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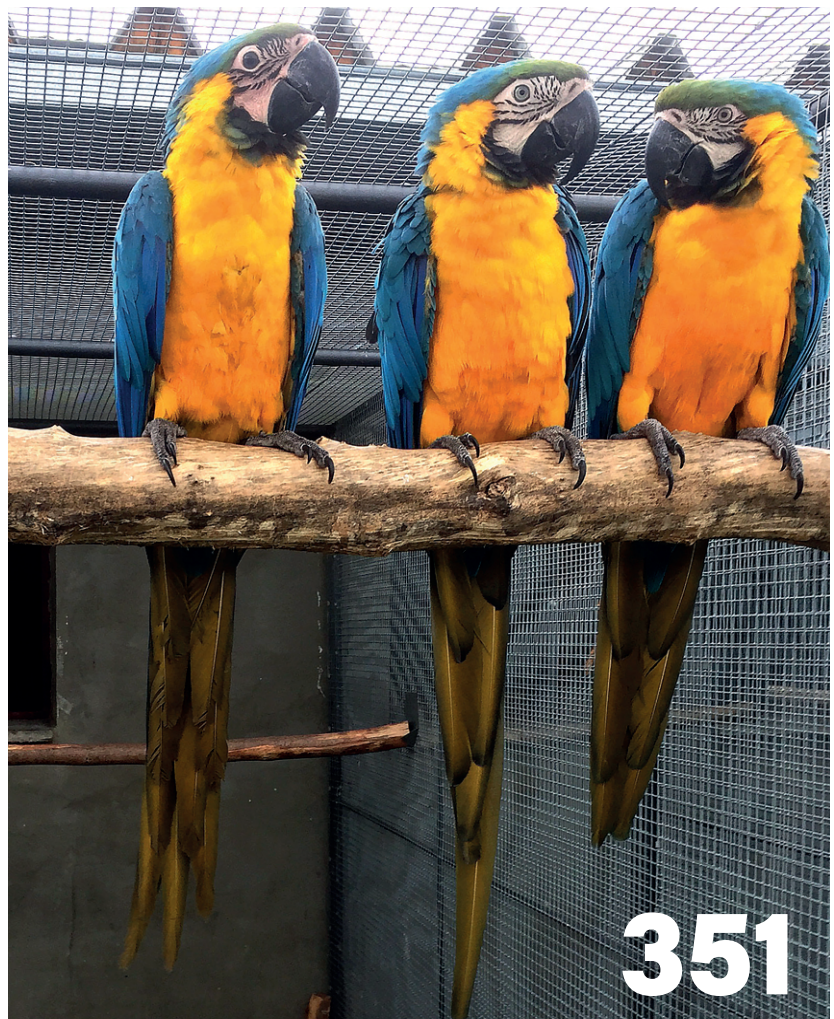
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Blue-and-Yellow Macaws – an interesting story

By Mira Preiss

I still remember the moment when I became captivated by Blue-and-Yellow Macaws (*Ara ararauna*) quite accurately. I had been planning to expand my breeding with a couple of Orange-winged Amazons (*Amazona amazonica*). When I went to pick up the birds at the breeder's facility, Blue-and-Yellow Macaws caught my eye. In addition to the Amazons, I brought home a beautiful three-year-old pair of majestic macaws with lineage from the UK, including a large wooden barrel that the macaws had in their aviary and were used to.

For the first two years, the macaws had a three-metre-long aviary, two metres wide and two metres high, and I provided them with the barrel kindly provided by the original owner. After moving to a new house, I was able to allow the macaws more space, a 6 × 2.5 × 2.5 m (length, width, height) outdoor aviary.

They spent the winter in a heated indoor aviary measuring 4 × 3 × 2.5 (length, width, height), where the temperature was around 8 °C. When there were sunny days in winter, I also let them go to the outdoor area for a short time.



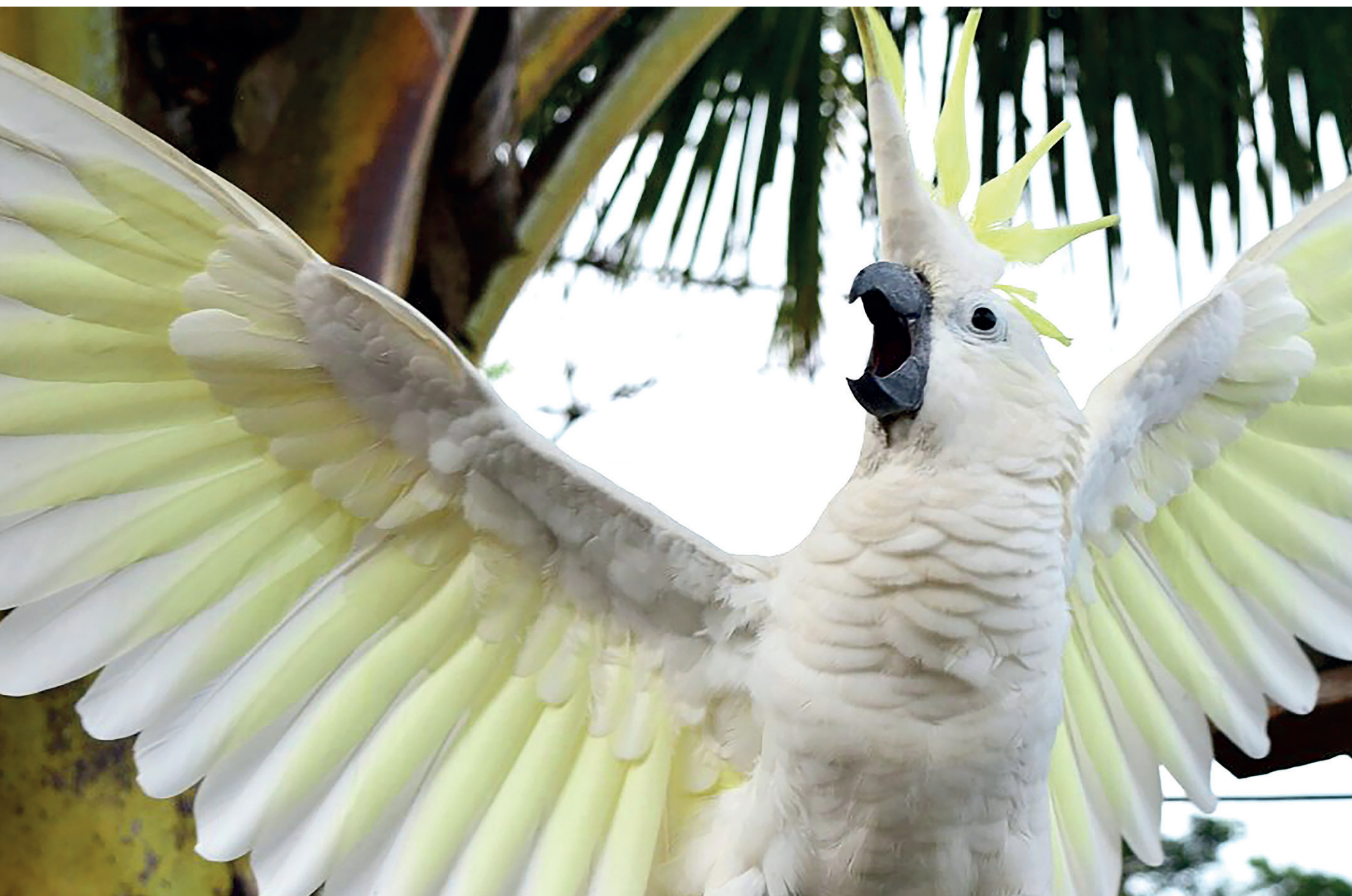
Colony breeding of Sun Conures

(Aratinga solstitialis)

Text by Zdenek Vandelik • **Photos by** Alena Winner

South and Central American parrot species have fascinated me since the beginning of my breeding career, which has lasted for over twenty years. I started with the *Pyrrhura* genus parakeets, while the *Aratinga* genus parakeets caught my heart later. Specifically, when I visited Mr. Zdenek Pichlik, a breeding legend from Slovakia. When I saw the variety of species, the distinctive plumage colouring and the activity of these beautiful parakeets, my decision was very clear at that moment.





My dream come true KOKOLO BIRD PARK



By Ivica Jurilj

Croatia

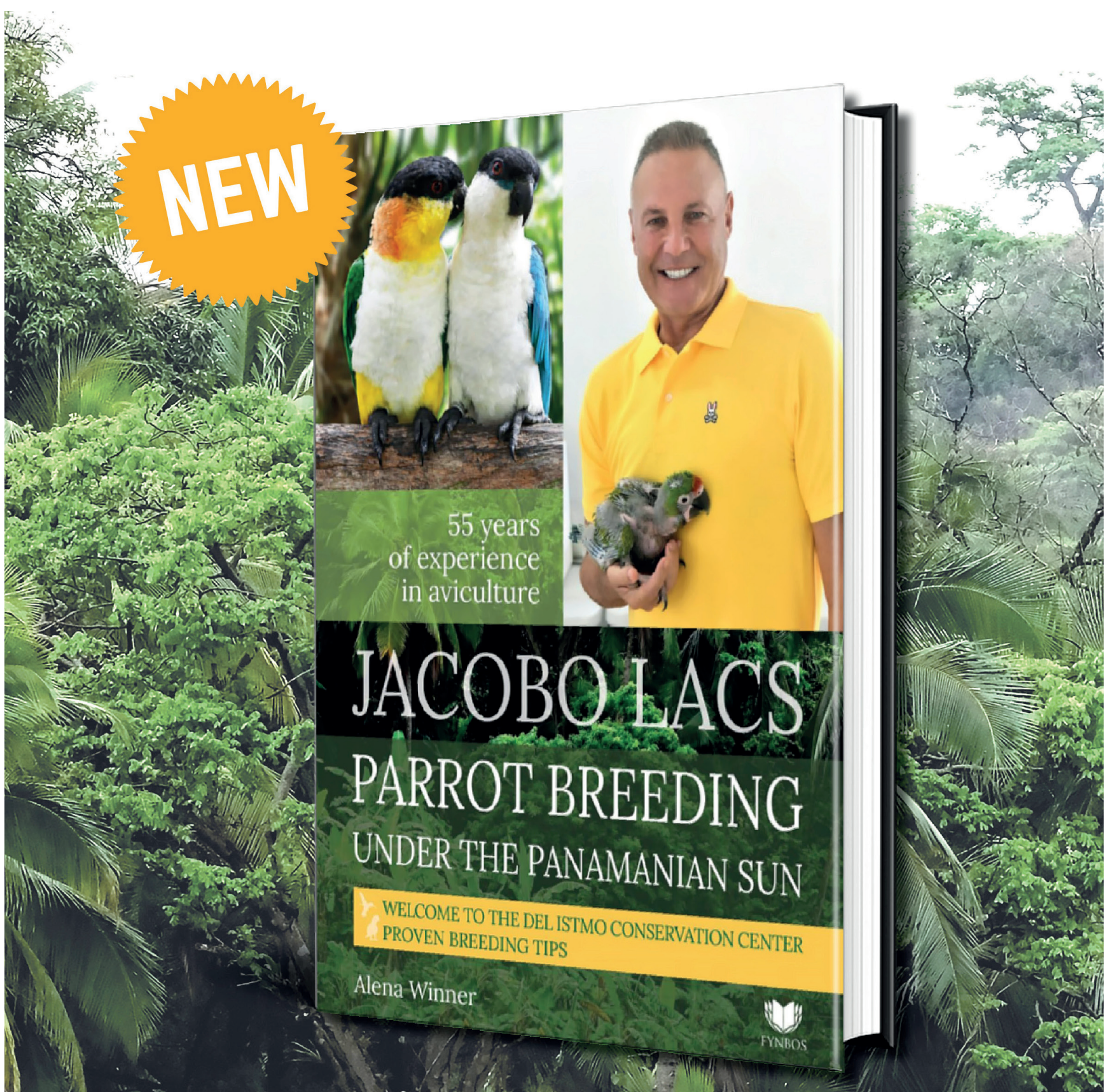
I would like to warmly greet all the readers of the AWIPARROTS magazine. It is my honour to briefly introduce my breeding facility that I managed to build in Križevac, Croatia, about sixty kilometres from Zagreb. Every day I am fulfilling my long-standing dream of perfecting aviaries and gradually reaching my goal of opening a bird park for the public...

By MVDr. Helena Vaidlova

Hormonal imbalance in parrots



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