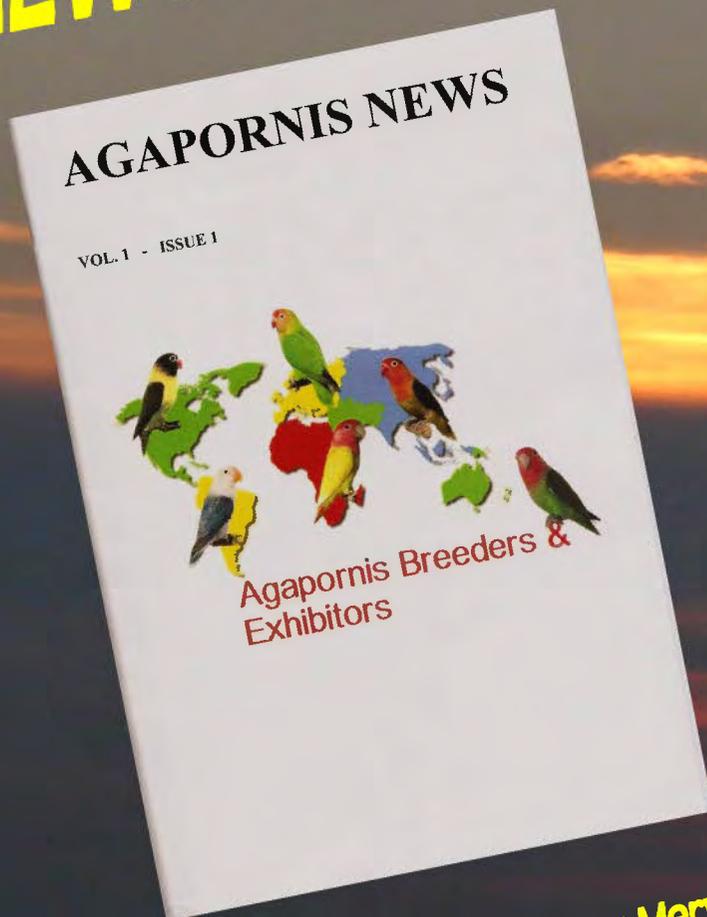


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**Agapornis Breeders & Exhibitors
(A B E)**



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**Welcome to the modern Love Bird club called ...
Agapornis Breeders & Exhibitors.**

We are an up to date modern club catering to the breeders and exhibitors across the world. We have members representing foreign countries who are interested in love birds not only for breeding but also to compete at a higher level.

Agapornis Breeders & Exhibitors evolved from a group of people who wanted to have a better understanding of a better exhibition love bird and how to breed to acquire such Standards.

It is these members' goals to have the simplicity of a modern era combined with the knowledge and experience to have a better functioning club which serves the breeders and exhibitors equally.

Time bring changes and many new things which we share with other countries, together we can keep up to date with new genetic information, mutations, Standards for Show, ways of simplifying our hobby, foods which make our birds healthier and breed better, etc.

We are looking forward to a new era of knowledge and exciting shows. We welcome our clubs which have affiliated and will have their shows sanctioned by ABE.

Our Standards and Terminology Committee had our classifications made to be simple and up to date. Our Show Standards were written simple for our members to understand what to look for in an exhibition bird.

Our friends from the UK Love Bird Society have allowed us to use some of their work and Mr. Jim Hayward has permitted us to use his original drawings which we are using for our Standards.

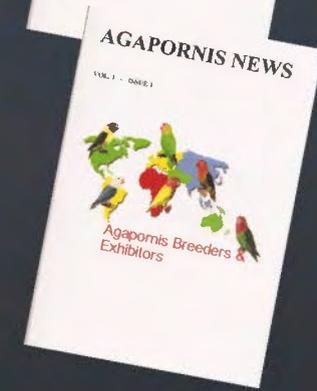
We are grateful for Mr. Hayward's kind gesture.

In conclusion, we have a great team working together to make this a fun and educational venture. The vision is to educate and promote funding for love bird research around the world with many universities doing research with different love bird species and different topics.

Join us!!!!

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New book Parrots of Africa, Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands Biology, Ecology and Conservation by Dr. Mike Perrin, PhD, FRS, SAfr.

1. Introduction

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UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL
Parrots of Africa, Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands: Biology, Ecology, Conservation and Management.
Mike Perrin.

This book represents a landmark in southern African avian conservation and ornithology.

Anonymous reviewer A: *This manuscript reviews the present knowledge about parrots of Africa and its islands. It is remarkably complete and may contribute to conservation of these beautiful birds. ... It represents an important contribution to the knowledge of African parrots and to further studies on this subject.*

Anonymous reviewer B: *This book in particular draws together a number of studies on parrots over the past couple of decades. In addition to this literature it includes numerous references applicable to the topic and brings together a vast amount of information that will prove valuable from an academic perspective.*

"This is certainly an attractive avifauna, and your work is no doubt authoritative and comprehensive." Heidi Lovette, Publisher, Cornell University Press.

"Your proposed book sounds both important and exciting, and I know it will represent a major contribution to ornithological and conservation work in Africa." John Butler Adams, Ford Foundation, Southern Africa.

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By sponsoring (R 5 000) or subscribing (R 2 000) to this eminent publication, your commitment will be recorded, not only in the book, but in its contribution to African conservation biology.

Details of the book are summarised in the attached pamphlet.

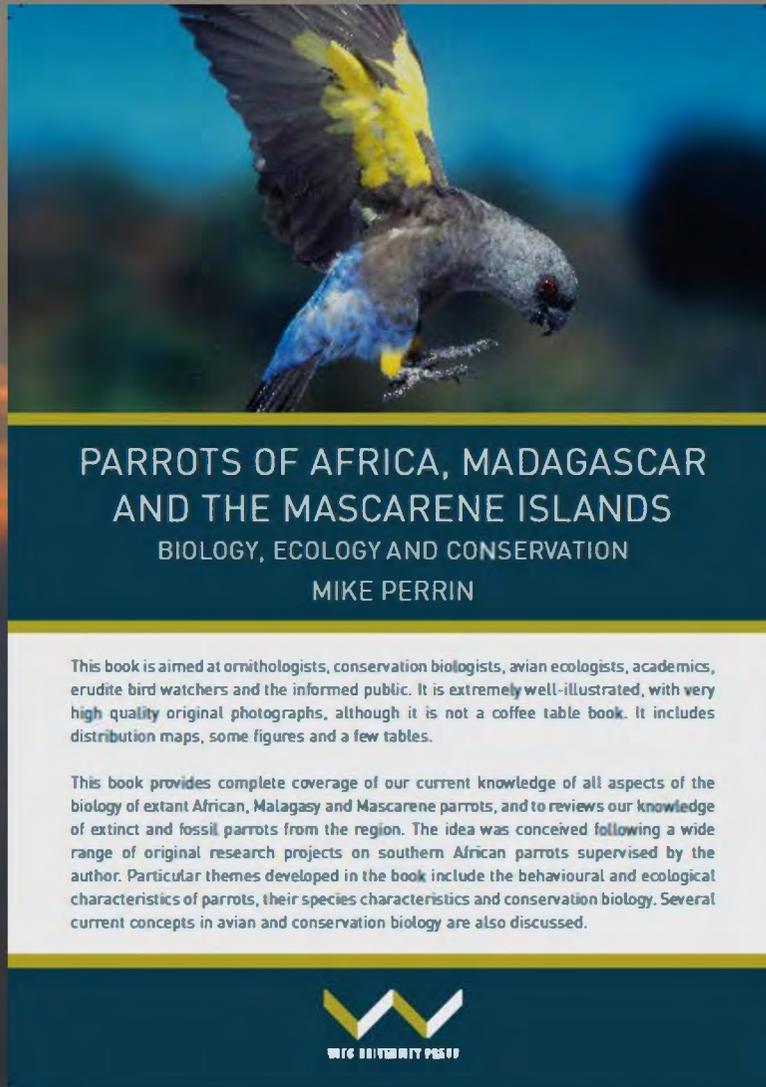
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2. The book



PARROTS OF AFRICA, MADAGASCAR AND THE MASCARENE ISLANDS BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION MIKE PERRIN

This book is aimed at ornithologists, conservation biologists, avian ecologists, academics, erudite bird watchers and the informed public. It is extremely well-illustrated, with very high quality original photographs, although it is not a coffee table book. It includes distribution maps, some figures and a few tables.

This book provides complete coverage of our current knowledge of all aspects of the biology of extant African, Malagasy and Mascarene parrots, and to reviews our knowledge of extinct and fossil parrots from the region. The idea was conceived following a wide range of original research projects on southern African parrots supervised by the author. Particular themes developed in the book include the behavioural and ecological characteristics of parrots, their species characteristics and conservation biology. Several current concepts in avian and conservation biology are also discussed.



ABOUT THE BOOK

Books have been written about parrots because they are colourful, charismatic, mimic human speech and are diverse and rare in many tropical environments. They are ancient birds and their affinities are uncertain. Parrots are unique owing to their bill and foot structure, which enables them to forage on fruits in the canopy of forest trees and on seeds in grasslands. Since they depend on fruits and seeds year round, most species are confined to the tropics or sub-tropics, where the world's biodiversity is greatest. There are over three hundred species with more than one hundred species recognised as rare, endangered, vulnerable or threatened with extinction. Parrots are largely distributed in the tropical third world where economies are weak and uncertain, where there is great dependence on the exploitation of natural resources, particularly hard wood evergreen forests, often preferred parrot habitats. Because the human population is impoverished and malnourished in tropical Africa, there are high levels of corruption, much illegal trade in animals and sometimes little or no law enforcement. Collectors of rare parrots in the first world pay huge sums for a pair of rare parrots. Research, education and conservation actions are greatly reducing illegal trade in African parrots although it is still of great concern.

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