Bird Abscesses

In general, an abscess us a localized collection of pus which is surrounded by a wall of tissue. In mammals, the pus is comprised of a liquid material, but in birds, the pus is an odorless, non-liquid, "cheese-like" material. In birds, the most commonly affected areas include the area just above the eye, along the roof of the mouth, under the tongue, or on the bottom of the foot. Abscesses are usually caused by some sort of injury realted trauma.

Bird abscesses cannot drain on their own and thus requires surgery to open, clean and remove debris. Prescribed antibiotics are necessary.