



FROM MATT'S PERCH

By Matthew Russell



The current attitude of aviculturist and bird-keepers needs to change. They need to change if there's any long term hope for the hobby. I have become very disheartened by the current attitude amongst the bird community. It seems that all the work is done by a few while the majority of the bird community is more than happy to sit back and knock the few that do the work when things don't happen the way they would like. Most of you would not be aware of how close we have become to losing much of the freedom we enjoy in our hobby. The only reason we have been able to retain this freedom is thanks to the hard work of but a few very dedicated aviculturists.

I thank those who have done the hard work that has enabled me to keep the birds I have. I hope some of those reading this decide it is their time to step up and strive to keep our hobby viable. It's not that hard, after all I have only been an aviculturist for the last four years.

Remember that every thing you do in life may seem insignificant but it is very important you do it because no one else can do it like you can.

I would also like to thank those members who have taken the time to read my articles over the last year. I hope I have given you something to think about, and your feedback has meant a lot to me. To those who participated in the SAN programme, thank you again. We can make a difference. I hope to bring you an even bigger and better programme in 2011.

As a result of attempted bureaucratic meddling in our hobby we are becoming endangered hobbyists. Therefore, it is imperative we stick together....we need you all on board next year!

I am always pleased to know your thoughts on these matters. You can contact me at: tara_matt@hotmail.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers,

Matt

