The Coastal Bend Companion Bird Club and Rescue Mission seek to promote an interest in companion birds through communication with and education of pet owners, breeders and the general public. In addition, the CBCBC&RM strives to promote the welfare of all birds by providing monetary donations for the rescue and rehabilitation of wild birds and by placing abused, abandoned, lost or displaced companion birds in foster care until permanent adoptive homes can be found.
San Antonio Bird Mart
Grand Prize Winner

We would all like to congratulate our fellow club member Baire Perez that won the Grand Prize at the San Antonio bird mart. This female Eclectus was actually raised by Jim Harmon our CBCBC Fair Director and then donated to the Bird Show.

I’m told that this young lady was told by Becky, her mother that she needed to hurry up and purchase tickets and she wanted her Mom to do it. Becky told her it was her job to do it so she sent her on her way.

When it came to the drawing she didn’t know what she had won until she went up to retrieve her prize. Much to her surprise she had won the Eclectus along with other amenities.

Congratulations and enjoy your new friend. Keep us updated on her training and advancement.

Now let’s not leave Mom out of this. She also picked up a new friend in the form of this lovely specimen. She purchased this lovely and funny Goffin Cockatoo.

This bird does a really neat trick with its food, particularly peanuts. It tosses the peanut behind its neck and catches it on the other side with its beak. It had us in stitches watching it at last month’s club meeting.
Lories and lorikeets

Lories and lorikeets (tribe Lorini) are small to medium-sized arboreal parrots characterized by their specialized brush-tipped tongues for feeding on nectar of various blossoms and soft fruits, preferably berries. The species form a monophyletic group within the parrot family Psittacidae. Traditionally, they were considered a separate subfamily (Lorinae) from the other subfamily (Psittacinae) based on the specialized characteristics, but recent molecular and morphological studies show that the group is positioned in the middle of various other groups. They are widely distributed throughout the Australasian region, including south-eastern Asia, Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Australia, and the majority have very brightly coloured plumage.

Etymology

The usage of the terms "lory" and "lorikeet" is subjective, like the usage of "parrot" and "parakeet". Species with longer tapering tails are generally referred to as "lorikeets", while species with short blunt tails are generally referred to as "lories".1

Taxonomy

Traditionally, lories and lorikeets have either been classified as the subfamily, Lorinae, or as a family on their own, Loriidae, but they are currently classified as a tribe. Neither traditional view is confirmed by molecular studies. Those studies show that the lories and lorikeets form a single group, closely related to the budgerigar and the fig parrots (Cyclopsitta and Psittaculirostris).1[4][5][6][7]

Two main groups are recognized within the lories and lorikeets. The first consist of the
genus *Charmosyna*[^3][^4] and the closely related Pacific Ocean genera *Phigys* and *Vini.*[^3] All remaining genera, except *Oreopsittacus* are in the second group.[^3][^4] The position of *Oreopsittacus* is unknown, although one study suggests it could be a third group next to the other two. [^7]

### Species

Classification of parrots in the subfamily, Loriinae:

- **Genus *Chalcopsitta***
  - *Black Lory*, *Chalcopsitta atra*
  - *Brown Lory*, *Chalcopsitta duivenbodei* (also called Duyvenbode's Lory)
  - *Yellowish-streaked Lory*, *Chalcopsitta sintillata*
  - *Cardinal Lory*, *Chalcopsitta cardinalis*

- **Genus *Eos***
  - *Black-winged Lory*, *Eos cyanogenia*
  - *Violet-necked Lory*, *Eos squamata*
  - *Blue-streaked Lory*, *Eos reticulata*
  - *Red-and-blue Lory*, *Eos histrio*
  - *Red Lory*, *Eos bornea*
  - *Blue-eared Lory*, *Eos semilarvata*

- **Genus *Pseudeos***
  - *Dusky Lory*, *Pseudeos fuscata*

- **Genus *Trichoglossus***
  - *Ornate Lory*, *Trichoglossus ornatus* (also called Ornate Lory)
  - *Pohnpei Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus rubiginosus* (also called Ponape Lory)
  - *Mindanao Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus johnstoniae* (also called Johnstone's Lorikeet)
  - *Citrine Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus flavoviridis*
  - *Rainbow Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus haematodust* (many subspecies, some of which are sometimes classified as species)
  - *Scaly-breasted Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*
  - *Olive-headed Lorikeet*, *Trichoglossus euteles* (also called Perfect Lory)
  - *Varied Lorikeet*, *Psitteuteles versicolor*
  - *Iris Lorikeet*, *Psitteuteles iris*
  - *Goldie's Lorikeet*, *Psitteuteles goldiei*

- **Genus *Lorius***
  - *Purple-bellied Lory*, *Lorius hypoinochrous*
  - *Black-capped Lory*, *Lorius lory* (synonym Stresemann's Lory, *Lorius amabilis*)[^8]
  - *White-naped Lory*, *Lorius albidinuchus*
- **Yellow-bibbed Lory**, *Lorius chlorocercus*
- **Purple-naped Lory**, *Lorius domicellus* (synonym Blue-thighed Lory, *Lorius tibialis* [9])
- **Chattering Lory**, *Lorius garrulus*

- **Genus Phigys**
  - **Collared Lory**, *Phigys solitarius*

- **Genus Vini**
  - **Blue-crowned Lorikeet**, *Vini australis*
  - **Kuhl's Lorikeet**, *Vini kuhlii*
  - **Stephen's Lorikeet**, *Vini stepheni*
  - **Blue Lorikeet**, *Vini peruviana*
  - **Ultramarine Lorikeet**, *Vini ultramarina*
  - † **Sinoto's Lorikeet**, *Vini sinotoi* (extinct)
  - † **Conquered Lorikeet**, *Vini vidivici* (extinct)

- **Genus Glossopsitta**
  - **Musk Lorikeet**, *Glossopsitta concinna*
  - **Little Lorikeet**, *Glossopsitta pusilla*
  - **Purple-crowned Lorikeet**, *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*

- **Genus Charmosyna**
  - **Palm Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna palmarum*
  - **Red-chinned Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna rubrigularis*
  - **Meek's Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna meeki*

- **Blue-fronted Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna toxopei*
- **Striated Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna multistriata*
- **Pygmy Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna wilhelminae* (also called Wilhelmina's Lorikeet)
- **Red-fronted Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna rubronotata* (also called Red-spotted Lorikeet)
- **Red-flanked Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna placents*
- † **New Caledonian Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna diadema* (possibly extinct, 20th Century?)
- **Red-throated Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna amabilis*
- **Duchess Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna margarethae*
- **Fairy Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna pulchella*
- **Josephine's Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna josefinae* (also called Josephine's Lory)
- **Papuan Lorikeet**, *Charmosyna papou* (also called Papuan Lory)

- **Genus Oreopsittacus**
  - **Plum-faced Lorikeet**, *Oreopsittacus arfaki* (also called Whiskered Lorikeet)

- **Genus Neopsittacus**
  - **Yellow-billed Lorikeet**, *Neopsittacus musschenbroekii* (also called Musschenbroek's Lorikeet)
  - **Orange-billed Lorikeet**, *Neopsittacus pullicauda* (also called Emerald Lorikeet)
Morphology

Tongue of a Lory

Lories and lorikeets have specialized brush-tipped tongues for feeding on nectar and soft fruits. They can feed from the flowers of about 5,000 species of plants and use their specialised tongues to take the nectar. The tip of their tongues have tufts of papillae (extremely fine hairs), which collect nectar and pollen.

Lorikeets have tapered wings and pointed tails that allow them to fly easily and display great agility. [citation needed] They also have strong feet and legs. They tend to be hyperactive and clownish in personality both in captivity and the wild. [citation needed]

The multi-coloured Rainbow Lorikeet was one of the species of parrots appearing in the first edition of The Parrots of the World and also in John Gould's lithographs of the Birds of Australia. Then and now, lories and lorikeets are described [by whom?] as some of the most beautiful species of parrot.

Diet

In the wild, lorikeets feed on nectar and pollen from plants and flowers. A companion lorikeet however requires a special diet, which makes them less than ideal for a beginner bird owner. A companion bird's diet should consist of a nectar replacement diet, which are available commercially or can be made by the owner. There are two main types of nectar replacement, namely wet mix and dry mix.

These mixes come in powder form, the former requires to be mixed with water to create a porridge-like consistency, the latter is to be fed as is. If feeding dry mix, plenty of fresh drinking water needs to be made available for the bird. If the bird is fed on wet mix, their requirements for drinking will be reduced, as the feed contains a large amount of water, however fresh drinking water should still be made available.

Companion lorikeets also need their diet supplemented with fresh fruit and vegetables on a daily basis. A variety of different coloured fruit and vegetables should be made available. A favourite of lorikeets appears to be spinach or silverbeet leaves, and will provide calcium for the bird. Due to the shape of their beak and tongue, rarely will a lorikeet use a cuttlefish for calcium intake. Other kinds of fruits and vegetables frequently enjoyed by lorikeets include apples, pears, corn on the cob, berries, grapes (only to be fed in small amounts as the high iron content in grapes can cause liver damage), pumpkins, sweet potatoes, and citrus fruits once a week. Honey is also a favourite of lorikeets, and can be used as a treat or a reward when training a bird.

Do not feed a lorikeet (or any other bird) avocado, onion, chocolate, caffeine or alcohol. These foods contain chemicals which are lethal to birds.

Due to the largely liquid diet of lorikeets, their droppings are also of a very liquid nature, making them one of the messier companion birds to keep.

Conservation
Rainbow Lorikeet drinking

The Ultramarine Lorikeet is endangered. It is now one of the 50 rarest birds in the world. The Blue Lorikeet is classified as vulnerable. The introduction of European rats to the small island habitats of these birds is a major cause of their endangerment.[10] Various conservation efforts have been made to relocate some of these birds to locations free of predation and habitat destruction.

Gallery

- Black-winged Lory
- Green-naped Lorikeet (subspecies of Rainbow Lorikeet)
- Scaly-breasted Lorikeet
- Olive-headed Lorikeet
- Yellowish-streaked Lory
- Musk Lorikeet
Dusky Lory

Blue-streaked Lory

Josephine's Lorikeet

Papuan Lorikeet

Australian Rainbow Lorikeet
(subspecies of Rainbow Lorikeet)

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9. ^[2]^  

**Asti’s Most Excellent Adventure**

My wife Adora and I had a bit of a scare a couple of weeks ago. I was in watching a show and Adora was outside with our dog Angel working on her plants. All of a sudden I heard a yell. I didn’t understand it at first and so Adora came in and said Asti is out. I thought she meant out of the cage and I said “So that’s normal”. She said no, out of the aviary. Apparently the dog had pushed the door to the patio open, which doubles as our aviary.

Well, by the time I got outside Asti, our Red Factor Sun Conure had made his way up to the neighbor’s roof. Adora just kept yelling get the ladder, but I set a three step stool up so I could raise myself above the roofline and kept calling Asti to come down to me, to no avail. He just sat up on the peak yelling, chirping, and screaming. He wasn’t coming down so I decided to go to the garage to get the ladder.

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By the time I got the ladder out of the garage Adora was yelling that Asti was now on our roof. I looked and sure enough he was on the peak of our house. So, I set the ladder up to try to get on the roof and try to retrieve the bird. As soon as the ladder was set and I was trying to get on the roof Adora was yelling he’s gone. I said what do you mean. She said that he had flown away toward the next street over.

We quickly put on shoes and grabbed our small cage and jumped in her car as it was beginning to get dark outside. We drove to the next street over which was also a dead end street and drove slowly with the window open yelling “Asti, Asti, Asti” and there was no response until we got almost to the end of the street and we heard him report back with a scream. Adora jumped out and I parked the car. She found Asti sitting on the peak of the fourth house from the end.

We knocked on the door so we could see if the owners had a ladder to get on their roof. When they came out to our surprise they were a Filipino couple which is my wife’s nationality. The man of the house told us that there was a ladder in the back of the roofing truck that happened to be backed up to their garage door because they were having their roof redone. I boosted Adora up into the truck and she set up the ladder. She then climbed up on the roof and made her way up to the peak. When she got about ten feet away Asti recognized her and flew to her shoulder. You never saw anyone so happy. She practically ran down that roof and I got the little cage. We put Asti in the cage and put him in the car. We then thanked the owners of the house for their help and were on our way.

Needless to say, when we got Asti home he went immediately into his cage and into his bed. He didn’t want to come out again that night. Poor little guy was scared to death and Adora was happy again, which made me happy.
Moonlight in the Garden

Moonlight in the Garden was a very good evening. It was chilly out that evening but at least it wasn’t hot, humid, and we didn’t have to battle the mosquitos. Many items were available for bid in the main tent including the baby sun conure that the club donated to the Botanical Garden for the event. The last bid that we saw on the conure and cage and club membership was $385.

All in all it was a very pleasant evening with good people, good food, good drinks, music, and good times. Thank you all for showing up even though it was cold. Hopefully next year will bring a little warmer weather.
Lost Bird Alert!!!!

A small green Hahn's Macaw has escaped from its island home on 7/9/2012. Its owners are looking for it.

The bird is slightly nippy, but doesn’t hurt and is gentle once picked up. It's got a foot deformity and stands a little on one elbow.

Still no update on this little fellow, so if you see him please give a call or send and email to me at jvan0608@gmail.com

Please call the number below if you find it.

Thanks!

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Submit your stories and Pics

I very much appreciate everyone that is submitting their personal stories and relaying experiences and helpful information. It makes the newsletter much easier to produce when there are submissions from the members, or non-members to help fill the columns. It gives the newsletter a little more personal touch and lets us know some of the funny and enjoyable stories that we all know are out there. Also, if you have any questions that you would like the answer to concerning companion birds, send them to me. I will do the best I can to find your answer by the next newsletter. Anything else that you think might help the Newsletter become a better publication, I am open to suggestions. Please let me know.

Please keep them coming and again thank you very much.

Please make your submissions to John Van Effen
jvan0608@gmail.com
Opening: Marcia Schultz – President

Meeting called to order @ 7:10pm

Reminder to turn off cell phones or turned them on vibrate.

Welcome & recognition of visitors/new members: Visitors are Joe and Gaby Hadyka, Cindi Harlan and Alice Hempel.

Officers Report:

President – Marcia Schultz – Thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Karen Hernandez for bringing refreshments.

Baire Perez… one of our own won the door prize at the San Antonio Bird Mart held on September 22nd 2012.

Vice President – Jessica Gilmore – Ellen Mass will be speaking on the AFA Convention this evening.

The club will be donating a Sun Conure with birdcage, toys and a 1 year membership to the bird club.

This is being donated to the Botanical Gardens Moonlight Madness Sale, which will be held on September 26th, 2012 at the Botanical Gardens.

Secretary – Marie Koubek – Minutes were motioned and approved from the September 20th, 2012 General meeting.

Membership – Lori Cave – Is working on getting new members.

Treasurer – Jessica Gilmore – Balance as of September 30th, 2012 is $38,711.22.

Mart Director – Jim Harmon – Jim made a motion for purchasing lab tops for the club to have at the bird marts.

Jim per posed $2,000.00 to purchase three lab tops; Jim will be looking into what type would be best for the club.

Motion for purchasing the three lab tops were motioned and approved.

AFA Representative Ellen Mass – Will give a presentation at the end of the meeting on the AFA Convention held in San Antonio.

Committee Reports:
**Webmaster** – Jim Harmon – Nothing to report

**Rescue** – Jim Harmon – No birds in rescue.

**Newsletter** – John Van Effen – If you have any articles or pictures of your birds please send them to John @ jvan0608@gmail.com

**Hospitality** – Marcia Schultz – The November 15th, 2012 general meeting will be our Thanksgiving meeting.

The club furnishes the meat and all the condiments the members will bring a side dish of their choice.

**Old Business** – Marcia Schultz – **NOTE** the December general meeting has been changed to December 13th.

The meeting will be held at the same time and place.

There will also be a White Elephant gift exchanged; for those of you that don’t want to participate in the gift exchange you won’t bring a gift… please come and enjoy the food and company.

**New Business** – Marcia Schultz – Jessica Gilmore handed out a survey on what you would like in a birdcage. Jessica and Zack Gilmore are interest in starting their own birdcage business.

Jim Harmon will purchase the DVD’s from the AFA Convention when they are available to add to the clubs library

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm.** Ellen Mass gave a very informative and interesting presentation on the AFA Convention held in San Antonio, TX on August 17th, 2012.

Thank you Ellen for the wonderful presentation.
Members present: Marcia Schultz, Jessica Gilmore, Lori Cave and Jim Harmon

Meeting called to order @ 6:50p.m.

*Opening remarks* - Marcia Schultz – President – Welcomed those attending

*Officer Reports:*

*Vice President* – Jessica Gilmore – November meeting will be covered-dish dinner with club providing turkey, ham and all utensils and paper goods.

*Secretary* – out of town

*Treasurer* – bank statements and books current, will have report at Nov meeting

*Membership* – Lori Cave – discussed having new business cards printed for club, will place with Chamber of Commerce and share with events within city i.e. 1st Friday Art Mart, etc. Jim will have cards printed

*Bird Mart* – Jim Harmon – nothing new to report, contacting vendors re: spring mart

*Committee Reports:*

*Rescue* – Jim Harmon – 1 Nandae and 1 Jenjae conure with cages, 2 cockatiels with 1 cage

*Webmaster* – Jim Harmon – Nothing to report

*Newsletter* – John Van Effen – Not present

*Hospitality* – Marcia Schultz- will remind members of upcoming November feast and also ask if any member is available to come early and help set up it would be greatly appreciated. Also, December will be drawing for the $100 door prize, election of officers and December party with White Elephant gift exchange.

*Old Business* – Marcia Schultz – Jim will purchase laptop computers when he finds exactly what meets the club needs.

*New Business* – Marcia Schultz – Board members elected to have the club donate $500.00 to Barnyard Sanctuary as they take in the many wild birds referred by club members and are most helpful us and the community. We will also ask Mary to speak at one of our meetings the beginning of the new year.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.
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