

York Area Pet Bird Club

October 2011

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2011

Adams Elec. Co-Op @ 200 Trinity Rd. York PA 17408

Mission Statement: "YAPBC Dedicated to Teaching the Care, Sharing the Knowledge and Telling of the Love and Joy of Pet Birds"

Hello Bird Lover's,

It's that time of the year to get out those pictures of your birds and enter them in this month's photo contest. In November we will again have a night of fun with our annual White Elephant sale. Be sure to wrap your sale donations well so no one will know what they are bidding on. Our photo contest and White Elephant sale also mean that Christmas is right around the corner. This year's holiday party will once again be held at the Lyndon Diner in York.

Now is also the time to brain storm and give me suggestions for speakers and activities that you would like to have the club do next year. I was recently given something from years past that the club did and I'm sure I will use it, but I would like your input as well. We are also in need of members to donate refreshments for the meetings. If you would like to donate either a food or drink item, please contact Shirley so she knows who is bringing what.

As members, we each need to start thinking about the coming years and the future of the club. My term as President will end in December 2012. If no one steps up to take over during next year's elections, the club will become dormant and remain that way until someone starts it back up again. If it is not started back up within five years, the money in the club's accounts will have to be given to either another club or a bird related organization. At this time, I would once again like to thank the faithful members that have been coming to the meetings on a regular basis.

Randy Grove,

YAPBC President

President's Message

www.yorkareapetbirdclub.com

YAPBC Minutes- Sept. 20, 2011

Members requested inquiry regarding the need for insurance if the YAPBC is going to meet on a Sunday afternoon at the 4H center. Barry Berlin will contact the 4H center for clarification

The membership moved and seconded to accept the printed minutes from the last meeting and also the treasurer's report as presented.

Under old business – the October meeting will include the photo contest and also the showing of the movie Rio. Members are encouraged to get busy with their cameras – the photos for the contest can be any picture of a caged bird or part of a caged bird and also pictures of wild birds.

A discussion among the members explored the possibility of birds, who go into seizures during grooming, being low on calcium. Other nutrient deficiencies were also explored.

There were two intentional mistakes in the news letter that were discovered by Cindy Rivera – her detective work provided extra raffle tickets for the Birthday Bash raffle.

The November meeting will be the annual White Elephant sale – so get your stuff together – mark each wrapped item as to bird, size, human, male or female etc. Our always-entertaining Shirley Rentzel will help you spend your hard earned cash as the auctioneer. . This event is our annual fundraiser and is usually a lot of fun – so be sure to attend.

President Randy Grove will be requesting an invoice from Dan Nelms for the maintenance of the club website to forward to Joan Russin , club treasurer, for payment.

Membership raffle winner was Gary White, who was not present.

The membership moved and seconded that the club would pay for the cost of desert for all members present at the Christmas party.

There were 17 people present for this meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Barry B. Berlin, Secretary

Annual YAPBC Photo Contest

The categories are as follows:

- “Best Presentation” for matting, framing, background chosen, etc.
- “Caught in the Act” includes photos of birds bathing, preening, eating, etc.
- “Comedy Act” is for your best funny shot of a bird(s)
- “Sitting Pretty” is for posed portrait shots.
- “Group Picture” is for pictures that include more than one bird in the photo.
- “Best Cage Setup” is for a photo of your birds cage setup.
- “Wild Birds” is for photos of birds other than parrots.

Below are the rules for the contest:

- The picture must include all or part of a bird whether it’s a full body pose or a head shot. The bird in the photo may either be a pet or a wild bird.
- You do not need to own the bird but YOU must have taken the photo of the bird in order for the photo to be eligible for any awards.
- The photo may be black and white or color.
- There is no limit to the number of photos you may enter in the contest.
- No professional or computer enhanced photos are allowed. You may print your photos on your home computer but you can not alter the quality of the photo by using your computer enhancements.
- Photos can be no larger than 8" × 10" and if matted and framed, the picture cannot exceed 11" × 14".

2011 Officers and Appointed Positions

President: Randy Grove
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Bird Adoption Referrals

Gary White (717) 938-1522 and Shirley Rentzel (717) 246-7708 have agreed to try to find homes for unwanted birds. They both said they would not take homeless birds but would try to find them homes. They are trying to find an adoption group, stay tuned.

YAPBC Event Schedule

September (9/20/11) Birthday party and the moovie Rio

October (10/18/11) photo contest

November (11/15/11) white elephant sale

December (12/4/11) Christmas party 5 to 7 pm
Lyndon Diner

Refreshments Needed

Do you enjoy the refreshments that are served during the break? If so, why not volunteer to bring something good to share?

If you'd like to donate but are unsure what do bring, contact Shirley Remtzel (717) 246-7708 Thanks and see you at the next club meeting.

Veterinarians in the YABPC Area

The following is a list of vets whose services have been satisfactorily used by club members. Our membership is widely spread throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland and we hope this list will be of assistance to you, should your bird be in need of well-visit or emergency care.

Ani-Care Animal Hospital

Randon Feinsod, DVM
2740 S. Queen St.
Dallastown, PA 17313
(717)741-1320
Fax (717) 747-1462

Carlisle Small Animal Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Curt Barnett, DVM
Dr. Pamela Jennings, VMD
25 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013
(717) 243-2717
Hours: M - Thurs (9am - 7pm); Fri. (9am - 5pm);
Sat. (9 am - 12pm)

Community Animal Hospital

400 S. Pine St., York, PA 17403
(717) 845-5669
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (8am - 2pm)

Dover Area Animal Hospital

Dr. Richard D. Greenwalt D.V.M.
5030 Carlisle RD.
Dover PA.17315
(717) 292-9669

Feather, Scales & Tails

Dr. Thomas Ryan, DVM-ABVP-Av.
Dr Heather Bowles, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
330 - 140 Village Rd., Fairground Village
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 876-2044
Hours: M - F (8am - 7pm); Sat. (8am - noon)

Fallston Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Donald Zantop, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
Dr. Beth Rodney, DVM
Dr. Vivian Ho, DVM
2615 Belair Rd., Fallston, MD 21047
(410) 877-1727
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (7:30am - noon)

Smoketown Veterinary Hospital

Dr. John Hall, DVM
2497 Old Philadelphia Pike, Smoketown, PA 17576
(717) 394-5542
Hours: M - Th (7am - 8pm, Fri. 7am - 6pm); Sat.
(7am - noon)

Waynesboro Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Deanna M. Becker, DVM
29A Philadelphia Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17268
(717) 762-0221
Hours: M, T, Th, & Fri. (8am - 6pm); Wed. (8am -
6pm); Sat. (9am - noon)

Disclaimer:

The YAPBC does not promote or endorse any vet or business listed on this page. These listings are merely for your benefit in seeking medical care for your bird(s).

Bird Sitting

In your home by an
experienced, qualified, Certified Avian Specialist.
York & Harrisburg areas.
For details and rates call:
Gary L. White, Sr.
(717) 938-1522

Members Discounts

The following businesses offer a discount to YAPBC members. Present your membership card at time of purchase.

All About Pets - (717) 244-4099

2953 Cape Horn Rd., Red Lion PA 17356
10% off most store items

Birds of a Feather - (877) 406-2313

1514 E. Chocolate Ave. Hershey, PA 17033
10% off to YAPBC members

Feathered Fitness - (717) 792-4885

4085 W. Market St., York PA. 17404
www.featheredfitness.com
10 % off, Excluding birds
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Graham's Parrot Toy Creations - (717) 424-2318

www.grahamsparrottoycreations.com
10 % discount to all bird club members
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Pet Tails - (717) 285-2494

3695 Marietta Ave., Silver Springs, PA 17575
10% off bird items

Petco - (717) 699-2825

905 Loucks Rd., York, PA
10% off bird related merchandise, excluding birds

Pets N You (717)246-1981

673 Lombard Rd., Red Lion, PA. 17356
at Rout 24 in Cape Horn Square next to Weis
You have to fill out a card for them to put in their computer and then you will be able to receive a discount.

PJ'S Pet Shop - (717) 664-3446

109 Doe Run Rd., Manheim, PA. 17545
10% off bird items

Rentzel's Bird Farm - (717) 246-7708

2241 Craley Rd., Windsor, PA 17366
10% off excluding birds

TacoBird, Inc. - (301) 498-3543 or (301) 9227713

Cheshire Court Jessup, MD 20794
www.tacobird.com
10% off bird items

Village Pet Shop - (717) 637-1734

1150 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA
10% of

York Pet Supply - (717) 741-1751

Pauline Dr., York PA
10% off most store items
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Are You Watching Your Bird's Figure?

By ZuPreem Staff

Obesity is a common condition in companion birds and occurs when they consume more calories than they can expend over an extended period of time. Lack of flight activity and a diet rich in fatty seeds are common causes of obesity. Your bird could be obese if its body weight exceeds the normal body weight (within normal variation) for its species by 15 percent or more.

Here's how to tell if your bird is overweight

Take a minute to perform a quick home exam. Start by noticing your bird's stance. A wider than normal stance can be a sign of obesity. Next, check for a small roll of fat, a "double chin" visible under the beak. Also, look for small yellow or white fat deposits in the abdomen, along the flanks, inner thighs, upper breast and crop area. Finally, check for any bald patches where feather tracts may have separated due to fat under the skin.

You can also weigh your bird

To do this at home, use an electronic scale that measures in grams, not ounces, to detect small changes. Of course, the best way to be sure is to have your pet weighed and examined by your avian veterinarian.

Health risks associated with obesity

Obesity increases your bird's risk of developing many serious diseases including heart disease, liver disease, fatty tumor formation (lipomas) and respiratory distress during exercise and play. Obesity is also associated with abnormal feathering, egg binding and infertility.

What you can do

If you suspect your bird may be obese, see your veterinarian for a complete and thorough physical examination as well as advice on how to change your bird's diet to a healthier one. Along with more exercise, converting your bird from a seed-based diet to a more nutritionally balanced extruded diet could be the answer. Remember that any weight-loss regimen for your bird should be done with your veterinarian's guidance.

How does your bird weigh in?

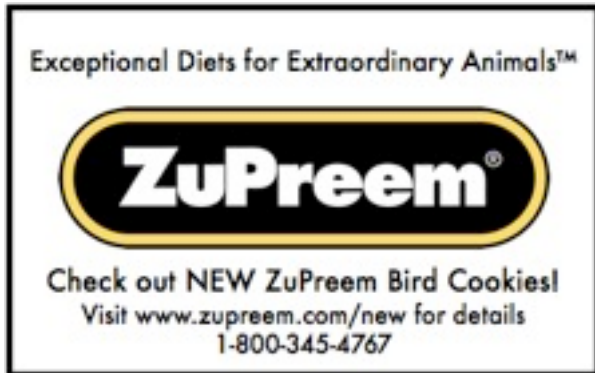
The following table expresses approximate normal mature body weights for some bird species in terms of both the average weight and a range of acceptable variances (+/-) from the average.

Species
Average Weight
(Grams)
Variance
(+/- grams)

Scarlet Macaw	1,001
	151
Blue & Gold Macaw	1039
	102
Military Macaw	925
	57
Hyacinth Macaw	1355
	95
Umbrella Cockatoo	403
	57
Moluccan Cockatoo	577
	71
Greater Sulfer Crested Cockatoo	843
	147
Citron Cokatoo	357
	34
Grand Ecletus	432
	40
African Grey	554
	66
Blue-Fronted Amazon	432
	51
Mexican Red-Headed Amazon	360
	24
Yellow-Naped Amazon	596
	85
Double Yellow-Headed Amazon	596
	61
Budgerigar	30

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Lovebird
45
*
Cockatiel
80
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Baltimore Bird Fanciers Annual Show and Mart

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall

2501 Putty Hill Avenue (corner of Old Harford Rd.)

Baltimore, MD 21234

General Admission - 12 and older \$5.00

Children 11 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult

Information: 410-239-1928 or 410-256-9326

Day of Event only: 410-668-9326

The event will offer: Judging of American Singers, Finches Lovebirds, Cockatiels and Hookbills

Sunday, October 16; *Fall and Winter Birds*

Nixon Park, 2:30–4pm

Begin the feeding season right with feeder and identification info on rare and usual winter birds, as Park Naturalist Kelsey Frey leads this indoor and outdoor program. Bring binoculars. **No Fee and No Pre-Registration Needed**

October 29, 2011 Chester County Bird Show and Mart at the School of Church Farm on Business Route 30 in Exton,

PA from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday, October 30; *How Animals Prepare for Winter*

Nixon Park, 2:30–4pm

This is the last hike of the Spring to Fall Sunday Walk Series at Nixon Park. Explore what steps the animal world is taking to get ready for the long winter months on an autumn afternoon stroll. **No Fee and No Pre-Registration Needed**

November 2011

Sunday, November 6; Welcoming Wildlife

Nixon Park, 2:30–4pm

Trees provide nesting sites, food, storm shelter, hibernacula, and more. Tina Alban, Forest Nursery Operations Manager at PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, will do a presentation on trees and the wildlife they attract. Find out more about the trees in your back yard! **No Fee and No Pre-Registration Needed**

Tuesdays, November 15, 22 & 29 and Wednesdays, November 16, 23 & 30

Project FeederWatch

Nixon Park, 8:30am–4:30pm

Project FeederWatch is a citizen science program where participants count the number and species of birds visiting the feeders from November 15 through early April. The collected data is forwarded to Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and becomes part of a nation-wide data set which tracks winter bird population trends. Beginners are welcome. ADA accessible. One hour every other week commitment.

If you are interested, please call Kelsey at 428-1961. No Fee and No Pre-Registration Needed

Saturday, November 26; Bird of Prey Day

Nixon Park, 11am & 1pm

Meet live hawks, owls and falcons during this indoor program presented by local raptor rehabilitators. See these magnificent flying hunters up close. Learn how these birds are adapted to hunting on the wing. Cameras welcome. **No Fee but Pre-Registration is Needed - register at 428-1961.**

December 2011

Sunday, December 4; Animals in Winter

Nixon Park, 2:30–4pm

It's almost officially winter. Join Park Naturalist Amber Carothers for a hike in the woods to discover how the animals have prepared for, and are coping with, the changing seasons. **No Fee and No Pre-Registration Needed**

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 and Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28

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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: _____
Entered: _____
Club Use Only

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?

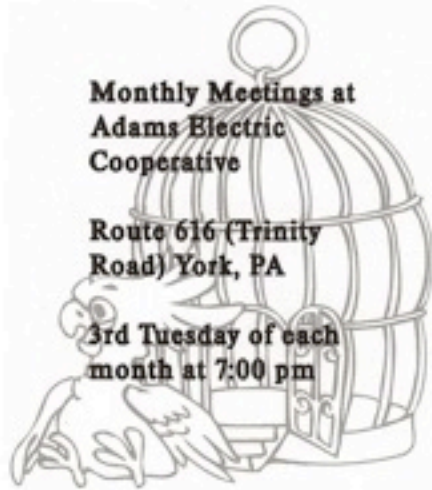
What information do you want or enjoy in the newsletters?

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

York Area Pet Bird Club
Eugene Shue
2518 Danielle Dr.
Dover, PA 17315

(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.



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