

Amazing Mosquito Facts

- You're more likely to be a target for mosquitoes if you consume bananas. Biting activity increase by 500 times when there is a full moon. A mosquito's wings beat 500 times a second.
- The animal responsible for the most human deaths world-wide is the mosquito.
- Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.
- Mosquitoes prefer children to adults, and blondes to brunettes.
- A mosquito can detect a moving target at 18 ft away
- The average lfe span of a female mosquito is 3 to 100 days. the male lives 10 to 20 days.
- Mosquitoes: lay up to 300 eggs at a time, fly across 150 miles in

- their lifetime, range from sea level to altitudes as high as 10,800 feet (3,600 meters), develop from egg to adulthood in 4 to 7 days.
- There are about 2,700 species of mosquitoes are there.
- A mosquito weighs about 2 to 2.5 milligrams (for an Aedes aegypti).
- A female mosquito drinks about 5-millionths of a liter (for an Aedes aegypti) of blood per serving.
- A mosquito finds new hosts by sight (they observe movement); by detecting infrared radiation emitted by warm bodies; and by chemical signals (mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide and lactic acid, among other chemicals).
- A mosquito can fly an

- estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour.
- Salt marsh mosquitoes migrate 75 to 100 miles.
- A mosquito can smell you, or a cow or another host from 20 to 35 meters away.
- A film of oil on water kills mosquito larvae because the oil clogs up the snorkel that the larvae use to breathe.
- Mosquitoes can't see you until they are 30 feet away. Even then, they have trouble distinguishing you from any object of similar size. When they are 10 feet away they use extremely sensitive thermal receptors on the tip of their antennae to locate blood near the surface of the skin. The range of these receptors increases threefold when

the humidity is high.

- Mosquitoes Do Not Ingest Enough HIV Particles to Transmit AIDS by Contamination.
- An AIDS-free individual would have to be bitten by 10 million mosquitoes that had begun feeding on an AIDS carrier to receive a single unit of HIV from contaminated mosquito mouthparts.

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Sherry Dunn - She's the One



By Rachel R. Peine

It's midafternoon, and five cockatiels are clamoring for the syringe full of goop that Mama Sherry is extruding down their throats. One cage after another moves from the "bird section" of Keys Kritters to the feeding station, which is appropriately covered with last month's Coconut Telegraph. "It's the perfect size for lining the cages" she crows, pleased to have found a suitable use for them.

Now she's feeding eight little green Quaker parrots. "Look", sings Sherry, "they're like little bobbleheads," as they bounce up and down seeking the syringe. The babies get fed the way their feathered parents would do it, except that Sherry warms up the mix in the microwave. The store has 22 baby birds right now, which she's feeding four times a day every day. She also cooks mixed vegetables for the older birds, both residents and those being boarded; on the floor there's a case of fresh

corn ready for peeling and shucking. That's more nutrition than I give Rich at home. "We have some very spoiled birds here," she chirps.

Sherry's been Keys Kritters' bird expert for four years now, after apprenticing to Robbie, the owner. "Every single bird in here has been hand raised by me. I talk to them nonstop, and they all sound like me. They even say things I don't remember telling them - like one day out of the blue I heard, 'I loooooove you, ahhhh' in my own voice." To Sherry, hand raising means petting, kissing, and cuddling them. While we were talking, a young customer asked her what kind of bird she likes the best. "All of them", she cheeped.

Now's the ideal time to take home a baby bird, because there are several different breeds ready to go. "The younger you get it, the better. If you're hand feeding your baby, you'll be

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4-7pm Tradewinds Liquors
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6:30pm Bayside Grille
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7pm Señor Frijoles
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7pm Ballyhoo's
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Saturday 8/1

6-10pm Café Largo
Certified Angus Beef Tasting & Cooking Demonstration.

7pm Sundowners
Key Players Murder Mystery Night
Dinner & Chance To Solve the Murder!

Sunday 8/2

9am -2pm Key Largo Conch House
Champagne Brunch

3 -5pm Tasters Grille & Market
Sushi Class By Sous Chef Cy Hire

4pm Shipwrecks
Cooking Out With Wine

5 -7pm Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill
Battle Of The Cabernets

Monday 8/3

5 -10pm Key Largo Conch House
Conch Art & Wine In The Garden

6pm Snappers
Around The Globe 7-Course Dinner
with Wine Pairings

Tuesday 8/4

6pm Num Thai
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6:30pm Dinner Around Town
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Dinner Complimentary Transport,
Contact - Sue Finney 394-3736

6:30pm Rib Daddy's
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Wednesday 8/5

4-7pm Coconuts
Happy Hour Wine Fest

6:30pm Fish House Encore
5 Course Authentic Greek Dinner
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6 -10pm Café Largo
Mediterranean Nights

Thursday 8/6

6:30-9pm Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill
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6:30pm Rib Daddy's
King of the Grill

7:30pm Tasters Grille and Market
Nouveau Italian Wine Dinner

7pm Ballyhoo's
Lobster Mania

Friday 8/7

4-7pm Tradewinds Liquors
TGIF Happy Hour

7pm Sundowners
Florida Seafood In A Shell

4pm-on Coconuts
Corks & Forks

5pm Gus' Grill At The Marriott
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Saturday 8/8

6:30pm Sundowners
A Night In Havana: Music, Food,
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8pm Bayside Grille
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Sunday 8/9

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