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“Chirp & Squawk”

July 2018 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 11th July
7.30pm-9.00pm

Next Club Night:

General Chinwag
Look forward to seeing you there.

Other Club Events this month: Seed Order and Pickup

President's Report:

Last meeting was our Pot Luck Mid-Winter Dinner. As the weather was a bit off the turnout was down a bit but we still had 12 attend and there was a lovely and generous selection of delectable goodies to choose from. Thank you all for a good evening.

We also had a prospective member, Helen come along and she got to know most of the people present, I think. So hopefully we will see more of her in the future.

This month is a general chat session. So if you have anything you would like to discuss or seek answers to any problems please come along and join in.

Next Bulk Seed order : - Is this month = July

Bill will accept ordered from the July club night to 6pm on the following Sunday (15th July) – after collating, order goes in first thing Monday, and pickup is from the club's container from 10 – 11 am on the next Saturday (21th July).

A note from the Treasurer:

The annual meeting set the subscriptions at the same rate as last year. Although they are due in August we wouldn't mind if you paid them early☺. Pay by DC, or send to the Treasurer, or at Club night.

Rates are:-

Partnership or Family	\$30.00
Single	\$20.00
Junior	\$ 5.00
Federation Yearbook	\$10.00

For Sale / Wanted

Nothing this month.

Email correspondence can be addressed to either :-
President/Secretary/Treasurer@kapitibirdclub.org.nz

~~ June's Tweet's ~~

I have had this chart given to me and I have found it very useful and a good guide for me to follow

FEEDING DURING WINTER

It is advisable to keep your birds on a very basic Feeding programme during the Winter months as this is natural time when they have to really seek to find food in the wild.

Hen birds will breed better if they do not have excess Condition on them when comes for breeding.

Here is a breeding preparation chart you may like to Follow, gradually introducing those little extras as the Months go by until September to get them into breeding Condition.

EXTRAS- MAY, JUNE, JULY.

Sunday: Basic seed, no extras
Monday: Green-stuff, fruit or grated carrot
Tuesday: Basic seed. No extras
Wednesday: As for Tuesday
Thursday: Green-stuff, fruit or grated carrot
Friday: Basic seed. No extras
Saturday: Conditioning seed or treat

EXTRAS- AUGUST

Sunday: Soft food
Monday: Green-stuff, fruit or carrot
Tuesday: Basic seed No Extras
Wednesday: Conditioning seed
Thursday: Soft food
Friday: Basic seed. No extras
Saturday: Conditioning seed.

EXTRAS- SEPTMBER

Sunday: Soft food with hard boiled egg added
Monday: Green-stuff, fruit or grated carrot
Tuesday: Conditioning seed
Wednesday: Green-stuff, fruit or grated carrot
Thursday: Soft food & conditioning seed
Friday: Green-stuff, fruit or grated carrot
Saturday: Conditioning seed

**OF COURSE BASIC SEED, WATER, GRIT ETC. IS
FEED ALONG WITH THE EXTRAS:**

The above is from June Simpson's Library of stuff that Shirley and others have donated through the years.

If you have anything of general interest to add to the newsletter please contact June or Rob

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Standard Notices

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Please note :- Text in *Italics* is unchanged and text in normal font is either changed or new.

Raffle at Club Night

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets! \$1 per ticket.

Club Library

The latest Birdkeeper magazines are available for loan amongst a selection of other books. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books that may be suitable for the Club to purchase, feel free to let Janice and Noel know. We are having major problems finding up-to-date additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

Bulk Seed Orders

The club arranges 3 bulk seed orders a year in March, July, and November.

*The next seed order will be for July **This Month** - Bill will accept orders from the July club night to 6pm on the following Sunday – after collating, orders go in first thing Monday, and pickup is from the club's container from 10 – 11 am on the next Saturday.*

Please note that we only use Topflite seed. A little more expensive, but much better quality. They have a very good website www.topflite.co.nz which lists all their products. Our order form only lists the more common seeds and mixes, but all their products are available to us provided we purchase them at the time of our bulk order. Please let Bill know if you have a special requirement.

Seed Sales

If you run short between orders, we often have bags in the container (usually 10 kg) of the more common seeds. Contact Bill if you need them.

For those with smaller flocks or you need something before the seed order, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the Club at the monthly meetings of the common (and some not so common) seeds. See Jan and Denise on club night.

Bird Database

Helen manages the confidential club bird database. If you want to update your details please contact Helen at the meeting or call her (number is at the top of the newsletter).

The club gets many queries about birds, whether someone is interested in buying or selling or just general information regarding a particular bird breed. Should a query come in, the database can be consulted and the database manager can then contact the member in question. At this point it is up to the member whether they wish to contact the person querying or not – this is not compulsory.

Please note the only person contacting the member will be the database manager – no one else, including other club members will be given your contact / details. All information remains confidential to the database manager and you.

Club Website

Remember if you can't find an old newsletter or want to ask a question, or have birds for sale/want to buy – go to our Club's website (<http://www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz/>). Remember this and you can advise other people interested in birds to check out the website or join the Club!

Adam has added links to a couple of useful and interesting forums. Have a look.

If you have any good links you want to share with the members, Please let Adam know.

Helen has also spoken to most of the lower North Island clubs and we have their permission to publish their newsletters on our website as well so feel free to check out what they are doing. NZ Federation minutes are available to read on club nights and on the website as well.

Club Facebook Page:

Check out our Facebook page - search for Kapiti Bird Club.

Federation and Other Clubs Newsletters

There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. The Federation comes out every two months and other clubs monthly.

~~ ☺ **Have a good month.** ☺ ~~

