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#### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

10th of FEBRUARY 2020

@

Melrose Hall Corner of Great Western Hwy & Park Street,

Emu Plains NSW

7.30 pm

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)
Unless changed to suit
26th of FEBRUARY 2020

@

TO BE ADVISED 7.30pm

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## Presidents Report

Dear Members,

At our next meeting on Monday 10th of February we will be holding our Annual Juvenile Cockatiel Table Show. A schedule is on page 13 of this edition of NCSA News. Birds exhibited must be bred by the member in the previous year and all birds must have the breeders Closed Black 2019 NCSA Leg Ring.

Our Christmas Party was held in December and all that came had a great night out. Congratulations to Judit Prestidge who was the recipient on the 2019 Table Show Champion Award. Well Done Judit.

Come along to our meeting on Monday 10th of February to see The Juvenile Table Show.

For those that need to, you can renew your membership at the meeting.

Hope to see you soon.

Tarred and Feathered: Patrick Waite



#### The Pet Directory

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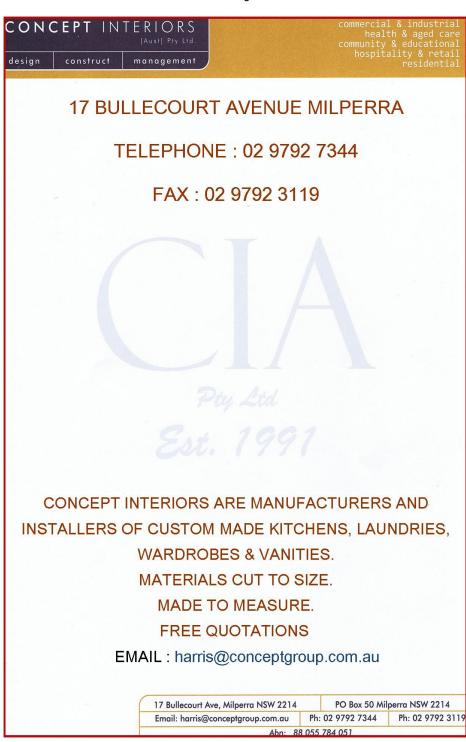
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## THE NATIVE COCKATIEL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC. MEETINGS.

<u>DATE</u> <u>2020</u>		<b>LOCATION</b>		
10th FEBRUARY	JUVENILE TABLE SHOW	EMU PLAINS		
13th APRIL	NON WHITEFACE TABLE SHOW	EMU PLAINS		
13th JULY	WHITEFACE TABLE SHOW	EMU PLAINS		
14th SEPTEMBER	ALL COCKATIEL TABLE SHOW	EMU PLAINS		
9th NOVEMBER	AUCTION & CENT SALE	EMU PLAINS		
14th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY & AGM	TO BE ADVISED		



Congratulations and Welcome to our Newest Member, Michael Hart of Balmoral NSW 2283.





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#### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PAGE**

## THE \$10 MEMBERS' DRAW FOR SEPTEMBER WAS NOT WON

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COME ALONG FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE PRIZE OF \$20 AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING...

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RAAFLE: LEG OF PORK WON BY PETER GALEA

YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER, BE IN ATTENDANCE AND HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE MEETING WITH YOU TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN AT EACH MEETING YOU CAN PICK UP & LEAVE YOUR CARD WITH THE SECRETARY ALAN McNEVIN WHO WILL BRING IT ALONG TO EACH MEETING.

#### "BLAST FROM THE PAST" 2011



#### **BREEDER'S PAGE**

Wattle Grove	NSW	Patrick	0467 20 30 40
Grafton	NSW	Kim	0416 062 947
Glenhaven	NSW	Judit	0402 566 678
Penrith	NSW	Dean	0411 578 996
Hassall Grove	NSW	Colin	0410 652 786
Mt. Warrigal	NSW	Enid	0412 696 777
Moorebank	NSW	Brian	02 9822 8840

Use this Page to find other Breeder's

in your area or

List your name to let others know where you are.

Contact Patrick Waite on 0467 20 30 40

Or email .. editor@cockatiel.org.au

## **2020 LEG RINGS**

CLOSED 2020 CLUB RINGS (NCSA-NUMBERED) \$60.00 per 100

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NCSA BSB No: 802058 Account No: 22976

Minimum order quantity 10 Rings can be ordered from

PATRICK WAITE Phone: 0467 20 30 40

Or email editor@cockatiel.org.au

#### **AUSTRALIAN BIRD LEG RING COLOUR SEQUENCE**

2015 VIOLET 2016 ORANGE 2017 DARK BLUE 2018 RED 2019 BLACK 2020 GREEN 2021 VIOLET 2022 ORANGE 2023 DARK BLUE 2024 RED



## My Cockatiel is Eating Too Much

#### **Basic Symptoms:**

There are many reasons why your cockatiel might be eating more than usual, but most of the reasons are nothing really to worry about it.

If your cockatiel is very active, is laying eggs or is feeding young chicks, your tiel of course will eat more. Also, a low temperature in the environment will make a cockatiel eat more.

If your cockatiel is eating a lot but is lethargic or you don't see a visual gain weight it could be a sign of illness. Check your cockatiel droppings to see if they are watery. Parasites can also make your tiel eat more than usual.

Did you know that a cockatiel can also suffer from diabetes? This could also explain why your bird might eat a lot but still acts lethargic. In cockatiels with diabetes, the problem evolves from the pancreas being damaged by infection or other secondary issues.

If you suspect that your cockatiel might have a serious illness associated with eating please do see an avian vet.

As always the information offered here is to provide guidance and is not intended to be a substitute for the good advice provided by your own avian vet. When in doubt always consult your own veterinarian.

#### How much should a cockatiel eat a day?

When you provide fresh food, which you should do once or twice daily, they will cut down on the amount of pellets or seeds that they eat. In general, cockatiels will eat approximately 15 grams of food per day. The key to a healthy cockatiel is a varied diet, with many types of nutrients and vitamins.

#### How often should you feed a baby cockatiel?

The second week of life, cockatiel chicks need to be fed every four hours. The babies can go approximately eight hours overnight without being fed. At this stage, the cockatiels will begin begging loudly for food, making it easy to overfeed them. Four to six milliliters should be enough to fill the crop at this age.

Reprinted Courtesy of: https://www.cockatiel.com/eatingtoomuch.html

#### THE JUVENILE COCKATIEL TABLE SHOW

#### Monday 10<sup>h</sup> February 2020 at Emu Plains.

#### **SHOW SCHEDULE**

- NORMAL COCK
- 2. NORMAL HEN
- 3. PIED AC-AV
- 4. PEARL AC-AV
- 5. PEARL PIED AC-AV
- 6. COCK AOC-AOV
- 7. HEN AOC-AOV
- 8. WHITEFACE NORMAL COCK
- 9. WHITEFACE NORMAL HEN
- 10. WHITEFACE PIED AC-AV
- 11. WHITEFACE PEARL AC-AV
- 12. WHITEFACE PEARL PIED AC-AV
- 13. WHITEFACE COCK AOC-AOV
- 14. WHITEFACE HEN AOC-AOV

#### **PRIZES**

**CHAMPION**: TROPHY

RESERVE CHAMPION: TROPHY

<u>CLASSES 1–14</u>: CERTIFICATE / AWARD PLACE CARDS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

Birds must be bred by the Exhibitor and rung with a NCSA 2019 (Black) closed leg ring. Standard Cockatiel Show boxes are <u>not</u> required, although recommended. Each show box/cage is to be clean, complete with a standard feeder (LHS) and drinker (RHS) and white A4 paper is to cover the floor. No seed or water in the feeder or drinker please.

Judge = Dean Baker

Example Mutations	Class
Normal cock	1
Normal hen	2
Lutino	6 (cock or unknown sex) or 7 (hen)
Lutino Cinnamon	6 (cock or unknown sex) or 7 (hen)
Lutino Pied	3
Lutino Pearl	4
Cinnamon cock	6
Cinnamon hen	7
Cinnamon Pied	3
Cinnamon Pearl	4
Pied	3
Pearl	4
Pearl Pied	5
Platinum hen	7
Platinum Pied	3
Pastel Silver cock	6
Pastel Silver Pearl	4
West Coast Silver hen	7
Silver Spangle cock	6
Pastelface cock	6
Pastelface Cinnamon hen	7
Pastelface Platinum Pearl	4
Whiteface cock	8
Whiteface hen	9
Whiteface Cinnamon hen	14
Whiteface Cinnamon Pearl Pied	12
Whiteface Lutino (Albino)	13 (cock or unknown sex) or 14 (hen)
Whiteface Lutino Cinnamon	13 (cock or unknown sex) or 14 (hen)
Whiteface Pied	10
Whiteface Platinum hen	14
Whiteface Platinum Pearl Pied	12
Whiteface Silver Spangle cock	13
Whiteface Pastel Silver cock	13
Whiteface Pastel Silver Pied cock	10

Note: If the sex of the cockatiel is unknown and there is a cock class for that

mutation (i.e. classes 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14), then the bird must be put in the cock class, either (1, 6, 8, or 13)

### My Cockatiel is Too Skinny

#### **Basic Symptoms:**

If you feel your cockatiel is too skinny but otherwise is alert, happy and healthy, you might want to look into a couple of possible causes.

Many new cockatiel owners do not realized that they need to refresh and clean their bird's seeds everyday. Cockatiels will not eat the shell of the seeds. Make sure your cockatiel always have new and complete seeds everyday.

Cockatiels love millet and that is OK, but millet should only be use as a treat and not as a main source of a cockatiel's diet. Millet to cockatiels is like popcorn to humans.

If your cockatiel is very active, it might not be receiving enough calories in its diet. The best cockatiel diet is variety, do check our nutritional section for ideas about your tiel eating right. If you feel that your cockatiel do have a proper diet and is eating but still is too skinny, you might want to see an avian vet, as it might be an underlying reason for certain illnesses like diabetes or parasites.

As always the information offered here is to provide guidance and is not intended to be a substitute for the good advice provided by your own avian vet. When in doubt always consult your own veterinarian.

#### What should a cockatiel weight?

A healthy adult cockatiel can weigh from 72 - 170 grams. Birds with an inbred history, as well as certain color mutations, are much more likely to be on the small side.

#### How to help your cockatiel gain weight

If you have ruled out any underlying diseases on your cockatiel but your bird is still too skinny, you can try a temporary diet that will complement your bird's current feeding habits.

Cockatiels are notoriously picky eaters, and many tend to pick through their food bowls and eat only their favorite items, even when they are served a mix of great variety.

Several items that you can add to your cockatiel's feeding bowl that are packed with lots of calories and nutrition are peanuts, sunflower seeds and millet spray. It's very important that you don't overdo it, as too much of anything is also not good for your bird.

It's highly advisable that you get yourself a bird scale, there are relatively inexpensive and they do go a long way as it will help you determine if your bird is in good shape, weight wise. Any time you notice a fluctuation from your bird's normal weight amounting to an ounce or more in either direction, your best bet is to check with your avian vet to make sure that your bird's diet is on the right track.

Reprinted Courtesy of: https://www.cockatiel.com/tooskinny.html

#### NCSA CLUB SHOW'S POINT SCORE 2018



Show points will be accumulated to the end of the year. The winner will receive the perpetual Cockatiel Challenge Trophy and Replica.

#### Points are awarded as follows:

	3 Points,	1st in Class
6 Points, Champion Cockatiel	2 Points,	2nd in Class
4 Points, Reserve Champion	1 Point,	3rd in Class

	<u>Juvenile</u>	Non W/F	<b>Whiteface</b>	<b>Cockatiel</b>
	11.2.19	8.4.19	8.7.19	9.9.19
Judit Prestidge:	29	17	-	40
Alan McNevin	21	21	5	12
Peter Galea	-	9	24	7
Colin Levinge	-	-	-	5

#### **RESULTS**

#### THE ALL COCKATIEL TABLE SHOW

#### Held: Monday, 9th September 2019 at Emu Plains

#### 1. NORMAL COCK

1st: Judit Prestidge 2nd: Alan McNevin

#### 2. NORMAL HEN

1st: Judit Prestidge 2nd: Alan McNevin

#### 3. PIED AC-AV

1st: Peter Galea 2nd: Judit Prestidge

#### 4. PEARL AC-AV

1st: Judit Prestidge 2nd: Alan McNevin 3rd: Peter Galea

#### 5. PEARL PIED AC-AV

1st: Judit Prestidge 2nd: Colin Levinge

#### 6. COCK AOC-AOV

1st: Judit Prestidge 2nd: Judit Prestidge 3rd: Alan McNevin

#### 7. HEN AOC-AOV

1st: Colin Levinge 2nd: Alan McNevin

See Page 18 For Photo's

Judge = Dean Baker

#### **8. WHITEFACE NORMAL COCK**

1st: Judit Prestidge

## 9. WHITEFACE NORMAL HEN No Entries

#### 10. WHITEFACE PIED AC-AV

1st: Peter Galea 2nd: Judit Prestidge

#### 11. WHITEFACE PEARL AC-AV

No Entries

#### 12. WHITEFACE PEARL PIED AC-AV

1st: Judit Prestidge

#### 13. WHITEFACE COCK AOC-AOV

1st: Judit Prestidge

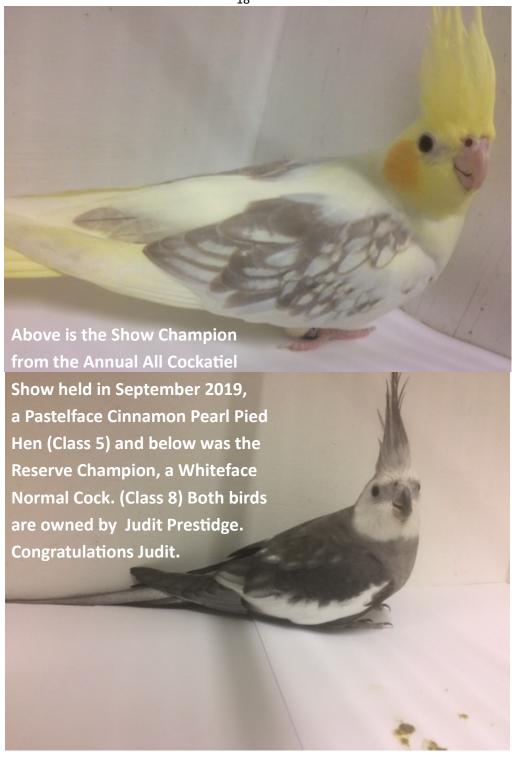
#### 14. WHITEFACE HEN AOC-AOV

1st: Alan McNevin

At The All Cockatiel Table Show (9th of September 2019) At Emu Plains

#### 23 BIRDS WERE BENCHED.

Show Champion was won by Judit Prestidge with a Pastlface Cinnamon Pearl Pied Hen (Class 5) Reserve Champion was also won by Judit Prestidge with a Whiteface Normal Cock (Class 8)



#### The Native Cockatiel Society of Australia Inc.

"and it's many mutations"

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Pro rata rates apply to New Members. Renewals are due in November.

Meetings are held at **Melrose Hall**, Cnr Great Western Hwy and Park Street, **Emu Plains**, NSW 2750:

There is a \$1 Door Charge per Meeting to Provide Refreshments. December Christmas Party for each year will be determined at a later date. Any Enquiries, Please Contact the Secretary: Alan McNevin: 0430 060 117 or email: secretary@cockatiel.org.au

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

TITLE: (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Master)
NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE: ALT PH/MOBILE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
D.O.B.:
I hereby make Application for Membership/Renewal of The Native Cockatiel Society of Australia Inc. for the forthcoming financial year, and agree to be bound by the Club Rules and Regulations.
Signature: Date:

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR APPLICATION/RENEWAL TO:

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## Young & District Cage Bird Society Annual Bird Sale

#### Sunday 23rd February 2020

Location: Young Showground, 107 Whiteman Avenue, Young, NSW 2594

Bird Benching: Saturday 4:30pm - 7pm & Sunday 7am - 9:30am

Entry Fee for Sellers and Buyers \$2per person - Bird Entry \$1per bird

#### Open to the Public from 10am

NO OVERCROWDING & NO POULTRY OR PIGEONS

Conditions: 

NSW NPWS and the NSW Bird Sale voluntary Code of Practice conditions will apply.

All sellers are required to be a member of a club Affiliated with the Canary and Caged Bird Federation of Australia Inc (or provide a copy of personal P/L CoC).

Memberships available on the day for those requiring one. \$10 single. \$20 family

Canteen available on the day

Dr. Mike Cannon will be in attendance for Avian Surgical Sexing & Microchipping

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# Clarence River District Caged Bird Club BIRD SALE

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Benching 7 - 9am Bird Entry \$1 Quails/Zebras 50c

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#### **AUSTRALIAN BIRDS in BACKYARDS**

#### **Eclectus Parrot**

#### What does it look like? Description:

The Eclectus Parrot is a large parrot with marked sexual dimorphism (the male and female are different). The male is emerald green, with bend of wing blue, primaries deep blue, underwing coverts and sides of belly rich scarlet. It has a short square tail with central tail feathers green tipped with blue; outer tail feathers are blue tipped with white. The underside of the tail is dusky tipped yellow. The eye is orange. The upper mandible of its bill is coral pink, but the lower mandible is black. Feet and toes are mid grey. The female's plumage is vivid red, darker and duller on back and wings. It has a blue collar across the mantle and the bend of the wing and un-



derwing coverts are bright blue, with a broad violet-blue band across the belly. The tail is red tipped with orange. Around the pale yellow eye is a blue ring. The bill is black. The feet and toes are the same as for the male. In flight for both sexes the blue-wing linings and orange tail are conspicuous. Immatures resemble adults. In both sexes the bill is dark browngrey becoming dusky yellow towards tip. The Eclectus Parrot is also called the Red-sided

Parrot and Rocky River Parrot. (PIC: Female Left- Male Right)

#### **Similar Species:**

The male is unmistakable. The female is somewhat similar to the male King Parrot.

#### Where does it live? Distribution:

The Eclectus Parrot is found on Eastern Cape York Peninsula, from Pascoe River south to Massey Creek and inland to McIlwraith Range and is locally common. Also widely distributed from Solomon Islands west through New Guinea to Moluccas

#### **Feeding:**

The Eclectus Parrot feeds in trees on berries and other fruit, nuts, seeds and blossoms. In the early morning pairs and small parties leave the roosting trees and move out into surrounding forest to feed.

#### **Breeding:**

Eclectus Parrot nests in a big hole 50cm to 6m deep in the trunk of a tall tree at the edge of or in a clearing in forest. The eggs are laid on a lining of chips and decayed wood dust. Incubation is by the female over about 26 days. Both parents care for the chicks and seem to be helped in the task. Reports state that up to eight birds of both sexes appear to attend the nests. The young leave the nest 11-12 weeks after hatching

Reprinted Courtesy of http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species

## BUY, SWAP

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EMAIL: editor@cockatiel.org.au

\*All ads must be placed by the 4th Tuesday of the month \*Ads must be renewed every 3 months or they will be deleted



Wanted Allan 0430 060 117

Looking for a Whiteface Cinnamon Pied hen. Please contact me if you have one available to sell.

0430 060 117 (Quakers Hill) (202002)

Sell Patrick 0467 20 30 40

Fallow Maroon Bellied Conure's: I have a limited number of pairs of Fallow Maroon Belly's for sale. Pairs available are: Fallow Maroon Belly with a Normal Maroon Belly, Definite Split to Fallow. \$400 a Pair.

All birds are closed rung and DNA Sexed. Will Freight Australia Wide at buyers expense. For Further Information Contact Patrick at wattlegroveaviaries@gmail.com or on 0467 20 30 40 (Wattle Grove) (202002)



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\*\*\* RENEWALS WERE DUE NOVEMBER \*\*\*

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