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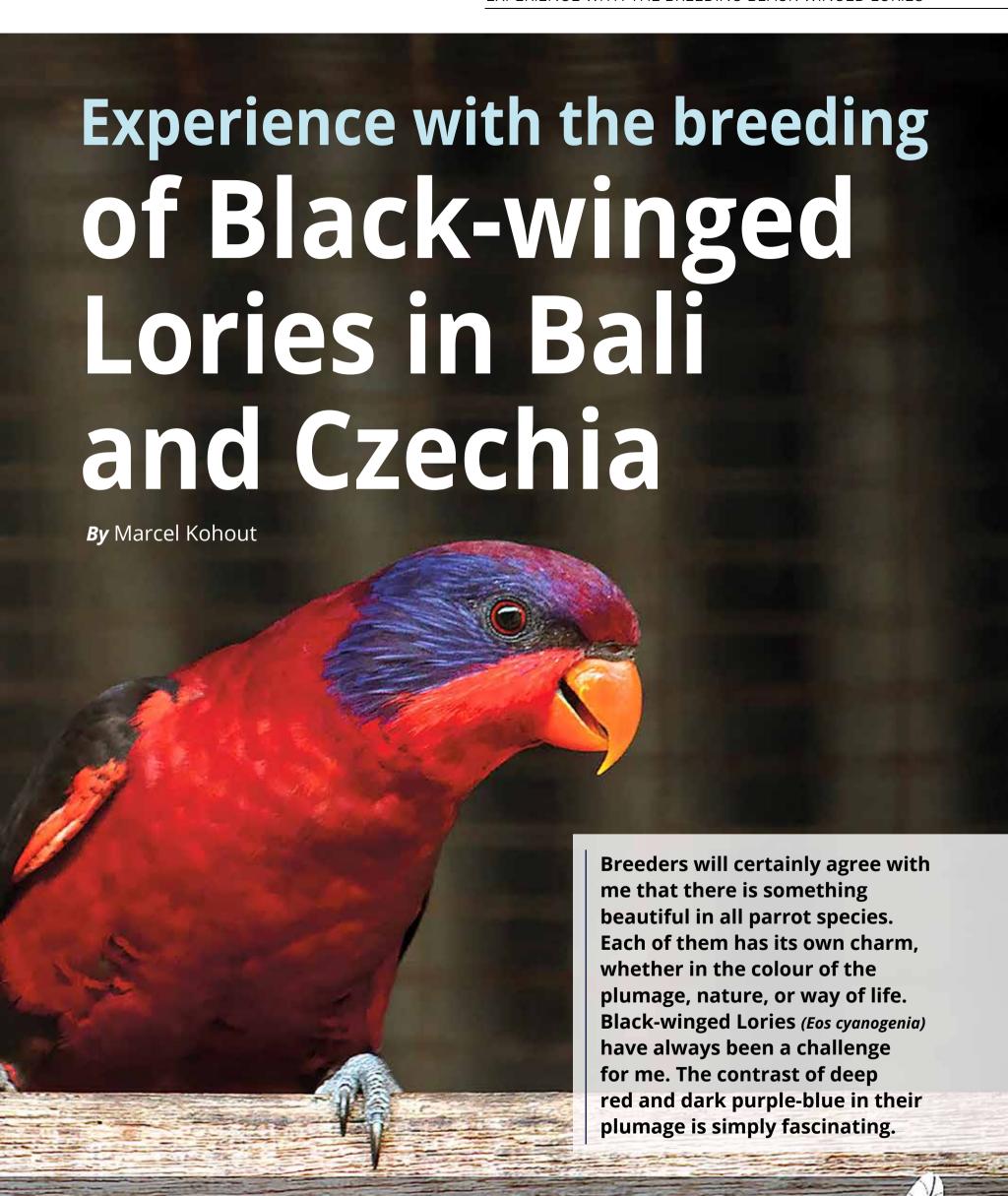
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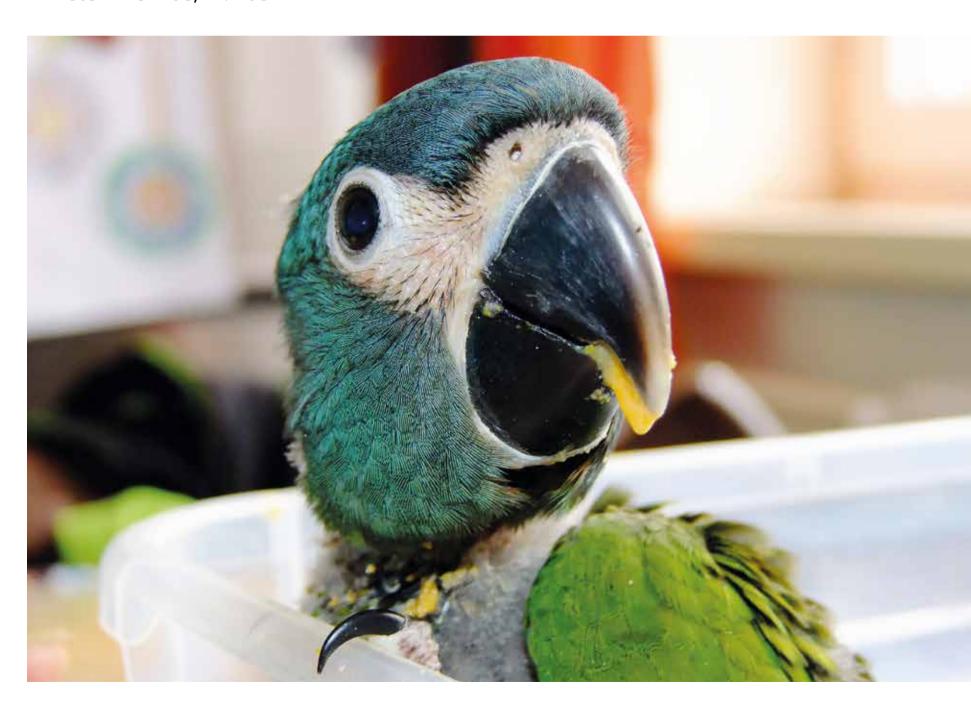
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Successful breeding of Blue-headed Macaws Macaws in the Košice Zoo

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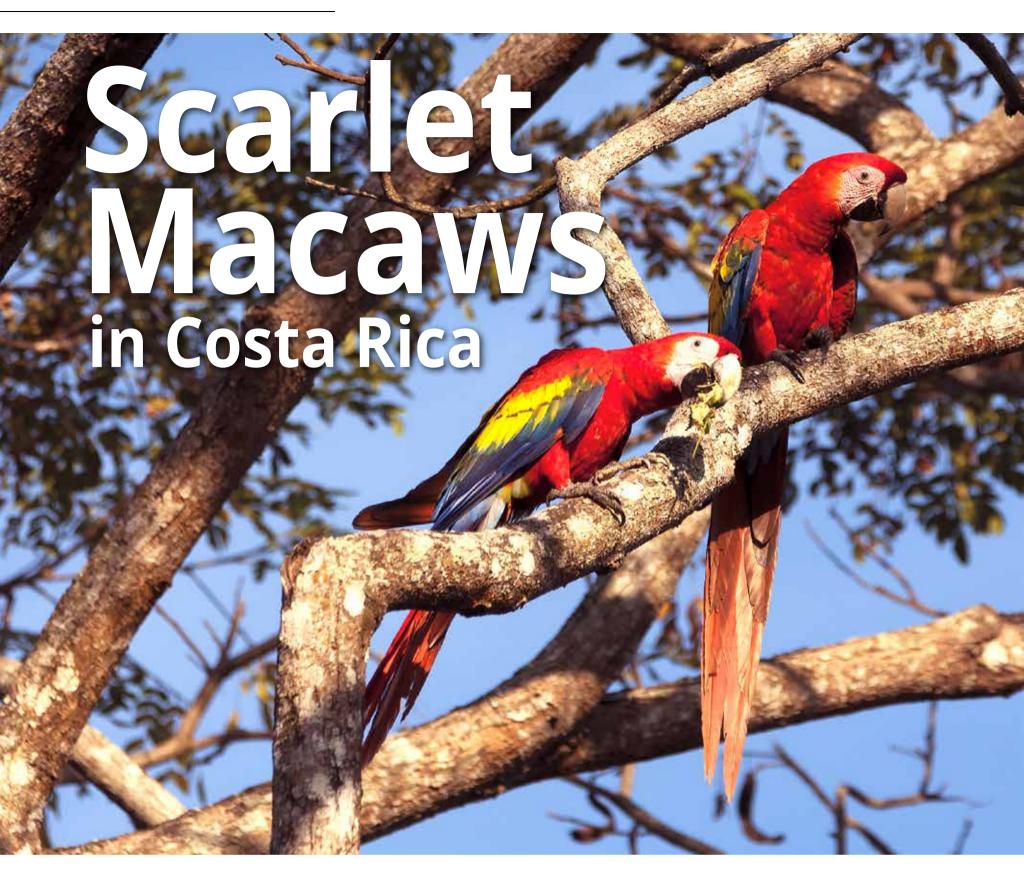


SPLAYED LEGS

By MVDr. Helena Vaidlova



The designation aptly depicts a disability seen in young parrots in their first days after hatching or during growth. The chick cannot stand or walk because the joints in one or both legs are deformed. The knee joints are affected in particular, at higher stages even the hip joints. However, the general posture of the body changes as well, therefore in many advanced cases the spine is irreversibly broken. Eventually, virtually all joints in the body are affected, including the wings, as the chick tries to stand or move around using the wings, leading to their damage.



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In February 2020, we went with our photographer friend Franta Brzák to Costa Rica to observe and photograph parrots, as well as other birds and mammals, of course the largest species of parrots – Scarlet Macaws (Ara macao) and Great green Macaws (Ara ambiguus) being the biggest attraction. Costa Rica is home to the subspecies Scarlet Macaw (Ara macao cyanopterus), which is found scattered on the west coast in scrubby and sparsely forested dry areas and in northern Costa Rica, where rainfall is more frequent.

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