



From the Question Box

The following question was asked at the last General Meeting

I have a four year old pair of Plum-headed Parrots, for the last three years they have laid and incubated but no eggs have hatched. They always kick all the nesting medium out of the box and lay on the bare bottom. What can I do to overcome this problem?

The first fact to establish is if the eggs are actually fertile. The use of an *Egg Checker* torch fitting from the Services Officer would soon establish this. Secondly, eggs laid on the bare bottom of the nest box would roll around and the hen may not be able to fully cover them and keep them warm enough to hatch. Either change the nesting medium to one more acceptable to the birds, or, preferably, fit a thin false bottom with a 10cm circle cut into the centre to stop the eggs from rolling around.

If any member can add to the above answer, please advise the Editor so the information can be shared through the magazine.