



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

Minutes from Monthly Meeting Oct 03 Attendance; 12
Apologies; Carol Ziarno; Bret Alexander; Ron McIlwain; Colin Punter; Morris Donnell.

Moved. Gordon McGibbon; Paul Hughes.

Minutes, as read in October news letter.

Moved. Bill Bates; John Longworth.

Mail In

1. Masterpet Promotion
2. Federation Minutes
3. Gypsy Avairies, Love Bird News Letter

Mail Out

1. Nil

Moved. Rick Staal; Paul Hughes.

Finance; Savings account. \$ 4187.22

Cheque \$ 325.61

Moved. Gordon McGibbon ; Wendy D Anvers

General Business.

1. Invitation from May, Willie and Jimmy Newtonto attend a BBQ at their home 145 Tukawera Road Waihi.

2. Annual Show Venue, Confirmed as Massey Intermediate School.
Details to follow

3. A general discussion followed about the various problems members are experiencing in the current breeding season.

Meeting closed 8:45pm

Next meeting To be held in thew Sunny Nook Community Centre

148 Sycamore Drive, Sunny nook.

On the 27.11.03 (4th Thursday of each month excl December)

Market Place

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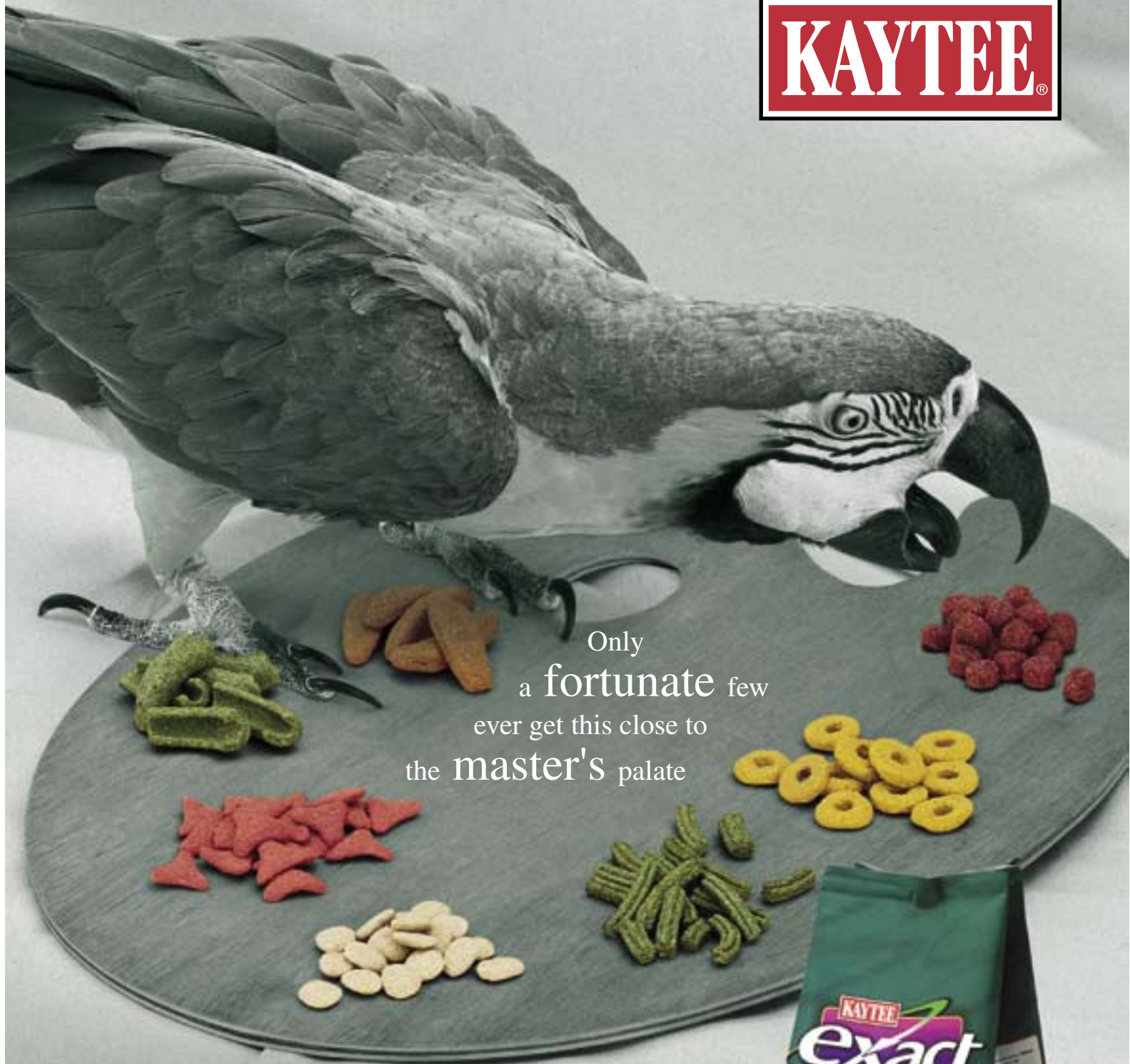
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Delicate Quail Hatchlings

Here's a shot of some Chinese Quail hatching. I was a little surprised to see these mid-hatch with the mother not in attendance. Usually the first I see of the babies is the mother fussing around with them and they are already walking and cheeping.

Any way, after the day had passed and the mother had still not paid these any attention, I put them in the hotwater cupboard over night. The next morning I put them back with the mother but they couldn't stand and the mother paid them no attention.

Unfortunately, later that day they died. I think that they were possibly abandoned in the act of hatching and got too cold to "spring into life". So not having bonded with mum in the first few minutes she probably had no urge to take care of them.



Chinese Quail Hatching

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Birds in Focus...

"Feather Duster Budgerigar"

Here's a couple of photos of one of the two grey feather dusters I bred this season. Highly unusual and quite rare, though I heard of two or three others being bred this year.

The below article is from: <http://home.clara.net/np21/duster.htm>

When they are first hatched in the nest they appear quite normal, But after a few days they can be heard above all their nest mates. They have a funny high pitched cheep that can be picked out from the rest of the youngsters.

At the age of three weeks they look to be an outstanding chick. They are far bigger than their nest mates and apart from the size at this stage they look quite normal. By four weeks their feathers seem to accelerate in growth. They grow at an alarmingly fast rate and by the time the chick is ready to leave the nest it is completely different from the rest. Its feathers have grown so much that they are not recognizable. They are curling in on themselves and there are twice the amount that a normal budgerigar has. Instead of two main tail feathers it has four, the same as with the flight feathers. The feathers above the cere grow so long and curl into the budgerigars face making it almost impossible for the budgerigar to see.

When they leave the nest they almost never find their way onto a perch in the cage but can be quite often found sitting in the seed pot continually eating. They seem to need to eat all day and this may be necessary for the replacement of their feathers. When they moult and lose their feathers others grow exactly the same in their place. If you breed one of these birds and you decided to keep it in your aviary then you can cut its feathers around its face and beak, making its short life a little easier.

Feather dusters only seem to live a few months, but I have known breeders who have had them for almost 12 months, although it is not often they will live this long.

Although many people give their thoughts, myself included, as to why these budgerigars appear in the nest, there has been no evidence found which will give us the true reason why. They still remain a mystery.

