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The Alaska Bird Club



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Elections for Club Offices

The business portion of our December meeting will focus on election of officers for 2015. To vote, you must be a paid-up club member for the upcoming year, so membership forms will be available at the meeting.

All current officers will be on the ballot to retain their positions for next year. No nominations have been received, as yet, but write-in candidates are always welcomed. If you wish to nominate someone, or yourself, for office, please introduce yourself to the members at the beginning of the meeting.

The election will be finalized at the December meeting and the new Board accepts offices on January 3rd, the first business meeting of 2015.

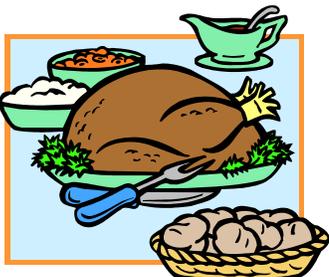
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Holiday Potluck, Fundraiser, & White Elephant Gift Exchange.

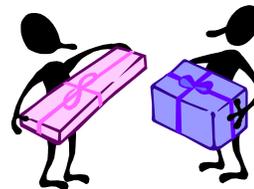
In addition to your chance to throw a few bums out of office (or elect to keep them, if you like), the Alaska Bird Club throws an annual party in honor of all its wonderful members. This meeting, on December 2nd, is a great excuse to eat delicious food and catch up on all the happenings of the past year.

The club will provide a roasted ham and turkey while members (you) will be bringing all sorts of side dishes to round out a wonderful meal. This will be a fun party and is not to be missed. Keep



an eye on the Club's Facebook page to see what others might be bringing.

A *White Elephant Gift Exchange* is planned for the holiday meeting, as well. If you wish to participate, bring an inexpensive wrapped present, funny or serious. Exchanging gifts of this sort is always fun and amusing, so grab something you desperately want to re-gift off a shelf or buy something silly at the gas station store.



There will also be a *fundraiser* with some great prizes to give away. Buy one or more tickets and win a great prize!

[Check out the Alaska Bird Club's Website!](#)

Find out about our latest *Lost and Found* birds, our *Adopt-A-Bird* program and other articles and videos. See what's up and coming and stay in touch at www.alaskabirdclub.org

Club Information

The Alaska Bird Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in the State of Alaska.

It meets at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of every month at Serendipity Adult Day Services in Anchorage. Location: 3550 East 20th Ave (off of Northern Lights Blvd & Nichols St).

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We welcome any comments, articles or any ideas for the club or the newsletter. Current issues and extra copies of previous editions of The Alaska Bird News are available at the monthly meetings.

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The following locations have copies of our newsletter if you need extra. We have also noted the clinics that have avian vets by the ✓

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Alaska Mill & Feed

1501 E. 1st Avenue
(907) 276-6016

Alaska Pet-ography

9130 Elim Street
(907) 868-1680

Chester Valley Veterinary

1571 Muldoon Road
(907) 333-6591

College Village Animal Clinic ✓

Dr's Basler & Nicholson
2036 E. Northern Lights Boulevard
(907) 274-5623

Diamond Animal Hospital ✓

Dr. Doty 24-Hour
(907) 562-8384

Hillside Pet Clinic ✓

Dr. Bluestone
Dr. Fredrickson
2011 Abbott Road, Suite B
(907) 344-7913

Petco

8621 Old Seward Highway
(907) 365-550
3090 Mountain View Drive
(907) 277-3826

Pet Emergency Treatment Center

2320 E. Dowling Road
(907) 274-5636

The Pet Stop ✓

Dr. Riley Wilson
1921 W. Dimond Boulevard
(907) 522-1006

The Pet Zoo

901 E. Dimond Boulevard
(907) 3442966

VCA Alaska Pet Care

3900 Lake Otis Parkway
(907) 562-PETS (7387)

VCA Alpine Animal Hospital

12531 Old Seward Highway
(907) 345-1515

VCA E. Anch Animal Clinic

2639 Boniface Parkway
(907) 337-1561

EAGLE RIVER

Ravenwood Veterinary Clinic ✓

Dr. Hass
16743 Coronado Road
(907) 694-9665

The Pet Zoo

12046 Business Boulevard
(907) 622-2966

WASILLA

All Creatures Veterinary Clinic

Mi 7.4 Palmer-Wasilla Highway
(907) 376-6016

The Pet Zoo

1481 E. Parks Highway
(907) 357-7335

PALMER

Far Country Animal Hospital

2701 N. Liahona Drive
(907) 746-7297

North Star Animal Hospital

840 S. Cobb Street
(907) 746-7387

Palmer Veterinary Clinic

Mi 39 Glenn Highway
(907) 745-3219

The Pet Zoo

10201 E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway
(907) 746-0056

FAIRBANKS

Mt. McKinley Animal Hospital

800 College Road
(907) 452-6104

President's Perch by Garry Wallan



Apparently the Parrot

When the cat is acting nervous
And is running 'round the floor;
And the dog is softly whining
In the closet by the door;
Not an earthquake nor a twister
Could have brought this to the fore;
It's apparent that a parrot
Has been evening the score!
Fluffy, with her cat toys
Liked to frolic until twilight;
Her playtime was all daytime
Mixed with napping in the sunlight;
Chasing Polly was a new game

Of instinctive feline insight;
But apparently the parrot
Took exception, then a big bite!

Rover was a good dog;
Friend to creatures strong and
weak;

Guardian, protector,
Faithful canine, hale and sleek;
One day he ventured over,
Into Polly's cage to peek,
And apparently the parrot
Gave him Screech and Claw and
Beak!

"Polly's just a dumb bird,"
My friends are prone to spew,
But that tender appellation's
Not for budgie, "Tiel, or "Too.

Nor any other psittacine;
They rule the world, it's true!
It's apparent that the parrots,
Have installed us in their zoo.

They can greet the day like cherubs,
Chirp and tweet so daintily,

And then rend the peace like war-
heads,
Fitted hypersonically.

They utter words and phrases,
Sometimes most loquaciously,
It's apparent that the parrots,
Learn quite well from you and me.

The Tornadic Winged Maelstrom,
The Snapping Beak of Death,
The simple sharp profanity
Of jalapeno breath;
The snuggles and the antics,
Using language from the heart;
It's apparent that with parrots,
Contradiction is an art.

This house was once a haven,
Safe for human, dog and cat.
Until the Mighty Parrot,
Came and messed-up all of that.
Now the Winged One is Master,
And an Angel, and a Brat.
It's apparent that our parrots,
Have performed a coup d'etat.

Consider Running for Office or Chairing a Committee

Any club is only as good as its members make it and it is your participation that makes the difference between a mediocre group and a stellar experience. If you want to become more involved with a group of truly fun people with a similar love of birds as you, nominate yourself for an office or offer to head a committee. Your ideas, thoughts, and help is always welcome at The Alaska Bird Club.

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Birds Available for Adoption

See www.petfinder.com for details



Chic Chic *Scarlet Macaw*

Chic Chic is a close to 30-year-old, pretty mellow, scarlet macaw. She has a small, clear vocabulary. Chic Chic "dances" to music with a good beat, and a lot of the time displays rhythm, too! She started plucking her chest at about 10 when her first owners separated her from and then sold her "mate." (They thought both were boys at the time.) She is pretty much bald-chested, full-time. She lived with her new scarlet buddy, until his death 9 years ago. If not another macaw buddy, then she primarily prefers male humans, but occasionally feels a female is acceptable. Thought the best placement would be with another "buddy" macaw, but she might potentially be a pet bird again with the right person, (most likely a man,) and a lot of work. Although she is well cared for, she lives a pretty boring life, as she doesn't play much with toys, chew much, or connect with other non-macaw parrots. For more information about her, contact 696-6800.



Runt is a four year old budgie. Sparkley is a six year old cockatiel and Eagle is a 12 year old cockatiel.

The have all been together, with Runt and Sparkley born and raised with Eagle.

The birds have not been handled in a while, but take treats and like to talk. Eagle knows how to whistle a few tunes and says, "Pretty bird."



Birds Available for Adoption, continued...



Relinquisher says:

These two beautiful little birds need a new home. I got them at a garage sale from a man who said he'd rather see them dead than in a good home. I've had them both on my finger and one lets me pet her. They are both very human curious and would be easy to hand tame if someone had the time. These two are sweeties and love each other. They must go together. The powder-coated cage comes with the birds and includes a nice play top, but I'd like \$200 to cover that.



Toots is a 45-year-old yellow naped Amazon.

Relinquishing owner: "We got Perky for my daughter's birthday. She is very sweet and loves to eat the long seed stems. Over the past year my daughter has gotten very busy. We all feel she would be happier with someone that has the time to give her."



These female yellow shouldered amazons are between ten and thirteen years old. They are inseparable.

They are hand tame and will step up, though one prefers to sit on your arm or shoulder. They are fully flighted and come with their cage and toys.

For more information, call 715-9935.

Fred is a 20+ yo albino dove. His owner died a few years ago and the partner didn't want him. He is sweet, quiet, and coos beautifully. He likes short flights once in a while, but not far due to age. He comes with a large metal cage on a rolling stand.



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