

THEFT OF ENDANGERED *AMAZONA LEUCOCEPHALA LEUCOCEPHALA*

A series of robberies in Florida has resulted in the severe depletion of founder stock and resultant offspring of the endangered Cuban Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala leucocephala*). During the morning of 11 March 1998, Life Fellowship (Ramon Noegel and Greg Moss) was robbed. Security fencing was cut as were the front panels of parrot flight cages. The flights were entered and parrots removed. The perpetrators also disabled the vehicles on the property. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

These Cuban Parrots have been previously listed with ISIS. Their band numbers and color follow in the unlikely event the birds are seen or recovered with bands intact:

Band number	Color	Sex
Life 94-242	orange	male
Life 94-209	green	female
Life 94-226	red	male
Life 94-207	green	female
Life 94-205	green	male
Life 94-210	green	female
Life 93-72	purple	male
Life 85-2	silver	male
Life 94-232	purple	male
Life 97-	—	female
Life 22-26	red	male
FC-FC	silver	female
Life 94-222	red	male
Life 94-228	red	female
Life 89-6	silver	male
Life 94-228	light green	female
Life 94-250	orange	male
1746	silver	female
Life 94-219	blue	female
Life 94-221	red	male
Life 94-228	red	female

Two additional male and one female Cuban Parrots were taken, as were one male Double Yellow-headed Parrot (*A. oratix*) and one elderly female Panama parrot.

A similar theft previously occurred at Last Chance Farm, when many Cuban Parrots and other endangered species were stolen. Additional thefts occurred in the Fort Myers (Florida) area earlier this year. Unfortunately, none of these birds have been recovered. There is speculation that birds are being stolen, dyed, and subsequently shipped out of the United States.

The authorities have asked that word of these thefts reach as many concerned individuals as possible. If you hear anything about the stolen parrots, please contact Luanne Porter at (941) 674-0321 (telephone) or (941) 675-8824 (fax).

If additional details become available, they will be posted on <http://www.funnyfarmexotics.com/IAS/index.htm>