

Hit The Beach

Show off your love for parrots the next time you go to the beach with these bird-themed accessories

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The sun is shining, and the waves are calling your name. Summertime equals beach time in many parts of the world. Even if the oceans are miles away, you can still enjoy the lazy days of summer. This month, BIRD TALK found a few goodies to make life a beach for bird lovers.

Wrap yourself up in this stunning hand-painted sarong (right) from Beyond Batik Canada. The sarong comes in a variety of species designs including a white-bellied caique design. Pair the sarong with the asymmetrical batik tank top featuring a black-headed caique. Contact: Beyond Batik Canada, (807) 577-9373, www.beyondbatikcanada.com

The cotton canvas tote bag from P.J. Publications is perfect for carrying your beach gear. Numerous species of parrots are posed against a dark blue background. Then head the beach party with all your stuff in these adorable quilted cotton totes. The two styles feature a blue-and-gold macaw appliqué on pink and a cockatoo appliqué on sky blue (left.) Contact: P.J. Publications, www.pjpublications.com

The Aloha Empire Sundress from Paradise Clothing Company will turn some parrotheads. The dress is available in black and features a macaw design. It comes in sizes extra small to double-extra large. A matching men's shirt is also available. Contact: Paradise Clothing Company, (800) 809-5141, www.paradiseclothingco.com

Need something to wear to the next beach luau? The lovely Parrot Beach Hawaiian Tank Dress (bottom right) from Hawaiian Shirts Plus features macaws and cockatoos in a tropical setting. It is 100-percent cotton and is available in blue and yellow. The Parrot Republic Hawaiian shirt for men (bottom left) features red macaws embedded in a leaf design. It is available in navy and yellow. Contact: Hawaiian Shirts Plus, (800) 807-1680, www.hawaiianshirtsplus.com

Protect yourself from the sun with these parrot visors (bottom center) from Calypso Parrot. The foam visors are covered in a variety of cotton parrot prints. No beach day layout is complete without your trusty parrot beach towel. These "cockatiel fun"(bottom left) and macaw (bottom right) beach towels are available from both Calypso Parrot and Nature Chest Bird Shop. Contact: Calypso Parrot, (256) 341-0115, www.calypsoparrot.com; Nature Chest Bird Shop, (256) 341-0484, www.naturechest.com