



## AVIAN HUSBANDRY, REHABILITATION AND HAND REARING COURSE

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is offering the community an Avian Husbandry course for people 14 years and older. This course is designed specifically for the bird enthusiast or zoo professional that is serious about birds and wishes to expand their knowledge in aviculture/avian husbandry, rehabilitation and hand rearing.

This course will be run over 2 days (Saturday and Sunday).

### **Course Dates:**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### **Age:**

This course is open to adults and 14 – 17 years olds who have parent/ guardian permission.

### **Cost: \$250**

Full payment is due 1 week prior to undertaking the course

### **Time:**

8.30am – 4.00pm

### **Duration:**

14 hour run over two days (Saturday and Sunday)

### **Venue:**

Green Guardian House Education Centre (inside Currumbin Sanctuary)

**Lunch:** Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided in the price of the course.

### **We Provide:**

Study Guide, and additional information that is relevant through the course and a certificate.

### **Please Bring:**

- Binoculars (if you have any)
- Sun screen and insect repellent
- Pen and Paper
- You must wear covered shoes and please bring appropriate clothing for wet weather.



## **The weekend Course will cover:**

### **Avian Husbandry – Saturday (Day 1)**

Learning modules will include:

#### **Learning Outcome 1**

Students will learn basic avian anatomy and physiology and recognize the characteristics that identify the different taxonomical groups of birds.

#### **Learning Outcome 2**

Students will learn avian nutrition, the optimum feeding guidelines for native species along with the variable feeding strategies and niches employed by the taxonomic groups.

#### **Learning Outcome 3**

Students will learn basic avian medical management, including recognising when a bird is ill, quarantine procedures and preventative husbandry practices for keeping your collection healthy.

#### **Learning Outcome 4**

Students will study behaviours and ways to improve captive conditions through behavioural enrichment.

#### **Learning Outcome 5**

Students will learn the various requirements for breeding birds. This section will cover nesting, breeding season information, feeding the breeding bird, eggs and incubation and caring for young.

#### **Learning Outcome 6**

Students will learn about exhibit design and maintenance, including areas such as aviary location, minimum cage size requirements, shelter, perching etc.

#### **Learning Outcome 7**

Students will learn techniques for stocking aviaries, species compatibility, aviary themes and displays.

#### **Learning Outcome 8**

Students will learn basic bird banding requirements and record keeping, along with bird capture and restraint methods.



## **Avian Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing – Sunday (Day 2)**

Learning modules will include:

### **Learning Outcome 1:**

Students will learn how to identify the families of birds local to S.E.Qld.

### **Learning Outcome 2:**

Students will be able to identify correct hand rearing methods for each family of bird local to S.E. Qld, including identifying species specific dietary requirements.

### **Learning Outcome 3:**

Students will be able to recognise stages of progress in hand rearing and rehabilitating birds.

### **Learning Outcome 4:**

Students will learn how to prepare aviaries appropriate for particular species of birds.

### **Learning Outcome 5:**

Students will gain the knowledge to find and collect native food for avian species in their care.

### **Learning Outcome 6:**

Students will be able to select suitable release sites and determine the correct release methods to apply to the species in their care.

The course will be presented by qualified Zoological Staff with years of experience in all aspects of Aviculture, including husbandry, Incubation and Hand Rearing. We will provide you with practical sessions and information to guide you through the course. We do our best to ensure that all participants gain the maximum potential out of the course.



**For more information please phone  
07 55340846**

# Avian Husbandry, Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing Course Community Course



## Registration FORM

Students under 18 must have signed permission from parent or guardian

### PERSONAL DETAILS – If under 18 must be filled out by parent or guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURSE DATES – Please tick

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010 (weekend course)

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS: MUST complete this sections.

#### Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL DETAILS: Only for under 18 years of age - Circle yes/no

Where the answer is yes please provide further details and include whether medication is required for this condition.

Current medication: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetes: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Current or pre-existing injuries: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Past illnesses: yes / no \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Please include any other information regarding medical history or other relevant information should medical attention be required \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE NOTE, AVAIAN HUSBANDRY, REHABILITATION AND HAND REARING COURSE REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF WALKING AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY WALKING LONGER DISTANCES.)

Special learning needs: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE STAFFING AND TIME FRAME OF THE COURSE, WE ARE UNABLE TO CATER TO SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS. PLEASE CALL OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ORGANISE A DAY VISIT.)

Other: Please include any other information regarding medical history or other relevant information should medical attention be required \_\_\_\_\_

If you require a supervisor / carer, they are welcome to attend the course for \$75 however they do not receive a study guide / certificate and are not permitted to participate in practical activities.

**Please note:** Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff will not be responsible for the administration of any medication. Medical information is required in case of an incident requiring first aid or other medical attention. Should your child require medication during their time at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, please ensure that your child is aware of the dosage and how to administer appropriately.

## Avian Husbandry, Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing Course – Codes of Behaviour

The following guidelines have been written to ensure the smooth running of the Avian Husbandry, Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing Course.

These guidelines must be obeyed at all times to guarantee the safety of course participants and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff and animals.

### Guidelines:

1. Excellent behaviour is expected at all times. Students must be courteous to and show respect towards: the course trainer and other Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff, animals, members of public and other students.
2. Participants are to come adequately prepared for each class, i.e. writing material, study guide and wet weather gear when necessary.
3. All mobile phones to be switched off and not used in class time. Phones may be used in breaks and in the case of an emergency. If a phone needs to be left on during class time for an expected emergency phone call, the course trainer needs to be made aware of the situation at the beginning of the class.
4. Participants must remain in the proximity of the course trainer at all times, especially during sessions in the park.
5. Students must not run through the Sanctuary and are required to stay on paved areas at all times.
6. During breaks, students must go directly to their destination and back to classroom (without meandering through park).
7. Students are required to keep noise levels to a minimum at all times.
8. Course Trainer has the right throughout the course to separate and change seating arrangements of disruptive students.
9. Course Trainer has the right at any stage throughout course to add to and improve these rules.

If any student fails to follow these guidelines, the following course of action will be taken:

- \* Verbal warning (which is documented with CWS management)
- \* Parents/ guardians contacted (if under 18 years)
- \* Written warning to student and/ or parent
- \* Eviction from class - transferred to another class
- \* Elimination from course - no refund given.

**NOTE: Must be filled out by parent or guardian for all under 18 year old students,**

I \_\_\_\_\_, (write name or name of **parent or guardian**) have read and agree to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's Education Guidelines to encourage the successful running of the Introduction to Avian Husbandry, Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing Course.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

**Registration Fee – \$250**

Please indicate method of payment:

Cheque / Money Order  
Payable to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Cash

Credit Card

Type of credit card (please tick)

Visa

Mastercard

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE FORWARD YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Please send Registration Form and payment to:  
Education Department  
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary  
28 Tomewin Street, Currumbin QLD 4223

FAX : (07) 5598 1764  
OR  
Call into the Sanctuary Reception (next to ATM)  
between the hours of 8.30am–5pm, Monday–Friday

