

York Area Pet Bird Club

January 2012

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2012

Hello Bird Lovers,

I hope everyone is in good health after the holidays.

The Christmas party was well attended and it was a lot of fun getting to know our fellow members more. If you weren't able to attend the party, you missed out on the small pumpkin bread that I made for those who did attend. This year, we will discuss having our annual Christmas party at another location. If you have any ideas as to where we could possibly hold it at, please don't hesitate to let me know.

As you could tell, last month's newsletter was smaller. The club is making cut backs and using our money more wisely. Not only will the newsletter be smaller, the club would like to send as many newsletters as possible electronically via e-mail. This will save on printing fees as well as postage. So if you have a computer and an e-mail account, please e-mail Gene Shue at yapbcnewslettereditor@comcast.net to make sure you continue receiving the club newsletter. Other ways we are cutting back, is in the way of snacks and drinks. We would appreciate it if everyone could now bring their own drink. If you would still care to bring a food item to share during the break, that would be great but it is no longer required.

January's meeting will be a restructuring of the club, so please come and give your input and help us as we brain storm. With that said, I hope to see everyone at the meeting on January 17th at 7 p.m.

YAPBC President,

RANDY GROVE

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Selecting the Right Bird for You and Your Family

By Don J. Harris,DVM

Exotic birds can be delightful pets—just ask any of the millions of companion bird owners throughout the world who enjoy a rewarding and satisfying relationship with their feathered friends. Creating a long-lasting positive relationship with your bird may be the result of choosing the right bird for you and your family in the beginning. This crucial first step is part of being a responsible pet owner, but it is often overlooked in the rush to acquire a new bird. Identifying what characteristics you want in a bird, and researching different species and their characteristics can go a long ways in helping establish a long and happy relationship. Rarely will one bird fit more than a few of the desired characteristics. You may acquire a bird and expect it to speak, only to eventually realize this particular species never talks. Others may discover that a large colorful macaw is also a large intolerably noisy creature. Many potential owners have expectations that cannot possibly be fulfilled by the species they choose. The best way to obtain the “perfect” pet is to first determine which characteristics are most important to you. Then shop for the bird that fits those criteria. Certain species arise as leaders in a variety of categories, and this list can be used as a starting point in making your choice. Remember, there are always exceptions, so once you have narrowed down your decision to a particular species, look at the parents and gather information from the breeder about an individual bird’s behavior.

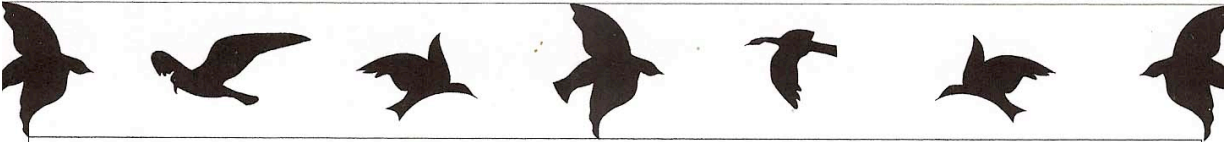
Some bird owners may want to avoid certain “unpopular” characteristics like those listed below. Others may not see these same characteristics as undesirable. It’s up to bird owners to weigh all characteristics of a species or an individual bird to make the best decision.

In the end, individuals interested in owning a bird should first decide what they expect from a pet bird. Once this question is answered, an appropriate species can be identified and researched. Only then can the potential for a long and mutually beneficial relationship be realized.

- Appearance
- Finches, Macaws, Eclectus, Lories, Toucans
- Speaking ability
- African Grey, Amazon, Mynah
- Natural vocalization (song)
- Canary, Cockatiel
- Intelligence
- African Grey
- Social attributes
- Cockatoo, Budgie, Cockatiel
- Small size
- Canary, Finch, Budgie, Lovebird, Cockatiel
- Low maintenance
- Amazon and smaller
- Cleanliness
- Most smaller species
- Loud
- Macaws, Cockatoos
- Macaws, Mynahs, Toucans
- Aggressive
- Female Eclectus, Male Amazons

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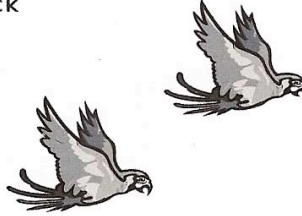




York Area Pet Bird Club 2010 Membership Form

Please send this form and a check
(made payable to YAPBC) to:

Joan Russin
4129 Greywood Drive
York, PA 17402



Date Rcvd: _____
Card Rcvd: _____
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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Member(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do you want your phone number kept unlisted?

Yes No

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have a computer, please list your E-mail address:

What type and how many birds do you own?

Do you breed any of your birds?

What activities would you like to see our club do?

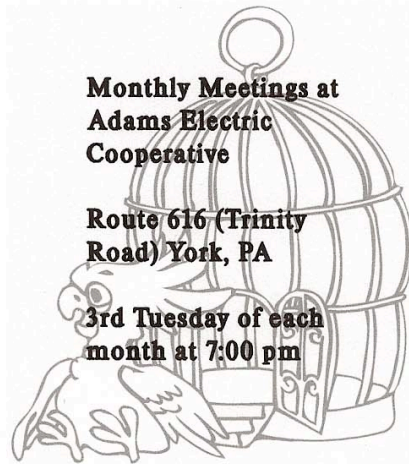
What information do you want or enjoy in the newsletters?

Additional Comments:

**Monthly Meetings at
Adams Electric
Cooperative**

**Route 616 (Trinity
Road) York, PA**

**3rd Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 pm**



Please circle one of the amounts
below:

All Previous Members Membership Plan					
Regular Single	\$15				
Family (2 or more people)	\$20				
New Members Only Plan					
	Jan., Feb., March	April, May, June	July, August, Sept.	Oct., Nov.	
Regular Single	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9	
Family (2 or more people)	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	

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(Return Service Requested)

Meeting starts promptly at 7 pm in the meeting room of the
Adams Electric Co-op located on Rte 616 South off of Rte 30 West.
200 Trinity Rd.

Please be considerate and turn all cell phones off during the meeting.



**Adams Elec. Co-Op @ 200 Trinity Rd.
next meeting January 17**