

Bird Term Of The Day: "Polly Wants A Cracker"

Definitions of words used by pet bird enthusiasts with the pet bird slant.

Parrots might like a cracker every now and then, but they need a well-balanced diet.

"Polly wants a cracker": (common phrase) This saying is well known and has been around for more than 100 years. It was used in Robert Lewis Stevenson's novel, "Treasure Island," which was published in 1883. It was also used in the beginning of a 1937 Warner Bros. cartoon titled, "I Wanna Be A Sailor." (See video below.) More recently it was used in the lyrics of the band Nirvana's song called "Polly" (which is not about a bird).

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