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Everyone Welcome

JUNE SPEAKER Owen Hogle from Wild Bird Center

June 11 2011 at 7:00 pm

Salt Lake County Complex
2001 So. State, Room N1100
Salt Lake City

Because I want to make sure I don't forget again like I did in April, I am going to remind you all that we now have DOOR PRIZES! We are concerned, like everyone else, about the price of gas and how it can make coming to meetings difficult; and to help with those concerns we have two door prizes of \$25 cash to give away at each meeting until further notice. There is one ticket per family, and at the end of the meeting we will have a drawing.

Our speaker this month will be Owen Hogle, who has spoken to us at least twice before over the years, and been very well received. He is the owner of the Wild Bird Center on 4898 South Highland Drive in Salt Lake County. This is a chain of about 50 stores for wild birds, and Owen opened the first one west of the Rockies

eighteen years ago. He came by his love of wild birds naturally, having been an avid bird watcher when he was young. His topic will be "The Joy of Wild Bird Watching," and will cover tips on watching wild birds, equipment needed, and how to attract wild birds to your yard. I know many of our members are birdwatchers and even Falconers, so I expect this to be a very interesting meeting and I hope to see you all there.

Don't forget our August picnic coming up on August 20th; everyone is invited for swimming and barbecue, and of course you can bring your bird (just do it safely!). More details to come!

Chase Kimball
WAES President



Nyjer Thistle Bird Feeders
Goldfinch



Pinyon Jay

"A Wild Goose Never
Reared A Tame Gosling."

--Irish Proverb

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August 20th-Calendar It!



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2011 Strutt Your Mutt WAES Adventure

Thank You Volunteers for Your Outreach Help!

Below; Board Members Sarah Southerland and Traci Afana welcome guests to the WAES Booth. Right; Bud Speaker with his freeflying Greenwing- Ruby.



Poisons and Toxins

by Lisa McManus

Poisons have three routes in which they can travel: ingestion, inhalation and topical. When we think of our birds ingesting poison, it is usually by eating one of our plants in or around our house. Some of the most common house plants that are poisonous are: Amaryllis, Asparagus Fern, Avocado, Cyclamen, Dieffenbachia, Draecena, Dumb Cane, Easter Lily, Elephant Ear, English Ivy, Kalanchoe, Mother-in-law, Philodendron, Poinsettia, Pothos, Sago Palm, Schefflera, Shamrock, and Marijuana, for those so inclined. This is by no means a complete list. On the RMSA website is a link to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center and a more complete list, with many links that show photos of the plant in question. That website is: <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/>

Regardless of whether a plant is listed as safe or toxic, I do not have plants in close proximity to my birds; I am not a huge risk-taker, nor do I want my plants demolished!

Signs that your bird or pet may be poisoned are repeated and sudden regurgitation, diarrhea, coughing, breathing problems, depression. Watch for bloody droppings, redness or burns around the beak/mouth, con-

vulsions, paralysis, and/or shock.

If you suspect poisoning, remove the poison from the area immediately. If there has been eye contact, flush the eye with lukewarm water. If the poison came into contact with the skin, flush with water. If the poison was inhaled, open windows and use a fan and/or an exhaust fan and remove the pet from the area immediately! Next, call your vet – you should have the vet's phone number and emergency number posted on your refrigerator or other prominent location. Be sure to take a sample of the poison and/or container, and a recent feces sample.

Other common household poisons are ammonia, antifreeze, bleach, crayons, dishwashing detergents, drain cleaners, fabric softeners, some glues, hair dyes, markers, some mushrooms, iodine, nail polish

and remover, oven cleaners, floor or furniture polish or wax, gas or kerosene, paint remover or thinner, perfume, prescription drugs, rubbing alcohol, shaving lotion, shoe polish, spray starch, suntan lotion, window cleaners and toilet cleaners. As you do with children, keep all of these items closed up, out of reach and out of sight.

Lead poisoning is another very common toxin for pet birds. Watch for toys weighted with lead, costume jewelry, caulking in stained glass windows, fishing or curtain weights, some screens and wires, pencils and older house paint. When using branches for toys or perches, inspect them carefully to make sure there are no nails or other forms of metal in them. There is no first aid for lead poisoning. If you suspect lead poisoning, take your pet to the vet as soon as possible.

There are many other toxins and poisons around our homes. The rule of thumb is always, if in doubt be sure it is not anywhere near your pets – or children!



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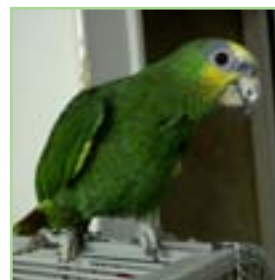
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Next Meeting
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August 3-6 , 2011

AFA Convention
Early Registration Ends June 17th

Saturday August 20 , 2011

WAES Annual Picnic
Pool Party-Birds Invited, more info soon.



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