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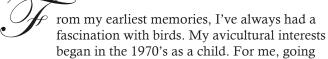
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to a zoo or wildlife park was much better than a trip to Disneyland or any sporting event. I also loved tropical fish at the time so a trip to Sea World was practically nirvana for me. The aquarium displays fascinated me, but I was mesmerized by the fantastic collection of waterfowl and other birds at the park. I still vividly remember the news reports in the 1980's of the development of the Penguin Encounter at Sea World, and later, the successful hatching and rearing of an Emperor Penguin. I was in awe at the lengths Sea World went to to build this facility and bring back penguin eggs from Antarctica to establish the world's first Emperor Penguin breeding colony outside the Antarctic, but I was just as amazed at the display of Puffins, Auks and other northern hemisphere seabirds right next to the penguin enclosure. Everything was first-class and beautifully displayed and still is 30 years later. It's a testament to the passion and drive that created it.

Throughout that time, I had heard about Frank Todd, who managed the Sea World bird collection and who was the mastermind behind the epic Penguin Encounter. Antarctic explorer, aviculturist extraordinaire, author and photographer – I thought of him as some sort of mythical figure. Fast forward to about 2005, and I find myself working with the very same Frank Todd along with Jerry Jennings to create the ASA Aviculture Educational Conferences. What an unexpected privilege it is for me to actually get to work with Frank whose passion for birds and aviculture is an inspiration to me and many others. That passion is still very much alive and well.

Frank gave a talk at the 2013 ASA Conference in Long Beach, CA that became the inspiration for this issue of the Avicultural Bulletin. His talk featured a sampling of his photographs of birds he's worked with in zoological settings as well as birds he's encountered in the wild during his many travels. Frank's knowledge and passion for birds was clearly conveyed to the audience during his talk, but I also think the passion comes though with just the images alone. The photos show the incredible beauty and diversity of birds. In order to allow that message to come through as clearly as possible, we've decided to try something different and let the images do all the talking this time. I hope you will also find inspiration while enjoying Frank's photos in the following pages.

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Introduction to Frank Todd

Jerry Jennings, Emerald Forest Bird Gardens

Frank Todd is one of the most accomplished Aviculturists of all time. Born and raised in Panama, Frank began his career on all fours scouring the rainforest floor for reptiles and amphibians. Once old enough to walk, he looked up and noticed a multitude of colorful neotropical birds flying around overhead and thus began his study of avifauna.

After graduation from Balboa High School in the Panama Canal Zone. where his family lived, he moved to Missoula, Montana to study forestry at the University of Montana, where he graduated in 1965. That same year he moved to Los Angeles where he became a Zoological Preparator at the L.A. County Museum of Natural History and shortly thereafter the Curator of Birds at the new Los Angeles Zoo. In 1972 Frank moved to Sea World of San Diego where he served as Corporate Curator of Birds for the Sea World parks in California. Ohio and Florida. From 1985 to 1988 he was Corporate Vice-president of Animal Services, Aviculture and Research at all Sea World Parks including Cypress Gardens.

During his career, Frank succeeded in breeding more species of birds for the first time in captivity than any other human being. His accomplishments stretched from several species of toucans, Great Tinamou, and the Harpy Eagle at the L.A. Zoo to numerous species of Penguins, shags, Atlantic Puffin, Light-footed Clapper Rail and many

more. While at Sea World Frank conceived, designed and built the popular Penguin Encounters and made many trips to the Antarctic to collect penguins and later penguin eggs to stock these state of the art exhibits.

Today Frank works as a polar biologist and the on board lecturer on the MS Expedition for G Adventures - a major adventure travel enterprise. He spends four of our winter months in the Antarctic and four months in our summer in the high Arctic educating adventurers on polar ecology.

Frank is considered a foremost authority on the Antarctic, penguins and waterfowl and has written and published seven books on these subjects with four more in the works. He is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including one from the National Science Foundation to build the Penguin Encounters, so penguins could be studied up close without suffering the hardships of Antarctica.

Frank is a noted wildlife photographer whose work has appeared in numerous magazines and journals and is a prolific contributor to scientific journals and lay publications. He is a noted lecturer and has traveled the world in pursuit of his interests.

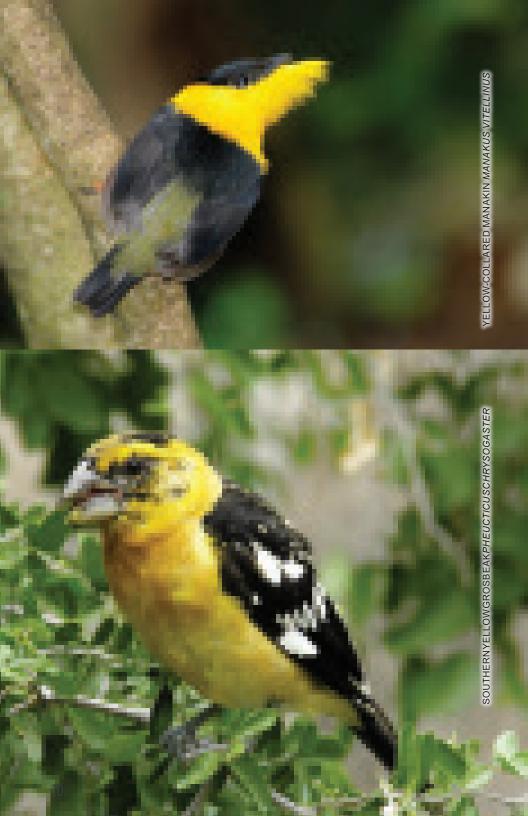










































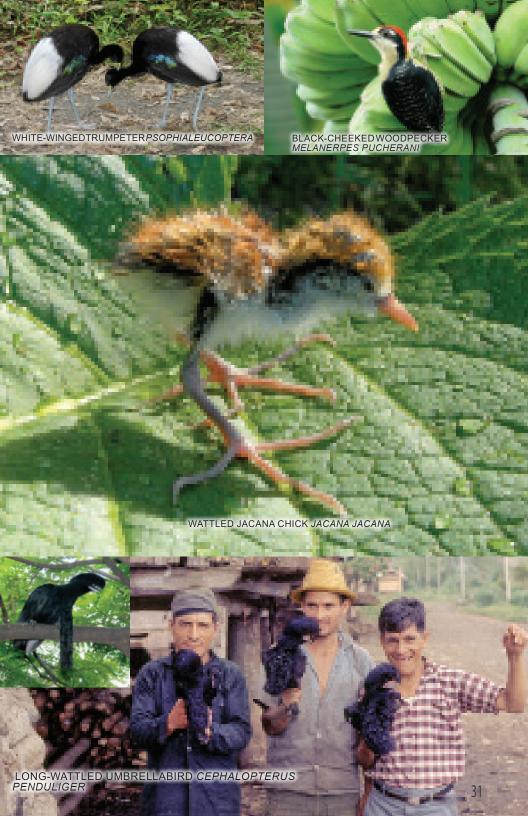


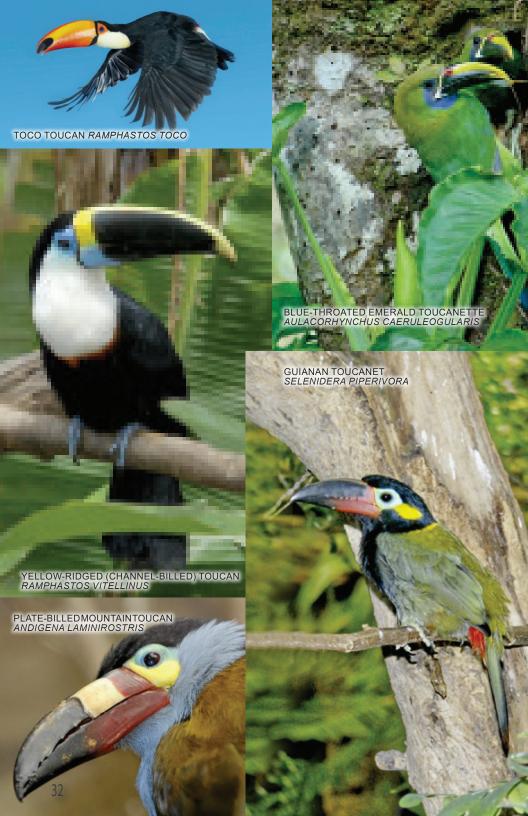








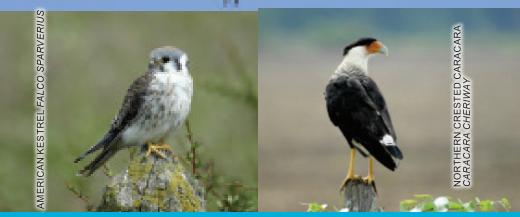






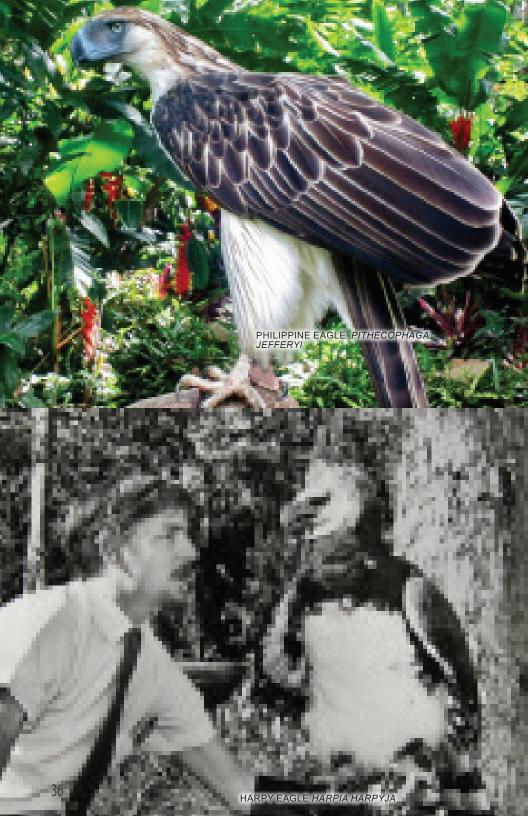






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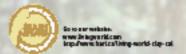
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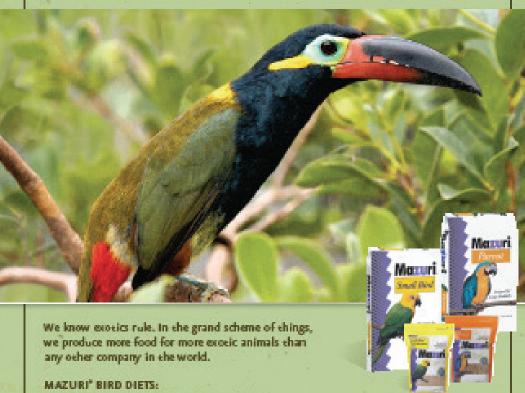




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