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### About the Author

Roger G. Sweeney has in the past decade perhaps worked with and bred a wider diversity of different parrot species, and more individual parrots in captivity than any other living person. This fact is due mainly to his work as Curator at Loro Parque (1994-1998) and as a consultant to the breeding centre of Mr Antonio de Dios, in the Philippines (1992-1993). He was also the Livestock manager of the diverse bird collection at Birdworld bird park in England (1989-1992) and today works internationally as an avicultural consultant. He is currently resident in Barbados, West Indies, where he works as the Associate Director of the Graeme Hall Bird Sanctuary and travels to assist in the practical running of several captive-breeding programmes for birds in several different countries.

Roger G Sweeney has always had a strong interest in Pionus parrots and has bred them in more than one zoological collection. During the four breeding seasons Roger was in charge of he parrot collection at Loro Parque, all eight species of Pionus hatched young and seven of these species were successfully reared to maturity. He also oversaw the rebuilding of both the exhibition aviaries and the off-exhibit breeding areas for the Pionus parrots that has been a major contributing factor in their breeding success from 1994 onwards.

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