

W.A.E.S.

Wasatch Avian Education Society

April: 2018

## HAPPY DAYS OF SPRING ARE HERE...

Greetings to all of our bird loving friends,

This month we will have a fun and working meeting of making foraging toys for our feathered friends. Join us and learn how to provide not just a "toy" but an important element to a healthy bird.



### *Why is foraging important for pet birds?*

In the wild, foraging for food is part of a bird's daily routine and occupies a large portion of his time - in many cases over half of his waking hours. Wild birds spend most of their time in 4 activities: foraging, social interaction, feather care, and sleeping. If foraging activity is not encouraged in pet birds, they have many more hours per day with nothing to fill their time. In many cases, social interaction is also limited. So now we have a bird with only two other options - feather care and sleeping. Many times a bird will use the time on their feathers, and **feather picking** can result. This lack of foraging activity can affect a bird's physical and emotional well-being causing boredom, behavioral problems (such as feather picking), and a lack of natural curiosity.

### *What are the benefits of foraging?*

The obvious benefit to foraging is that your bird is kept busy and this helps to alleviate boredom and behavioral problems. Foraging challenges your bird by forcing him to look for his food instead of having it just put in front of him. Empty hours in the day will be filled with activity. He will have more physical exercise as he uses his beak and feet to remove what is hiding his food. He will need to use his problem-solving skills as wild birds do.

Don't miss the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring a friend and get a raffle ticket!

Geri Driggs,

President WAES

**\*\*** There will be materials available for making toys, but please bring anything else you would like to use or share, including some of your bird's favorite treats!!

### Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2018

7:00 pm

### Salt Lake County Complex

2001 S. State Street

Room N1100

(North Building)

Our meetings are free  
and open to the public.  
Come meet other parrot  
enthusiasts.

Refreshments & Raffle  
Table

Come see what our  
volunteer

Flock is all about.

## Calendar of Events

WAES offers monthly meetings the second Saturday of every month excluding August.

May WAES Meeting 5/12

Topic to be announced

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## **New Birds!**

We had two new bird intakes over the last month.

**Cairo**, a Congo African grey, is 20 years old, and has been with one family. She is a sweet girl. She comes with a cage, vet check pending.



**Hermes**, a Blue-fronted amazon, is a male and micro-chipped. His exact age is unknown, but 30 - 40 years is possible. He is currently under veterinary care. Hermes comes with a cage and carrier.



For all adoptable or fosterable birds, please visit our website: [www.wasatchavian.com](http://www.wasatchavian.com)

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