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I am going to be building an aviary attached to the house this summer. Since the planning part of any project is the cheapest, I would welcome any suggestions on things to avoid, and things that you have done and really like. I have seen the plans in Birdtalk, and Bird Breeder, but the more information a person has, the better, I feel. Thanks for your help.

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There are some good books on building an aviary, try your local library. I built an outdoor aviary 5 years ago and there are a few things that I'd do differently. First, make it at least 7 feet high. Second, spray paint the wire black (before you put birds in, of course). Try running the wire parallel to the ground, so you can avoid as many uprights as possible. Msot wire is 4' wide, so you can get 8' w/o a problem.

Later,
Steve

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Hello, I buildt my aviary in the shape of the L attached to my house as from the outside it looks as part of my house. I had a six inch drain put in the cement floor which has been every bit worth the money.

A most important thing to be done is the predator wire must be attached to the outside of the screen area or any open areas to keep out predators. They will get in and tear a Hyacinthine out of the cage even if it or they have to ccrush the skull and pull out through a one inch wire piece by piece or body by body parts. Nothing will keep them out of your avairy then a good predator wire on the outside of any hole. I have my predator wire on the outside going down the screen to the ground and six inched under the ground and skirted out away from the building about three feet under the ground.

I also have "beams" for security with two horns to blow. My bedroom is at the base of my Rosebreast as I can open that window in a flash to get whatever is after my birds.

I also have had canvas made with zippers along the sides of the panals to zipper up my feather treasures in the cold or wind. The panals are decorative as again to look from the outside to be part of my decor to the house.

I have see through panals in the panals so the birds can still be part of the outside when these are down and zippered. I also had water brough to this site so I can hose down (once a week this has bleach run though the hose it to avoid any bacteria) everything and disinfecting is a breeze. The birds love it when mommy sprays them with play. smile

It could help or would help if I had a little kitchen out there as evething would remain out in the aviary. What a expense....and unless it is a "bar" it would look to much as a bird place instead of a "hobby".


Lighting is very important if you are having a covered roof. I also have fans out at the top blowing directed out of their areas. I have some caution about fans for myself and will not get into this here on the newsgroup. I would think very carefully about fans in the aviary for spreading any kind of bacteria or viruses.

The most concern I would look and investigate are predators.....please realize once you have birds out in cages, every thing will knock at your cage with a Yummmmmmy! I also have a german shepard that has killed a couple of racoooons which has broken my heart too... my birds are my concern....and my dog, Rambo!

Have fun with what you are about to do with plants, "blindens" around the outside of the walls of the aviary with a Alambama River Rock walkway for that Aesthetic look for both you and your birds.

Cherane
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Why are some people so afraid of APC?

We have a small, very small, incredibly small organization with virtually no money. Just enough to pay for postage and a phone. No office, no employees. Just a few overworked people trying to cram a few more things into their schedules. We have scientists. Lots of them. Well-recognized authorities in their fields. We have scientists with great integrity. That's all we have. So why are you so afraid of this organization?


Don't worry about it - our U.S. laws are largely science (and fact) free. If our laws depended on science, the ESA, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA, FIFRA, etc. would be very, very different animals.

Here's the deal: I posted the entire list of parrot species that are exempt from WBCA regs. Did anyone bother to look at that list? It was a long list - I should know - I typed it in by hand because I don't have a scanner. I'm sure it is now on a FWS website. How did FWS decide which birds to include in WBCA and which to exempt? Trust me, it wasn't arbitrary, it wasn't in a vacuum, it wasn't because they are opposed to the owning of birds as pets (think logically - if that was the case, why allow the import of any wild parrot species?). No - it was months and months of reviewing the records of legal trade over the years, and researching the status of each species in the wild, and also conforming to CITES - which was required by law. Maybe making laws and regs is a mystery to people - I know that schools haven't taught civics classes in years, and this stuff is way above public school civics classes anyway. But you know, you could always learn more even if you aren't in school anymore. In fact, considering the state of our public schools these days, I believe that you have to learn on your own, because you sure won't get it in the school system. But in any event, it wasn't just a bunch of biased people with no restraints, no guidelines, no information, and no integrity sitting in a room and saying let's try to write a reg out of the thin air. These were people with incredible expertise in their fields, who are working very, very hard, and who have come up with some regs that some people don't like, because of what they believe is a potential for harm, even though the regs have been in effect for about two years now and so far, not only has no one suffered any harm, but the people who have expressed the most concern, in the most unpleasant terms (would you like me to post some direct quotes?) are among the first to have their applications approved.

Stop being so afraid. The only thing to be afraid of is a lack of knowledge.

Ellen Paul

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Is this the Parrot Conservation Lee Simons runs from his house?

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NO. I don't know who Lee Simons is and it is not the same group.

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