parasites (in some cases, microscopic) eight-legged arthropods, related to siders and ticks. They ingest blood, skin and/or feather material from the bird. Mites can be transmitted by wild birds, if you have outdoor aviary or if you leave your cages outside to dry after washing them down.

Some Types of Bird Mites

- **Burrowing Face Mites:** You may notice a crusty-looking buildup around the eyes or beak. This is often where you will see face mites. These mites dig into the birds skin like they are creating tunnels. These mites are most commonly seen on budgerigars.

- **Scaly Leg or Scaley Face Mites:** Check your birds legs and feet. You might see scaly skin that can look dry and have white crust on it. If the mite has burrowed into the skin, it can become swollen or have a rash as well. Budgerigars, canaries, and lovebirds are species commonly affected by scaly mites.

- **Air Sac or Canary Lung Mites:** Birds can cough and sneeze frequently if they have a bad infestation of mites. They may breathe with difficulty as if gasping - mites can infest the birds air sacs or sinuses. The bird might start to make a clicking sound or change how he sounds. Air sac mites are most common in canaries, finches, and pigeons.

- **Feather Mites:** These are most likely to be found on birds with a low immune system. The bird will be restless—often more so at night. They may appear to be weak (this is from anemia from the mites feeding). You could see ruffled or dull feathers. Most commonly found on parrots and finches.

- **Red Mites:** You may be able to see these mites—they look like little red specks that move—on the birds or on nest boxes. They feed on blood at night, and can be transmitted to people and dogs. Cover your cage with a white sheet at night, and check the underside in the morning to look for red specks.

Signs that May Indicate the Presence of Mites:

- **Restlessness**—Your bird may scratch and preen more, flick its wings, or rub its beak, and generally act like they are uncomfortable.

- **Formation of Crust**—You may notice a crust around your bird’s beak, eyes or legs, where the mites have burrowed into the skin and left a crust that can deform beaks or cause inflammation on legs.

- **Loss of Feathers**—If your bird is losing a large number of feathers, has bare spots, and it doesn’t look like a typical molt, mites could be causing your bird to try to get rid of them and their excrement.

If You Think Your Bird Has Mites

Mites can make your birds anemic, lame, deform the beak, or even kill them. Make an appointment with your veterinarian to have your bird(s) treated. Do not use the commercial, round Protective Mite Killers you can hang on the side of the cage—they are toxic. Do not try home remedies. Disinfect the cages of all birds in the area and all of their contents, wash cage covers., and treat all birds in your flock.
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Mix margarine, sugar, bananas, eggs. Add dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Add other ingredients. Add oats last. Pour into 4 Qt. pan sheet. Bake 325 degrees for 50-55 min. until golden brown.
ABOUT AST – [website link]

The Avicultural Society of Tucson (AST) is a 501c3 non-profit educational organization. The main objective of AST is to share information about birds, and to educate new bird owners as to the proper care, diet, housing and socialization of their birds as well as dangers to their birds, in order for them to live a long happy, healthy life.

Meetings: Second Sunday of the month in September through April
(No meetings May through August)
Where: (FOP) 3445 North Dodge, Tucson, Arizona
When: 1:30pm to 4:00pm

There is a question and answer period where people are welcome to ask any question about raising birds. We have excellent guest speakers on avicultural topics such as: bird diseases, nutrition, individual breeds of birds, breeding and hand feeding birds, cage building, first aid kits, protection against theft and animal behavior.

- We also have an AST Library which is full of informative bird books and CDs
- After our speaker there is a fun raffle with great prizes
- AST also has a Great Adoption /Rescue Program for unwanted birds.

AST members have from one-to-many birds. Some have pet birds and others may be bird breeders. You will find that at some AST the members have been with the Club for more than 30 years and others are new members. We are quite a diverse group with one common thread. (The True Love of Birds)

AST sponsors two large bi-annual Bird Marts where club members and vendors sell birds, cages, food, toys, and all things parrot-related.

An educational booth at these events has knowledgeable club members to answer any questions.

The proceeds from the Birds Expo’s are donated each year to local non-profits, as voted on by the AST board. This includes the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, and several wildlife rehabilitation non-profits. Others are added from time to time.
The Avicultural Society of Tucson meetings begin with social time and
Set –up is at 1:30 pm, the second Sunday of each month.
The business portion of the meeting begins at 2 p.m.

The Board meetings begin at 12:00, prior to the general meetings.
All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Meetings are held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge,
3445 North Dodge, Tucson, Arizona 85719