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SUCCESSFULL BREEDING OF PESQUET'S PARROTS

The Pesquet's Parrot (*Psittichas fulgidus*) is not a typical representative of parrots. Its beak and head shape can be perceived as kind of predatory features. I must admit that Pesquet's Parrots captivated me the first time I saw them. I considered breeding them, but I was daunted by the information available. It was said that the species needed to be bred in a high, stable temperature of around 35–40 degrees year-round, which I couldn't provide the parrots with.

Experience with breeding Major Mitchell's Cockatoos

By Radka Hrevusova & Rudolf Strnad • **Photos by** Vladimir Dolezal

Major Mitchell's Cockatoos (*Lophochroa leadbeateri*) are dream birds of many breeders, yet not everyone acquires them. This species of cockatoos is generally known to be one tough nut to crack, as their breeding is not trouble-free and rearing is quite demanding. Not all birds get on well with each other – some males are aggressive during the mating period and may even kill the female. If you manage to form a harmonious pair, there is still no guarantee that the female will lay eggs and successfully hatch them. It is safer to remove the eggs, place them in an incubator and rear the young by hand. This approach has proven successful for quite a few breeders. Despite that, we could count the number of Major Mitchell's Cockatoo chicks reared in the Czech Republic every year on the fingers of both hands.



Márcia Weinzettl
with Golden Conures



MOST COMMON MISTAKES IN HAND-REARING

By MVDr. Helena Vaidlová



Red-fan Parrot
(*Derophtus accipitrinus*) young

Failure to maintain hygiene

When hand-rearing a baby parrot from day one, maintaining strict hygiene is extremely important. After hatching, the chick uses a kind of immunity acquired from the egg from its mother, however it's not very strong and fades quickly. The vitality of the chick is mainly determined by the health and nutrition of the mother. Initially, the chick should be kept in an environment that is almost sterile. The water used for feeding must be boiled. The mash fed in the first few

days must be of good quality, ideally from a freshly opened or frozen packet, which is subsequently kept in the fridge. In the first few days, it is advisable to feed mash that has smaller particles and is therefore fine. It should also have a higher protein and fat content. If this mash is not consumed within the first few days before switching to standard feeding mash, it is practical to keep it in the freezer at the lowest possible temperature (up to -18 °C) and only take out the

Back to basics in genus *Agapornis*

PART 1. Introduction

By Dirk van den Abeele
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Every week my mailbox is flooded with pictures of young birds from breeders who no longer knows what mutations are present in their birds. Such birds used to be called 'candy balls'; I have my own theory and call these birds, perhaps irreverently, the 'soup of the day'.



The time that they had a green bird split for blue and that this bird was actually only split for blue unfortunately passed a long time ago. In part due to the appearance of various colour mutations and the urge to be the first to show a new colour combination, breeders try to combine as many colour mutations as possible in one bird and then wait for what the next generation will look like. The result can be surprisingly fun, but this usually results in confusion and misunderstandings.

Yet we see that the situation has changed and many separatists complaint about this. I also remember an e-mail from a girlfriend in the VS who had imported birds from Belgium and the Netherlands a few years ago. She told me that she was satisfied with the quality of the birds but that she was certain she would never buy birds here again. She thought to combine a cinnamon green male with a wild form female

Black-cheeked Lovebird
(*Agapornis nigrigenis*) – DF Misty Green

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