

Carpaccio's parrots and the early trade in exotic birds between the West Pacific islands and Europe

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Abstract

Summary - Among the Early Renaissance painters, Vittore Carpaccio (Venice or Capodistria, c. 1465 – 1525/1526) offers some of the finest impressions of the Most Serene Republic at the height of its power and wealth, also illustrating the rich merchandise traded with even the most remote parts of the then known world. For the same reason he portrayed in his paintings many exotic species of mammals and birds which were regarded as very rare and precious, perhaps such as the cardinal lory, *Chalcopsitta cardinalis* Gray, 1849, and/or the black lory, *Chalcopsitta atra atra* (Scopoli, 1786), native to the most distant Indo-Pacific archipelagos. Indeed, in Europe foreign animals were often kept in the menageries of the aristocracy, representing an authentic status symbol that underscored the affluence and social position of their owners. This paper provides the opportunity for a reflection on the origins of the trade of exotic birds - or parts of them – between the West Pacific islands and Europe.

Riassunto - I pappagalli del Carpaccio e l'antico commercio di uccelli esotici fra il Pacifico occidentale e l'Europa

Fra i pittori del primo Rinascimento, Vittore Carpaccio (Venezia o Capodistria, c. 1465 – 1525/1526) ha offerto alcune delle più belle immagini della Repubblica della Serenissima all'apice del suo potere economico e temporale, dando anche conto delle ricche mercanzie che erano al tempo l'oggetto di fiorenti commerci perfino con le plaghe più remote del mondo conosciuto. Per la stessa ragione, il pittore veneziano ha evocato nelle sue opere molte specie esotiche di mammiferi ed uccelli che erano considerate molto rare e preziose; fra di esse due pappagalli identificati probabilmente come il lori cardinale, *Chalcopsitta cardinalis* Gray, 1849, o il lori nero, *Chalcopsitta atra atra* (Scopoli, 1786), originari dei più lontani arcipelaghi indo-pacifici. Effettivamente, in Europa, gli animali esotici erano spesso mantenuti nei serragli dell'aristocrazia, dove rappresentavano un autentico *status symbol* che faceva risaltare in modo particolare la ricchezza e la posizione sociale dei loro proprietari. Il presente lavoro offre l'opportunità di una riflessione sulle origini del commercio di specie ornitiche esotiche – o di parti di esse – fra le isole del Pacifico occidentale e l'Europa.

Parole chiave: Isole del Pacifico occidentale, *Chalcopsitta cardinalis*, *Chalcopsitta atra*, cactua, uccelli del paradiso

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The London parakeets are widely accepted to eat plants, fruit and food from bird tables that is provided for native birds, often starving smaller native species out of the area. Rose-ringed parakeets are currently subject to agricultural controls in order to cap their numbers and the effect they have upon the environment, and DEFRA (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has already announced plans to instigate similar

control and culling measures on the monk parakeet population before they too, breed out of control. Where to see wild parrots in London. You may be lucky enough Ecuador has one of the richest and largest concentrations of exotic birds in the world. Here are some of the most awesome. Visitors to Ecuador can try and see the condor at the Papallacta Pass, east of Quito, between Pichincha and Napo Provinces. Condor@Pedro Szekely. The Blue-footed Booby. Famous for their large, blue, webbed feet – as are the red-footed boobies – this avian species can be found in abundance on the Galápagos Island, as well as in the coastal village of Puerto Lopez. Blue-footed booby males are known for their distinctive mating dance that they use to lure a member of the opposite sex. Write each verb in brackets in the past simple. We 1 started (start) our journey in October. Three of us 2 (leave) early in the morning and the rest of the group 3 (follow) us an hour later. The group 4 (walk) all day and in the evening we 5 (find) a small lake with fresh water. The desert 6 (be) cold but very beautiful. My colleagues 7 (photograph) the night sky until finally we 8 (go) to bed. In the morning the team 9 (continue) the journey but it 10 (become) harder and harder to walk in the heat B. Quiz. Test your knowledge of great explorers. Fill in the gaps with the past simple of the 4 Many exotic animal species have been declared illegal as pets, often due to the danger they may pose to people or because of the animal's conservation status in the wild. You should find out about any pet laws, and whether or not you need a permit. 5 Most of us used

to be happy with a normal pet. Not anymore. Now more and more people want something different. This is especially true for the younger generation. "Anyone can have a cat or a dog, but having a boa constrictor separates you from the rest," said teen snake owner Ray Patrick. Exotic pets are a real conversation piece and other Visit Birdtrader today and browse our Parrots for sale. Not what you are looking for? We have thousands of ads for you to browse, so you are guaranteed to find your feathery friend today. Baby Nanday Conure one of the most colorful and very intelligent bird in this price range.they are very strong in general as well as been good flyers. Baby Rubino Rosellas. featured.