

Gillespie Creek Journal



Love Birds

Photo by Helene of Sun City, Arizona

Home owners enjoy the periodic visits from flocks of the social, naturalized **Love Bird** singers. They flock to blooming desert trees and flowing water. Without prey they damage natural habitat. Unfortunately the COVID pandemic caused an extreme crisis when hundreds of Love Bird pets were abandoned and released into the wild. Previously a Love Bird breeder's hoard was exposed, immediately making **600 Love Birds** homeless in the Sun City area!

What happened to these orphaned birds?



Abandoned Love Birds

being cared for by Fallen Feathers

Fallen Feathers, Jody Kieran, Executive Director of this amazing "family" of volunteers, both young and old, took all of the abandoned Love Birds in, rehabilitated them when needed, and guided new owners to understand the obligations of successful bird parenting.

The next two editions of Gillespie Creek Journal will feature **Fallen Feather's** avian/human rescues.



Abandoned Macaw

cared for at Fallen Feathers

Love Birds of

Arizona are a small group of Old World parrots, natural inhabitants of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Their life span is 15-25 years. Sold as house pets, they often outlive their owners.

The Sonoran Desert of Arizona has become a comfortable home for illegally abandoned **Love Birds**.

The Lacey Act, S.626, renewal of the 1900 law is currently before the US Congress. It remains illegal to release Love Birds into the wild.

This week I visited **Fallen Feathers**; meeting Jody's family and volunteers who all parent abandoned birds. Their 24/7 dedication is a study in expert understanding of both human and avian mental and physical needs. "There is a sad story in every cage. Every disability this abandoned Parrot that I'm holding has acquired was caused by human neglect or abuse," I was told. Jody left me by saying, "Here at Fallen Feathers, in caring for each other, we are all cared for, "

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