



Bird Chatterings



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The Newsletter of the North Shore Cage Bird Club

Meetings at the Sunnynook Community Centre,
148 Sycamore Drive, Sunnynook.

8pm, 4th Thursday of each month excluding
December.

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Sept 03

Attendance; 12

Apologies; Paul Hughes; Carol Ziarno; Bret Alexander; Rick Staal

Moved. Colin Punter; Mark Thompson

Minutes, as read in August news letter.

Moved. Gordon McGibbon; Colin Punter

Mail In 1. Juges invitations responses

Mail Out 1. Judges invitations

Moved. Jim Ziarno; Morris Donnel

Finance; Savings account. \$ 4174.36

Cheque \$ 209.61 As of 20.08.03

Moved. Gordon McGibbon ; Jim Ziarno

General Business.

1. Rick and Colin to make arrangements for annual show at either Henderson Big Top or Henderson Primary School.
2. The club members extended a thankyou to Mark Nissen on his recent article Bird Sales
3. A general discussion followed about the various problems members are experiencing in the current breeding season.

Meeting closed

Next meeting To be held in thew Sunny Nook Community Centre
148 Sycamore Drive, Sunny nook.
On the 23.10.03
(4th Thursday of each month excl December)

Market Place

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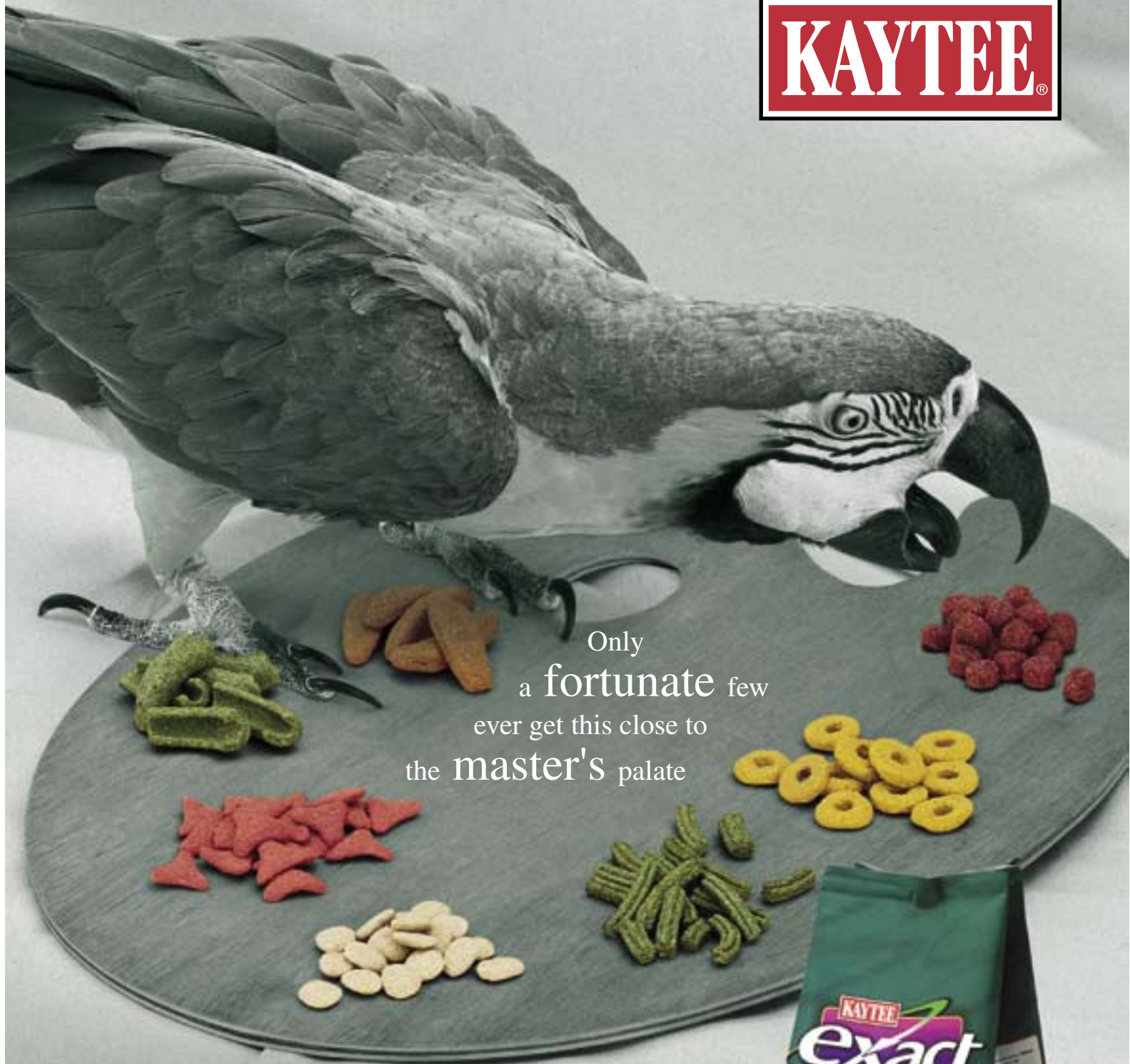
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Discussion from meeting

At the recent meeting there were a large range of topics discussed and briefly, here some are:

Greens for breeding birds: Rocket (fast growing), chickory, comfry, puha, dandelion, seedling grasses.

To get birds in condition many advocated that 6 weeks or so prior to breeding and after a fairly austere 'winter' diet, that some soaked seed (rape, millet, oats) some softfood and greens would help to bring the birds on.

Apparently white string in short lengths will often get hen canaries 'in the mood'.

Willow leaves and branches can do the same for lovebirds.

Fostering chicks is a common way to distribute the feeding load between pairs and fostering eggs to put and excess of good quality young under lesser quality 'feeder' birds.



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*Birds in Focus...***Peters' Twinspot**

(Hypargos niveoguttatus)

Range : East Africa

The Peters' Twinspot (*Hypargos niveoguttatus*) comes from East Africa where it is found near water at lower elevations. These birds are easily sexed as the carmine-red face of the male is buff in the female. Their nest is frequently built close to the ground and they will be aggressive towards other red birds when breeding. Total length is around 5 inches. Best kept at temperatures around 70F, Peters' Twinspots require mixed millets, canary seed, and wild grass seeds. Some individuals will eat egg food but others will ignore it. Livefood and sprouted seeds are essential when they are breeding.

**European Greenfinch**

(Carduelis chloris)

Range : Europe

The Greenfinch is a large stocky finch with a distinctly forked tail. It's about the size of a Great Tit. The adult male, in summer, is mostly green in colour except for yellow edges to their outer primary wing feathers and tail feathers. On looking more closely, the upperparts are more olive-green and the breast and belly a bright yellow-green, and greyish coverts. During the winter, the male becomes duller.

The adult female and juveniles have grey-brown upperparts, underparts are tinged with yellow, and with less yellow on the wings and tail than the male. The juveniles have dark brown streaks above and below. At first glance they can be mistaken for House Sparrows .

They have a wheezy song, but in flight its call is a repetitive "jup-jup-jup" and "chichichichit".

In the garden Greenfinches will sit for a long time on hanging feeders containing black sunflower hearts. Otherwise, the Greenfinch's diet is seeds, buds and berries. Greenfinches nest in colonies in dense shrubs. The nest is made from twigs and grass, and lined with fine roots and hair, and built by the female.

The smooth, glossy eggs are white to pale beige with blackish markings, and approximately 21 mm by 15 mm. The female incubates the eggs by herself. After the young hatch, they are fed by both parents.

