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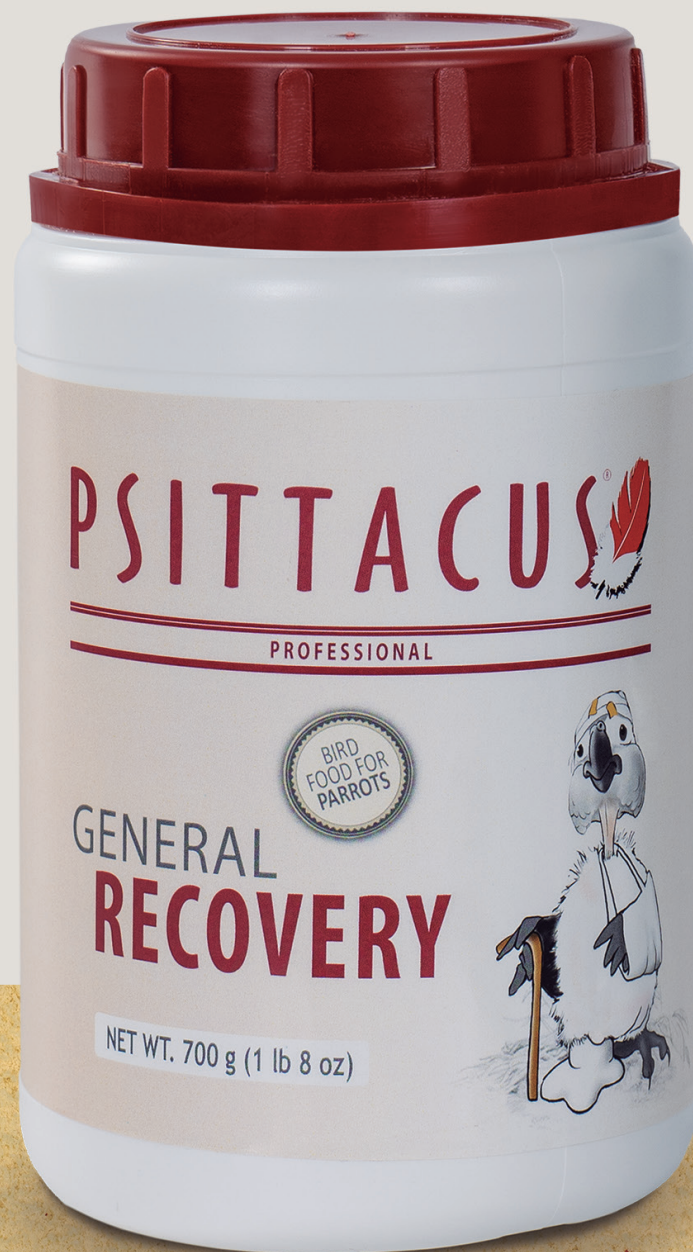


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Red-flanked Lorikeets

wonderful little goblins

About 40 years ago, the first Red-flanked Lorikeets came into human care (1978 Dr. Burkhard and C. Krause). At the beginning, the acclimatization and care were still delicate due to the import situation, but in the meantime, the species has become well established in the breeding facilities of bird lovers. In the following text, I would like to share my experiences of the last few years in keeping and breeding these proverbial ornamental lorikeets (*Charmosyna*, Wagler 1832).

SWIFT PARROT

(Lathamus discolor)

– experience with breeding in a colony and pairs

By George Karhan

Although quite a few articles have been written about Swift Parrots (*Lathamus discolor*), I believe that there are still breeders who would like to learn more opinions and read about the breeding experience with this species. These are beautiful parrots, and I would particularly highlight their beautiful colouring of the plumage and also a likable chirpy vocal expression. The latter can be a great advantage especially for breeders whose neighbours have a problem with excessive parrot noise. While Swift Parrots are very active, they are quieter, and can only be heard from the aviaries in the morning and evening.



I acquired the first two pairs in 2017 from a very skilled breeder from Czechia, who pays attention to correct and responsible breeding of parrots. That is also why his Swift Parrots are of the right size and colour. He told me at the time to buy three pairs right away, as he thought I would arrive later for the third anyway. Now I must admit that his experience was

By Ing. Jana Jirouskova Kamberska



HERBS SUITABLE DURING THE PARROT WEANING PERIOD

The weaning period, a period from the first independent intake of "solid" food to the time when the young ones begin to take in a fully sufficient amount of food and become fully independent of the parents (breeder) can last, for example, in the case of macaws, longer than three months. Especially with these and other "intelligent" species, this is a completely individual process and the breeder as well as the potential new owner must be 100% sure that the chick is self-sufficient in food intake.

Why is it important to have a post-mortem examination performed on a dead parrot?

By MVDr. Helena Vaidlova



The death of any parrot is always a sad event, whether it's a pet or an aviary bird. The breeder often gets very upset and, in an attempt to forget this feeling, either buries or otherwise disposes of the carcass. However, there are more and more "mature" and wise breeders who will have a post-mortem examination performed.

"What's the point of performing a necropsy if you can't get the life back?"

These words are often heard from disappointed parrot owners. However, a necropsy provides a lot of information that can be used by both the pet owner as well as the parrot breeder.

The overlooked function of parrots in the dispersal of seeds

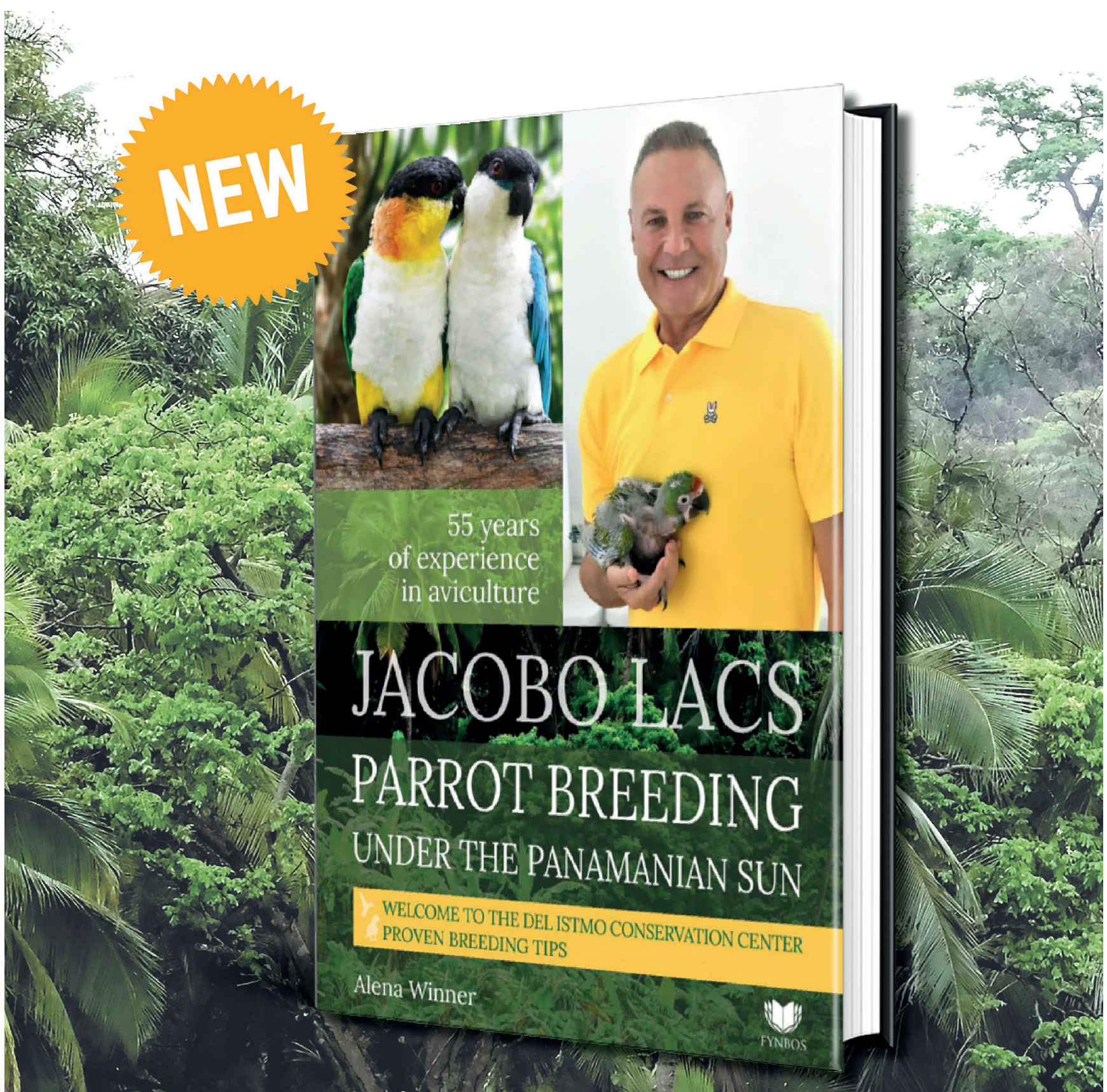
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A Vinaceous-breasted Amazon feeding on Paraná pine seeds

Photo: Associação Amigos do Meio Ambiente

Watch a parrot feeding on a seed, either in the wild or under human care, and you are likely to witness the seed's rapid destruction by the decidedly efficient coordination of beak and tongue. This evident ease with which parrots can dispatch seeds has led them to be widely considered as seed predators, but investigation of their contrary role as seed dispersers of their food plants has suffered from neglect. This is puzzling, because parrots in their varied habitats are known to be major generalist consumers of fruits containing seeds. However, recent research is highlighting the extent of seed dispersal by parrots, and could change how we perceive the role of parrots in the structure, organization, and functioning of ecosystems.



This publication will take you to the romantic Caribbean coast to Puerto Lindo in Panama. Located here is an extraordinary conservation centre, including a breeding facility and zoo, called the "Del Istmo Conservation Center", where 450 species and subspecies of birds and 50 species of mammals are taken care of. Get a glimpse into the interesting life of its founder, the famous bird expert **Jacobo Lacs**, who shares the best breeding methods as well as many useful practical tips, drawn from his 55 years of experience.

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