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It is injured such as bleeding, limping, not moving, has difficulty breathing, very thin, weak or deformed. If it is a nestling, not all feathers opened and not old enough to walk or perch and it is out of the nest. Is Cold to the touch, wet, shivering. If the Mother is dead The animal has been in the mouth of a cat dog or other predator. It is in a dangerous place. If the nest has fallen. If you need to find a local wildlife rehabilitator please use this link. What to Do See age references below If the nest has just fallen you can make a nest out of a hanging basket with drains, and hang near where found--but out of the elements. Watch from a distance to be sure the parent can find them. If the area is unsafe you can gradually move the hanging basket further away as long as the parents are finding it. If a nestling has been on the ground long it should be warmed and hydrated first before putting back in the nest. Please call a rehabilitator for instructions on rehydrating, as it will cause harm if done improperly. If the bird is a fledgling leave it where you found it if it is safe and unharmed, able to hop. Provide additional camouflage such as twigs or shrub. Move away and watch for mom to feed it. You may move a fledgling a short distance as long as the mom can hear it. You can continue to move it if necessary, as long as the parents are finding it. Check on the bird and watch for signs of deterioration. You want it to be hungry and calling for its parents. It is a myth that the mother will not return if you touch the baby bird. You may touch it to return it to the nest or help it. Look for more in the same area if you have found a baby. Baby Birds are found for several reasons. Often because of wind or rain damaging the nest or sometimes because the mother has died and not returned to feed them and they begin to hop around in search of food and fall out of the nest. Cats or dogs may locate the downed babies and bring them to you. If finding a baby in need of help please look and listen for additional ones in the area as there are usually more than one to a nest. Pick it up using a towel or gloves if you are comfortable doing so. Always use thick gloves with an alert adult Cardinal. Be especially careful with larger birds such as waterfowl and raptors. This section deals with smaller song birds only. Put it in an escape proof container. For adult birds this can be a shoe box with a taped lid. For nestlings and hatchlings, first place in a bowl lined with toilet paper making a type of nest. Then put that bowl into the container and on heat. The baby you find may be very cold, check the temperature by touch and the environment it was taken from. Put the adult bird in a container with an old t-shirt and carefully dry the bird if it is wet. Put the container half way on a heating pad set on low. If you do not have a heating pad place a plastic or glass bottle or rubber glove filled with hot water in the container along with the animal making sure they do not become too hot and the water does not leak. Handle the bird carefully and as little as possible in case of injury. Very young baby birds do not bite but often do have mites and can transmit other diseases. If in doubt wear gloves to protect yourself. Adult birds such as the Cardinal will bite! The baby may have internal injuries and handling it may cause further damage. Put it in a dark quiet place away from pets and children. Handling wild animals can cause them to have diarrhea and may also cause shock. Diarrhea is hard to cure and often fatal. Although it may seem like a great learning experience for your children, many things can go wrong and it is best to get help before the animal is in critical condition. Many wildlife rehabilitators need volunteers and may welcome your help with healthy wildlife in care. Ask if you can volunteer and have a positive experience. We believe it is best not to feed or give fluids to wildlife before finding care. Talk to a licensed bird rehabilitator first for directions. If the bird is injured or orphaned it is often cold and dehydrated and will need to be warm first and then carefully rehydrated before feeding it even if it is begging! Baby birds are not given fluids by their parents so when giving water to hydrate a bird you must be very careful that it is swallowed correctly. Feeding any animal milk or food while cold and or dehydrated can cause death. Birds also aspirate very easily when given fluids. The fluids can go into the nose and lungs causing pneumonia which is often fatal. Baby Birds require special formula and food at different stages of their life in order for them to grow into healthy adults able to reproduce. A baby bird taken from the wild may look healthy but without the proper nourishment it may develop problems as an adult. Not all adult birds eat insects or worms.

Worms can carry a parasite that when swallowed by the bird will cause coughing and breathing problems and the bird will need treatment. If you have fed the Bird please tell the rehabilitator so they will know how to best help it. Cat bites are serious. Be sure to tell the rehabilitator if a cat has had the animal in its mouth. Regardless of confirmed puncture wounds the animal should always be put on antibiotics immediately. Call a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible. Remember that in all states it is illegal to keep migratory birds as pets or to continue to assist them without a permit. Baby birds found on the ground. It has been our experience that many fledgling birds come into care needlessly. When this happens it may overburden the rehabilitator limiting care to more critical cases and depleting minimal funds. More importantly, baby birds raised in rehabilitation cannot receive the exact training and food that their natural parents would provide and they may leave rehabilitation less afraid of humans and predators. One of the most heartbreaking reasons we have experienced is that birds are very social and may mourn the loss of a baby or parent. On occasion we have had in care older fledglings taken from the wild that refused to eat and starved. If there are cats in the neighborhood consider if a cat has actually seen where the baby bird is living or if you are concerned that it might find it. It is often better to help camouflage the baby by providing additional leaves or branches around them and continue to allow the mother to raise them. Cats and dogs are significant bird predators so please consider keeping your cats indoors. It is our experience that feral cats kill and eat wildlife such as birds and squirrels while the outdoor pet cat kills them for sport and then presents them to the pet owner. Your cat may only kill a few birds a year, but if all outdoor cats are doing the same, it takes a toll on our wildlife. Like a duck or chicken they need to follow mom and learn to peck at food. These babies are very hard to rehabilitate. The most commonly found precocial baby bird in the Piedmont is the Killdeer. Often the eggs are found in graveled parking lots such as school yards. Please leave the eggs where they are found and protect them from cars and children by roping off the area and using the event as an educational opportunity. Baby Killdeer birds should be left where they are found for the mother to care for when she returns. They are born blind and helpless and remain in the nest until ready to fledge. The eyes may still be closed. These baby birds should be returned to the nest if found on the ground and are warm and uninjured. Parent birds cannot pick baby birds up to return them to the nest. Depending on the type of bird, nestlings will remain in the nest for 10 to 20 days before roaming off the nest. Fledging Robin Fledgling- A baby bird that looks just like the adult but smaller is most likely a fledgling. Their feathers are open; they can stand up and walk around but may not yet be able to fly. The nest has become crowded and the mother has moved them out or they have wandered off the nest. They will be found living near or under the nest and the parent birds will continue to feed them as they learn to fly. This is a critical time when cats and other predators may find them but they are gradually learning to fly by first perching and hopping on nearby twigs and branches. They are also learning to pick up insects or seeds on their own and they are watching and following the parents to learn what to eat, where to sleep and what to fear. Fledglings may appear to need help because they are not afraid of people and may beg for food. Resist the temptation to feed them or pick them up unless they are injured or the parent has died. The parents are close by watching but are shy and may not feed the baby while you are there. Adult- An adult bird is fully feathered and its tail is fully formed. They can fly and feed themselves.

2: Greg Bird is still having trouble catching up to fastballs - River Avenue Blues

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However, problems can arise when a bird starts producing eggs, and this article is intended to help owners spot the signs that something is wrong. I have seen a lot of people totally confused when their single female bird suddenly lays an egg. A bird does not need a mate to lay an egg. The difference is that the egg laid by a single female bird will not be fertile, whereas a female that is part of a pair can lay a fertile egg. A simple way of understanding why a single female produces eggs without a male present is to compare the situation to humans. The same applies to birds, which can cycle without producing a fertile egg. A cycle will usually result in an unfertile egg. During the time when a female bird produces eggs, changes happen in her body that will need an aware owner to help with. An egg is made when yolk is released from the ovary into the oviduct, where it will take 3 weeks or so for the body to form a hard shell around the egg and expel it. This hard egg shell takes a lot of calcium to form, and a cycling bird will need plenty of extra calcium in her diet to help her do this. If a cycling bird does not get an adequate supply in calcium, it can result in her eggs being deformed, soft-shelled eggs and hypocalcaemia, which affects her bones. Extra calcium can be given to your bird in the form of a good supplement, like Zolcal, which contains vitamin D3. D3 enables the bird to absorb the calcium, and a bird usually gets a good supply of D3 through natural daylight. You can feed your bird crushed up egg shell, egg food, and egg biscuits to aid with calcium supply. When a bird is cycling, you may notice that she is more active and playful than normal, showing affection towards her toys or you and regurgitating seed as a sign of affection towards the favorite toy or to herself in a mirror. She can seem incredibly excited when at play, and a clear sign that she is cycling is when her tail goes up vertically, accompanied by sappy, fluffy eyes increased white rings around the eyes. This is when the bird ovulates, and she usually does this during mating with a mate. You may also notice her increased appetite and a slight weight gain, which is her conditioning herself to lay. She will try to prepare a nesting area. You may find her sitting in the seed bowl and kicking out all the seed or shredding up paper on the bottom of her cage. She may even fancy the wall paper as a nesting material and start stripping it off! I will now explain the problems that can happen to a cycling bird, what can cause them, how to spot them, and what to do if they occur. Egg binding Egg binding is when a bird produces an egg and cannot lay it. There can be various reasons for the occurrence of egg binding. Egg binding is very serious, and an avian vet must be consulted right away if you suspect your bird may be egg bound. Sitting on the floor a lot. She may sit on the floor lots to lay, but if she is there all the time for long periods of time, she may be having problems. This is a sure sign that she is in trouble. Visual clues, such as a large swollen looking area around her vent. You will see this whether or not the bird is egg bound if she has an egg, but if it is very obvious and she is not passing it and it is there for a long time, she will be having problems. The presence of the egg in the oviduct means that there is less room for the bird to pass droppings, and you will notice that your bird goes less frequently. When she does go, you will see her straining hard, and a huge dropping will come out. The bigger the poops get, the closer the egg is to the cloacae, where it is due to be expelled. If they are huge for days, your bird is likely to be having trouble passing that egg. Why is egg binding so serious? Egg binding is a serious condition that will almost certainly result in death if an avian vet is not consulted. The reason that it is so fatal is because of the pressure an egg can put on the surrounding organs. A bird has all its organs stored in such a small area, as the body cavity of a bird is so small. An egg that is inside a bird for too long can put pressure on the kidneys, liver, and nerves. Pressure on the kidneys and liver can stop them from working properly, resulting in increased toxins in the blood that can cause death. This is why it is such an emergency. Another problem caused by a prolonged egg in the oviduct is nerve damage. What can be done? If you are unable to get your bird to a vet straight away, there are small things you can do to help your bird. Heat will help the muscles in the oviduct wall contract, and it is a good idea to keep your bird warm by placing a heat pad under the cage floor where she is sitting so that the bottom heat can help her. The heat pad must be secured to the underside of the cage and only on one side to create a thermal gradient - a warm end and a cold

end. I have heard people say that applying a lubricant to the vent and massaging it helps the egg pass. When your bird gets to the vets, an x-ray will be taken to confirm the egg binding. Your vet can then treat your bird by keeping her warm and giving her fluids, antibiotics to prevent infection from the egg, and a drug like Oxytocin that encourages the contractions needed to pass the egg. Your vet may also find it necessary to insert a hollow needle into the egg and drain the contents to relieve the pressure on the surrounding organs. Your bird should then pass the shell on its own with the help of the drugs. Failing that, surgical removal may be necessary. Prevention Egg binding can be caused by a few different reasons. General unfitness can cause it. This is common in birds that are fed solely a seed-based diet, in birds who are never allowed to exercise by being kept in their cage all day, or in birds that are clipped and cannot fly though clipping is recommended for safety. Remove any toys that she may have an attraction to, and try not to stroke her back when handling, as this can cause her to feel fruity. If you know that your bird is prone to egg binding, it is best to discourage any kind of nesting behavior. Reduce her daylight hours, give her less fattening treats like millet, and remove any nesting materials that she may have from her cage. Calcium, as I mentioned before, is very important in a cycling bird, and I cannot stress enough how important it is that they get enough. A lack of calcium in a cycling bird can cause soft-shelled eggs to form in the oviduct that the bird cannot push out. Also, the muscle action needed to expel the egg can be weak without adequate calcium. She will get generally weaker and weaker, eventually resulting in death if she keeps using her own calcium, so you must remember to supplement her when she is cycling. I also believe that the age of the bird is relevant to egg binding, as an older bird who is less fit will find it harder to pass an egg. An older bird will need more calcium to support her in general, so an older bird that is using calcium for general bone support and egg-making is very likely to have problems with egg binding. My budgie Jo was 10 years old when she produced her first egg and became egg bound. Egg peritonitis Egg peritonitis is another condition related to egg production that can be fatal to your bird. It is caused by yolk fluid leaking from the oviduct and ovaries into the abdominal cavity. The fluid can build up there, causing a visible swelling of the abdomen. From there, the yolk can get into the blood stream and poison your bird, and it can get laid down in the liver, causing an enlarged liver and liver damage. It makes her preen gland stand out because the area behind is swollen. Egg peritonitis can make your bird very sick and is difficult to treat. It has much better results if caught early. There are good treatments now around for egg peritonitis and some birds do make a full recovery. Treatment involves using a diuretic like Frusemide to clear away the fluid and drugs like Milk Thistle to help the liver repair itself plus antibiotics to prevent further infection. Symptoms are very similar to egg binding, with the swelling, the large poops, and panting. The difference is that a bird with egg peritonitis will not put on any extra weight like an egg-laying bird and the swelling will be more internal. It is visible by making the bird look bloated in the abdomen and vent area. Your bird may sit on the floor a lot with her tail up vertically against the side of the cage for comfort from the swelling. She may spend time on the floor, without all the nesting behavior she will display if she has an egg and sleep like that, with her tail up vertically. Her behavior prior to this can be just as fruity with the toys, as if she was cycling an egg. Her droppings may appear with a whitish yellow in the regular dark green coloring and be large, again from the swelling inside. It is very hard to distinguish between egg binding and egg peritonitis unless you have experience and even then, an x-ray is always done to be sure. I have taken my budgie so many times to my vet thinking that she had another egg stuck inside only to find that she had egg peritonitis. The purpose of writing this article was to help bird owners understand why birds can become egg bound, to help spot signs, and how to help prevent it. I would like to finish off by stressing that if in doubt or if egg binding is suspected, call an avian vet right away for advice and get your bird seen as soon as possible. Time is always of the essence when birds get sick, and the sooner these things are caught, the better the success of treatment for your feathered friend.

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It all depends on your bird and its personality and phobias, as well as the method you choose for the outdoor experience. Exposure to natural sunlight full spectrum is important to the long-term health of parrots. Like humans, the vitamin D from the sun is essential to good health. Recent studies show that sunlight through glass windows has reduced full spectrum, so it can be very beneficial for them to have exposure to direct light. If your bird is phobic when taken outside, then by all means do not force them. Never take your bird outside without some kind of restraint - either in a cage, a carrier, or harness! Even with clipped wings, many birds can still become airborne if the right breeze comes along to provide the necessary lift. Using A Bird Harness: Some birds are willing to accept a harness which allows your bird to flay their wings as they ride on your arm or shoulder. It does, however, have its drawbacks. But if you are a lucky person with a bird that will accept the harness, you still must be very careful. A sudden noise, such as a car driving by, a horn honking, or even the sight of a dog, cat, or wild bird like a hawk! Check the condition of the harness regularly, because many birds can snip through the nylon cording very quickly and suddenly fly away. Your bird is defenseless when tethered and could become easy food for a hawk or even a crow. Also, if they fly off of the perch in fear, they could become entangled in the harness or hit the ground hard. Outside Cages And Carriers: This is my preferred method. The birds are safely contained, but they are also protected from predators and have access to food and water at all times. I have small cages for my birds -- usually just big enough for the bird to stretch out their wings. For instance, the cockatiel and conure are in 12" x 12" square cages; the cockatoo and eclectus go outside in Each porch cage has one perch, and a food and water dish. Location of Outside Time: Avoid putting the birds in direct sunlight -- they can become overheated very quickly. But also be aware of the temperature and that the shade is much cooler than where you are probably sitting. I like the dappled shade on my deck under my big maple tree in the late afternoon -- it provides the right mix of sun and shade. Put the porch cage against a wall outside, and cover the top and sides with a towel, leaving only the front end open for the birds to look out. Stay with them the entire time, talking calmly to them. Each time they go out in their porch cages, you can work on increasing the time. You can also gradually fold back the towel so that half of the top and sides are open -- but make sure to leave the back half of the cage and part of the sides and part of the top covered with the towel! This towel provides a shelter for them to hide behind if they see a wild bird that frightens them, or if tht sun comes through too much and they need the shade. After a while, your birds will be very comfortable with all side of the cage open. However, make sure to still put a small towel over half of the top of the porch cage so they have an area of retreat from sun or perceived predators. The really fun thing about outside time in their cages is how they come to enjoy it. On expecially warm summer days, after about 30 minutes outside, they are absolutely thrilled to get their showers -- all of them have wings fully spread out, every feather on their bodies raised to all the water to penetrate to their skin. Several of my birds will actually hang upside down so I can get them soaked all the way through! It sometimes takes a full ounce bottle of water for each of the little birds and TWO ounce bottles of water each for the cockatoo and eclectus! Once they are satisfactorily drenched, they will sit on the sunny side of their porch cages, eyes half closed as they dry off in the sunshine. If the air is really warm, your birds might also enjoy being sprayed with a soft cold water spray from the garden hose. Make sure that you are far enough away that the water spray is not hard and aim the hose above the birds so the water falls on them like a natural rain. Also, there is some concern that bacteria may breed in garden hoses, so drain your hoses after every use and run water through the hoses for several minutes before aiming the water at your bids. Never leave your birds alone while outside in the porch cages -- use their outside time as your excuse to sit down alongside them, and make time to read that magazine or book! Have a wonderful summer with your birds! Please make note of the after-hour emergency service we offer. We recommend a full physical exam once a year and send out reminders to all patients. Offering complete care for birds Member of the association of avian veterinarians Four Seasons Shopping Center

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Print Originally published in October There are many images, voices, smells and memories that you want to remember forever, but each day it can become a little bit harder to grasp on to what used to be. I have definitely been struggling with this ever since my mom passed away two years ago this December. Female deer symbolize caring, gentleness, intelligence, watchfulness, and most importantly to me, maternal traits. Some cultures believe that anyone who sees a deer has seen the animal so that they can look deep into their own heart and find their deepest treasure. When I was growing up, our yard always attracted deer. So when deer started appearing more frequently after my mom died, my family saw it as a comical sign. The day after she passed away, my aunt and I were in the foyer of my house. As we opened my front door there were six deer standing there, looking in. We knew right away that it had to be a sign from Mom. We felt that she was trying to tell us that even though she was gone, there would always be six people in our family. When I looked out our side window, I saw four deer in the front yard. Since her death, my family and I have seen many deer, in some very unique places and times. I love seeing them because they remind me that my mother is always watching over us. After lighting a candle in memory of my mom, she felt something small touch her on the face. She thought it was a fly, but her mom told her it was a ladybug. Katy tells me that she knew it had to be a sign. Wilson, please fly by again. Because it was in the middle of winter she thought that it was quite an odd and unusual coincidence. But she sincerely felt that the ladybug held a message for us, and afterwards shared her story with my family. Since then, we have been seeing ladybugs everywhere. No matter the weather, I can find ladybugs sitting on the porch of my townhouse or gathering in the back room of a restaurant. Upon walking into the hotel I noticed a ladybug cartoon on the bulletin board in the lobby. I was also graced with the presence of a ladybug when I was in Jamaica this past January for a service immersion trip. I was standing in the playground watching the kids play on the swings when I felt something on my hand. When I looked down I saw a ladybug crawling up my arm. I sat there taking in the moment of grace as I watched its short legs move underneath it. Even in another country, my mom knew just how to brighten my day. It also holds a link to mothers. Because the life cycle of the adult ladybug is short it teaches us how to release worries and enjoy our lives to the fullest. It is often seen as a messenger of promise telling us that we need to release our fears and return to love. For a grieving family, moments of grace can be the difference between a rainy day or a sunny one. I realize that seeing the deer and ladybugs is difficult because they are constant reminders that my mom is gone, but they also reassure my family that she is with us. Finding ways to connect with a loved one even after they passed can be challenging at first, but it can also bring comfort in difficult times. What ways have you found to stay connected? Special thanks to guest author and HelloGrief community member Colleen Wilson for sharing this piece with us.

5: It Could Still Be a Bird by Allan Fowler

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Contact Author "Is there a cat down there? Anyone who has watched Sylvester and Tweety knows which one is which, and knows why it can sometimes be difficult to keep both cats and birds in the same house. If you take the proper precautions to keep your animal friends safe, you can absolutely keep cats and birds together. Jasper, one of the best cats who ever lived. Source Why keeping both cats and birds can be tricky Most people know the big reason why cats can be a danger to birds. Cats are natural hunters, and when they see a bird flying by, instinct tells them to attack. Stalking and pouncing are reflex actions for cats. A lesser known danger from cats is the pasteurella bacteria they carry in their saliva. If you have a larger parrot, the danger can go both ways. Macaw and cockatoo bites can be severe enough to send a human to the hospital, so they can seriously injure your cat. Even smaller parrots can break enough skin to require stitches. Then how can you keep both pets safe? The Monster Cat "helping" get the cage put together. Source Start with a high-quality birdcage. Many cats are adept at knocking cheaper birdcages over, and even if the door remains closed, your bird could easily be banged around, and will almost certainly be stressed. Therefore, the first thing to do is buy a heavy, sturdy cage, preferably with a good stand. Make sure there are no sliding doors that can easily be opened with a beak or a paw when I was a teenager, I lost a budgie when our new kitten figured out how to open the door and get himself partially inside the cage. If you already have a cage and there are such doors, securing them with bird safe vet wrap or wooden clothes pins usually works for smaller birds. For larger birds, cage locks can be purchased you sometimes even need these for smaller birds who are skilled at puzzle solving. Not only does this make the bird feel more secure, it also makes the cage less likely to be knocked over. Let the cat and bird get to know each other. Some people are completely against even introducing birds to cats and insist on keeping their pets in separate areas of the house, and some give the animals free reign with each other. Others, like me, choose something in between. In many cases, letting the animals see each other is a good thing, because then your cat is more likely to learn that the bird is a "friend, not food. If this happens while your bird is getting some out-of-cage time and your cat still sees the bird as prey Start off slow, and let your pets see each other from a distance while your bird is in the cage or a carrier. If your bird appears curious or relaxed, allow your cat to approach the cage and take a closer look. However, if your bird seems stressed, make sure the cat remains a few feet away, and try again later. Keep the first few sessions to 10 minutes or so. As your pets become more comfortable, you can extend the sessions, and maybe even take your bird out of the cage in the presence of the cat. ONLY move to this step if there are absolutely NO signs of the cat going into "predator mode" while seeing the bird in the cage or carrier. It would be a good idea to recruit a second person to help - one person can handle the bird while the other can hold the cat or be ready to block the cat from pouncing. Some people like to let their cats and birds cuddle and play, but I advise caution in this. Instinct can take over in even the most mild-mannered animals, which can lead to somebody getting hurt, or even killed. Also, a cat can swat at a bird and cause a scratch too tiny to see, but big enough to give your bird a lethal infection. If you think your bird might have been nicked or scratched, call your avian veterinarian immediately. Scratches and bites need to be treated with antibiotics, and they need to be started right away. Just like people, animals have different personalities. Some cats can never be trusted around a bird no matter how much you try to train them in those instances, keeping your animals in separate parts of the house while making sure to give them equal attention is best. It is not meant to substitute for diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, prescription, or formal and individualized advice from a veterinary medical professional. Animals exhibiting signs and symptoms of distress should be seen by a veterinarian immediately. I have a dog and cat. Should I get a bird? If you really want a bird and think you can take the proper precautions to keep the bird safe, it can work! Do you think this is possible? If not, get the sturdiest cage you can find, and supervise diligently until the cats and kids learn the boundaries. You might also want to join a bird forum or Facebook group - many people in those groups have made mixing cats, birds, and kids work!

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Nesting[change change source] Once the birds have found partners, they find a suitable place to lay eggs. The idea of what is a suitable place differs between species, but most build bird nests. Robins will make a beautiful little round nest of woven grass and carefully line it with feathers, bits of fluff and other soft things. Swallows like to nest near other swallows. They make nests from little blobs of clay, often on a beam near the roof of a building where it is well sheltered. Many birds like a hollow tree to nest in. Scrub turkeys scratch together a huge pile of leaves that may be 10 metres across. Guillemots lay their eggs on rock shelves with no nest at all. Their eggs are shaped so that they roll around in circles and do not fall off cliffs. A cuckoo does not make its own nest. It lays its egg in the nest of another bird and leaves it for them to care for. When the nest has been prepared, the birds mate so that the eggs are fertilised and the chicks will start growing. Unlike mammals, birds only have one opening as the exit hole for body fluids, and for reproduction. The opening is called the cloaca. A female bird, called a hen, has two ovaries, of which the left one usually produces eggs. Most male birds have no sex organs that can be seen. But inside the male are two testes which produce sperm which is stored in the cloaca. Birds mate by rubbing their cloacas together, although with some birds, particularly large water birds, the male has a sort of a penis inside the cloaca. Hatching[change change source] Once the hen has mated, she produces fertile eggs which have chicks growing inside them. She lays the eggs in the nest. There might be just one egg or a number of them, called a clutch. Emus might lay as many as fifteen huge dark green eggs in a clutch. After the eggs are laid, they are incubated, or kept warm so the chicks form inside. Most birds stay together for the whole nesting season, and one advantage is that the work is shared. Many birds take turns sitting on the eggs, so that each adult can feed. This is not always the case. With emus, the male does all the sitting and all the baby-minding. With emperor penguins it is also the male that cares for the egg. There is only one egg, which he keeps on his feet and under his feathers, standing in a big group of males without feeding until the chick is hatched. While the eggs are hatching, the females are at sea, feeding, so that they can care for the chicks when they return. Some birds put the eggs inside or on top of the mound of leaves and twigs. The mound acts like a compost heap. The decomposition of the rotting leaves causes the temperature to rise. This is heat released by the chemical action of bacterial and fungal respiration. It is the same reaction as that which keeps mammals and birds at a high temperature. The parents leave the mound. When the chicks hatch, they are able to feed themselves. Many small birds take 2-4 weeks to hatch eggs. Albatrosses take 80 days. During this time the female loses a lot of her body weight. The quickest hatching time is for the cuckoo. Some types of cuckoos take only 10 days. Newborn cuckoos are naked, blind and ugly, but they are strong. They get under any eggs that are in the nest and throw them out before they hatch. That means that the cuckoo has the whole care of both parents. Baby cuckoos grow fast and often get bigger than the parents who feed them. When baby birds hatch, in most types of birds, they are fed by both parents, and sometimes by older aunties as well. For birds that eat grain and fruit, the parents eat and partly digest the food for the babies. A black redstart feeding chicks A reed warbler feeding a baby cuckoo Two sulphur crested cockatoos from a big flock are on the lookout Families[change change source] Many birds, particularly those that mate for life, are very sociable and keep together in a family group which might be anything from 4 or 6 adult birds and their young to a very large flock. As chicks grow they change the fluffy down that covers them as babies for real feathers. At this stage they are called fledglings. Other family members may help care for fledgling chicks, feeding them, and protecting them from attack while parents are feeding. When the fledglings have their new feathers, they come out of the nest to learn to fly. In some types of birds, like pigeons, the parents watch over this and as the young ones get stronger, will give them flying lessons, teaching them how to glide, how to fly in spirals and how to land like an expert. Communication[change change source] Most birds are social animals, at least part of the time. They communicate to each other using sounds and displays. Almost all birds make sounds to communicate. The types of noises that vary greatly. Some birds can sing, and they are called songbirds or passerines. Examples are robins, larks, canaries

, thrushes , nightingales. Corvids are passerines, but they do not sing. Birds that are not songbirds include pigeons , seagulls , eagles , owls and ducks. Parrots are not songbirds, even though they can be taught to sing human songs. A favorite songbird, the European robin. The crow of the rooster is a familiar bird call. The pied currawong , an outstanding singer. The jackdaws helped Lorenz to understand bird communication. Songbirds are passerines , many of which have beautiful melodic songs. Songs have different functions. Danger cries are different from territorial songs, and mating calls are a third type. Fledgling may also have different calls from adults. Recognition calls for partners are quite common. As to where the song comes from, there are three kinds of species: Those where the song is entirely inherited , and the bird always sings the same song in the same situations. Those where the song is partly inherited, but the bird tunes it in by copying others. In this case the slight differences between the calls of different birds may be used by partners for identification. Those where the song is entirely learnt, and the bird often copies sounds from its environment. Most singing birds that are kept as pets, like canaries, have several tunes and some variations. The same species of bird will sing different songs in different regions. A good example of this is the currawong. This is an Australia bird which is like a black and white crow. In the autumn, families get together in large flocks and do a lot of singing. Currawongs from some areas sing much more complex songs than others. Generally, currawongs from the Blue Mountains are the finest singers. The song of the currawong can be sung as a solo, but is often performed as a choir. One bird will take the lead and sing "Warble-warble-warble-warble! The song changes from year to year and from place to place. He found that each type of bird had a number of sounds which they made automatically, when ever they felt a certain way. Every sound had an action that went with it. So, if the bird was frightened, it acted frightened and made a frightened sound. This told the other birds around it that something frightening was happening. If a flock of birds were flying over a field, they would be calling "Fly! At this point, the mind of the flock would be changed. Some of the birds would start to yell "Fly downwards! These communication sounds are often short hard sounds like chirps, squeaks, squawks. Sometimes the calls are longer and more musical. They include the "Rookety-coo" sound of a pigeon and the "Cockadoodledoo! The bird cannot change these sounds. They always make them in the same way.

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It Could Still Be a Bird; It Could Still Be a Bird by Allan Fowler + Add to Wishlist. Identifies the characteristics of birds and provides specific examples including.

Two Birds, or Not Two Birds? Many people feel that all captive birds should have companions to play with, communicate with and preen with. However, there are many issues with that as far as safety goes. I love the idea of having a buddy for your bird. My other Cockatoo is a handfed Umbrella Cockatoo U2. He wants to mate with and be with humans - not birds. I cannot stress that enough. There are certain types of birds known for hurting and killing other birds. Above all the rest, Cockatoos and Lovebirds. If you want an interactive pet you can generally forget about it unless you provide serious one-on-one time with that bird every single day. Even then, most lovebird owners never suggest you get two. Handfed Lovebirds just like people. Lovebirds can and frequently do hurt other birds, and sometimes get themselves killed in attempting to do so. Cockatoos are dangerous in a different sort of way. Few will be outwardly hostile or aggressive to other birds. A microsecond is all it takes for a bird to lose a toe, a beak, or a piece of their skull. Cockatoo-on-Cockatoo attacks are startlingly common. Unless I stated otherwise all of these attacks happened during a normal day, and the birds were being supervised. Even with careful supervision things can take a horrible and deadly turn for the worst. Caging most large birds together is highly dangerous. To house a bird with another bird special considerations must be taken. A bird should be housed near another bird for many months, as well as be allowed to interact with it with exceptionally diligent supervision. After awhile, both birds can be placed into a new cage together for short periods of time. This new cage should be larger than a normal cage for a single bird. For two budgies, lovebirds, and other birds of that size, the cage should be at least 25" wide by 25" deep. For conures, poicephalus smaller african parrots, quaker parrots, and other small birds, it should be at least 35" by 30". For small amazons, pionus, and timneh african greys, 40" by 30". For macaws, 63" wide by 36" deep or even larger for the bigger ones Greenwings, Buffons and Hyacinths. Cockatoos take these dimensions up many notches. Medium to large cockatoos Umbrella, bare eyed, medium sulfur crested, moluccan, etc should have enclosures about as large as small bedrooms. Bird-proofed spare bedrooms actually work out pretty well. In all situations the birds must have ample room for flight! Birds are masters of hiding illness. Psittacine Beak and Feather disease, Polyoma, Psittacosis, and the ever-dreaded PDD can be spread from bird to bird after just one meeting. A bird looking healthy and being vet-tested is no reason to let your bird be around it! The ones that have dealt with PDD, and those who are going to". Fun bird parties sound like a great idea, but there are too many things that can happen. A bird could attack another with no prior signs of aggression and end up killing it, and, of course, your bird could contract a terrible and incurable disease. When you have two or more birds in the same home you need to be more than cautious. A second is all it takes. The dangers involved with keeping two birds are very real. Before suggesting that people keep birds in pairs, you need to make sure that those people can keep their birds safe. For most handfed birds a companion is never needed or even desirable. To keep a bird entertained during the day you need the following things: One unclipped-wingspan deep, and two wingspans wide. That means 60" wide for most macaws, 48" wide for umbrella and moluccan cockatoos, 40" wide for smaller cockatoos and large amazons, about 36" for average amazons, african greys, eclecticus, etc, 24" for most cockatiels, conures and lories, and 20" for budgies, lovebirds, and parrotlets. It should be powder coated or stainless steel. Not galvanized metal, brass, or any "mystery metals". Cages should not be rusting or have chipped finishes, and the bars should be spaced close enough to prevent birds from fitting their heads through. For most birds this means hard wood to chip, soft wood to chew, soft plastic to tear up, safe rope no cotton, which tangles to preen, leather to gnaw, mechanical toys to work their brains, foraging toys to find things in, and a bucket of all sorts of foot toys and toy parts. Get really creative when it comes to finding new toys. Venture beyond the bird store! Baby toys are awesome, some birds adore chewing on fabric, pens with the ink removed are super Remember to watch out for glues, unsafe metals, super hard plastic which can break into sharp shards, batteries and other unsafe things. Foraging in general, actually. Some foraging toys can be bought, some can be made, but foraging is absolutely

essential. All my birds have treat cages, hide-a-treat type cups, mentally challenging toys meant to dispense little dowels or treats if the bird works for it, and so forth. In addition to that I wrap things up in newspaper and stash them around the cage, roll them up in newspaper and weave that through the bars, tuck things into parts of toys, put them in upside-down paper cups, stash them in their foot toy buckets. If a bird will work for something, MAKE them work for it! I never serve seeds, nuts, or dried fruits in bowls, because my birds hunt for them. I have a radio and CD player on timers in the bird room. Another plays the classical music station. I also give them baby toys that play music or sounds when a button is pushed. Supervise your birds for a long while with these types of toys to observe their playing style. If you need to be gone for long periods, get a TV for visual stimulation as well. Most birds like kids shows with bright colors and fun voices and songs. Only leave on G-rated programs, or you may end up with a bird that repeats off-color phrases and sounds at awkward times! In food and toys, color just stimulates. We humans would go nuts living in a black and white world. A varied, healthy, organic diet is important for both nutritional and psychological reasons. Many birds develop behavioral issues when they are fed diets which contain synthetic vitamins. Most commercial pellets contain these, with a few exceptions such as Totally Organic or "TOP" pellets. I always suggest avoiding the fruity, preservative loaded, artificially colored pellets in large pet stores. Buy an organic, dye-free, preservative-free pellet to make up the bulk of your birds diet. It pays off enormously. Birds should wake up to a fresh breakfast and go to sleep with a crop full of yummy, wholesome foods. Rice, lentils, veggie pastas, fresh organic fruits and vegetables, organic whole grain cereals and more things can be used to build up a varied diet. You can offer non-pelleted foods in the cage for long periods in the form of cereals, uncooked pasta, seeds and nuts in moderation, and the many types of readily available dried fruits and vegetables out there. And remember - get creative by making your bird forage for the yummy stuff! If you have enough of these things to stimulate your handfed parrot, the last thing your bird is going to do is stop and look at the cage a few feet away. But go slowly, be cautious, and if you have any apprehensions then stop wherever you are and back up. Remember - better safe than sorry.

8: Egg Laying & Possible Problems

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How about the mythical phoenix, rising from the ashes? For centuries people have wistfully watched birds take wing and felt a bit jealous. Penguin Emperor penguins *Aptenodytes forsteri* in Antarctica. All 18 species of penguin are unable to fly, and are in fact better built for swimming and diving, which they spend the majority of their time doing. Their short legs and stocky build give them a distinctive waddling walk. While people tend to associate penguins with Antarctica, most species live in higher latitudes. A few even live in temperate climates, and the Galapagos penguin actually lives at the Equator. These birds are also remarkably romantic—penguins are largely monogamous and seek out the same mates each season, even among the hundreds or even thousands of birds that might live in their colony. Steamer duck Steamer duck *Tachyeres*. Even within the flighted species, some males are too heavy to actually achieve liftoff. These South American ducks earned their name by running across water and thrashing their wings like the wheels on a steamboat. They use them for other forms of thrashing, too. Famously aggressive, steamer ducks are known to engage in epic, bloody battles with each other over territory disputes. They have even been known to kill waterbirds several times their size. Weka The weka is another bird of New Zealand. This brown, chicken-sized bird was an important resource for native New Zealanders and European settlers, but is now decreasing in number. While they may look unremarkable, weka have a loud call that males and females sing as a duet. Weka are skilled swimmers, too. Ostrich The mighty ostrich is truly the king of birds. The largest living bird, ostriches can grow up to 9 feet tall and weigh more than pounds. Their powerful legs can kick in defense, and they can run at speeds up to 45 miles per hour across the open lands of Africa, where they live. Kiwi The kiwi is the national symbol of New Zealand. They have hidden vestigial wings and soft, hairlike feathers. Unlike other birds, kiwis have their nostrils on the tip of their bills, instead of at the base. These odd little birds are worth admiring, though—the females lay eggs that can be up to 1 pound in weight. Relative to the size of the bird, this is the biggest egg of any living species. It is truly a strange bird—but also a beautiful one, with bright green-brown feathers. The males make a distinctive booming call that sounds like a one-bird jug band, which can be heard up to half a mile away! Takahe Takahe *Notornis mantelli* G. Roberts This mid-size bird of New Zealand is a hide-and-seek master. It was thought to be extinct from the late s until it was suddenly rediscovered in And for a bird, the takahe has remarkable longevity—it can live up to 20 years. Cassowary southern cassowary Southern cassowary *Casuarius casuarius*. This giant bird, a native of Australia and the surrounding islands, is in the heavyweight class. The only bird heavier is the ostrich. These birds sport colorful helmets, or casques, made of keratin like human fingernails. And their plush back feathers kind of look like glamorous fur capes.

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Unless a bird still has open wounds or is obviously struggling, however, attempting to rescue a one-legged bird will only cause the bird additional distress, which could itself be fatal. Instead, there are better steps to take if birders notice one-legged birds nearby.

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