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President's Message

By Stephen Hoppin

1994 marks a high spirited era with NFS as we celebrate the Society's tenth anniversary! Over the years NFS has faced certain challenges. With the assistance of a strong Board of Directors and a faithful membership NFS has managed to face these challenges "head on" and continue to grow in strength and number. Without you and your commitment we would not be able to celebrate this event. Thank you for your support, one and all!

I am very pleased to have been elected to continue the work of the past Presidents of NFS. I became a member (#42) shortly after the inception of NFS in 1984 and have committed my continued support in many areas to abide the health and longevity of this society.

I would like to thank the former officers (both elected and appointed) for their past contributions and their continuing support of the

new officers. Also, many thanks to the new officers for their commitment of energy, devotion and resolve to assist NFS in positive progression.

Communication is key

In my past working experience in avian clubs, open communication and accountability throughout the membership were positive key factors contributing to a smooth running organization. We are fortunate to have accumulated a large pool of resources: seasoned officers, long-term members and new members that all contribute to the vitality of NFS. It is my sincere wish that the membership, regardless of your status in NFS, communicate effectively and assume responsibility to promote NFS on local, state, national and international levels.

My name, address, phone and fax have been listed in this *Bulletin* to allow open communication between the membership and myself. Should you have any concerns, you should first attempt to contact the appropriate individual listed either as an Officer, Regional Vice President or appointed Officer on the inside cover of this *Bulletin*. Should you ever have a concern you wish to voice directly to me, please feel free to do so.

1st Board Meeting

The first NFS Board of Directors meeting of 1994 will be a "Meeting By Mail." I will be sending the agenda to Board members on

February 20th. Any and all concerns that you have should be brought to my attention by February 15th. Please remember you can always utilize your Regional Vice President to bring your concerns to the Board's attention, or you may contact me directly.

As we enter our 10th year, let us all reminisce about the past years of NFS, continue to think of ways to help the Society progress in a positive manner and join in the celebration of our tenth anniversary!



Meet NFS President *Steve Hoppin*

Newly elected NFS President Stephen Hoppin has served NFS in many capacities from just after its inception in 1984. Steve just completed two terms as Regional Vice President in Region 2, Southeast Region. He has been a Panel Judge since 1987, is a member of the FINCHSAVE Committee, and has served as chairperson on nominating and standard committees.

Steve has been actively serving aviculture at both the national and local level. In Florida, Steve was President of the Gulf Coast Bird Club, Ft. Myers, Florida and served as editor of their publications for two years.

Coming In the Next Issue:

Whydahs: Parasite—Host Relationships

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Impact of the New Legislation

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News from FINCHSAVE

and more!

Steve started exhibiting finches and softbills in 1982 and has won many top awards. So successful have been his ventures to the show hall that he has earned the NFS Champion Exhibitor award for 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1993. In 1989 he was awarded the NFS Exhibitor of Excellence award.

From his home in south Florida, where he has raised cockatiels, lovebirds and a wide variety of exotic finches, Steve has traveled extensively worldwide, including trips to Europe, Egypt, Peru, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Australia. In the summer of 1993 Steve spent two weeks in Costa Rica studying softbills, in particular hummingbirds and tanagers.

NFS is privileged to have Steve serving the organization as President!



NFS Election Results 1994-95

*Compiled by Nancy A. Reed
VIP Vote Tabulator*

A new group of elected officers has been chosen by the membership for the two-year term of 1994 and 1995. The elected officers, together with the appointed officers comprise the NFS Board of Directors (for a complete list of the new NFS Board of Directors, see inside the front cover). The election was conducted by secret ballot and the candidates and results are listed below. Congratulations to *each* candidate for offering to serve NFS!

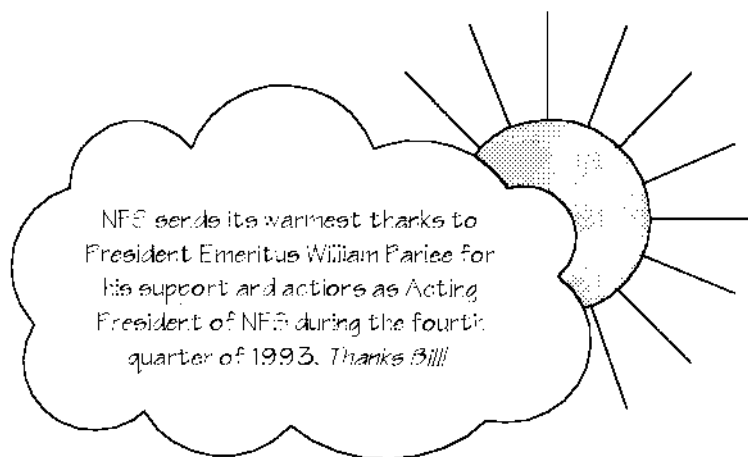
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NFS News & Notes

By Stephen Hoppin
NFS President

"The Wonderful World of Finches and Softbills: An Introduction"

This NFS video should be available and ready to order as you read this notice. Jon Hoffman has done an incredible job creating and marketing our first video and we thank him for this. Due to health reasons, Jon has fallen behind on a few videos ordered in the fall of 1993; however, he plans to ship these orders immediately following the first of the year.

Effective January 1, 1994, ordering and sales of the NFS video will be handled by FINCHSHOP operators Pat and Mary Krichten (see FINCHSHOP order form elsewhere in this issue). Please contact Pat and Mary regarding inquiries and orders.

Promotions Officer Appointed

Very recently, NFS member Jerry McCawley approached me to apply for the position of Promotions Officer. This position has remained vacant for a period of time and definitely has a need for attention. A former NFS Board member, Jerry is a hard working and energetic young man and has some good ideas regarding NFS' ten year anniversary! I have appointed Jerry to Promotions Officer effective immediately.

Awards for 1992

1992 Champion Exhibitor awards have been sent to recipients by NFS Treasurer Miki Sparzak (see May-June 1993 *NFS Bulletin* for listing).

Dr. Val Clear Memorial Award-1993

For the second year, Frank and Sandy Hudson from Texas were winners of the "Dr. Val Clear Memorial Award" for Best Softbill at the National Cage Bird Show. Once again their winning bird was a Lilac-breasted Roller, which also won first place overall in the Finch and Softbill Division. The award will be delivered to them shortly. *Congratulations to Frank and Sandy!*

Fourth NFS Champion Bird

A Normal Gray Java Rice Bird owned and exhibited by Pat and Mary Krichten qualified in 1993 as a Champion NFS Bird, earning over 50 points on the show bench during its show career. This is only the fourth Champion NFS Bird. *Congratulations!*

A listing of other NFS members' birds with over 20 show points is included on page 40 in this issue.

New Judge Selected to Panel

Congratulations and welcome to NFS' newest panel judge, Patrick Vance from Lathrup Village, MI.!

Band Color for 1994

Band Chairman Denise Cap-pazi reports that the 1994 NFS band color is *Dark Red*.

New Affiliation Deadline

1994 club affiliations must be received by **May 31, 1994** (see affiliation form in this issue).

Regional Show Requests for 1994

Regional show requests for 1994 *must* be received by Russ Armitage by **April 30, 1994**.

Items for 1st Board Meeting Agenda

Any and all concerns that you would like addressed at the first NFS Board Meeting should be directed to President Steve Hoppin *before February 15th* (see inside front cover).

New NFS Home Office

Whenever possible, NFS members should deal directly with the appropriate NFS officer, but when in doubt, the home office can help you sort it out! The new NFS home office is:

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Early Deadline for next NFS Bulletin

Do you have something to be included in the March/April 1994 NFS Bulletin? Call the Editor ((612) 241-0071) immediately. The issue will be going to press quite shortly: this will allow a shift in the mailing schedule of *Bulletins* so that NFS members will receive them more in sync with the cover dates.

Prizes for Bulletin Contributors

Every six months one lucky contributor to the NFS Bulletin during that six month period will be randomly selected to receive a gift

from FINCHSHOP. Send in your articles, artwork and photos for inclusion in one of aviculture's most useful publications! The first drawing will be held in early July.

Reminders

Affiliated clubs - Send show information in *early* to Liaison Officer, Russ Armitage. And keep him current on your delegate's address for awards and occasional mailings.



Did you know...new members *can* order bands at the same time they send in their membership application and dues? Band orders should be sent separately to the Band Chairman (see order form in this issue).



Order your bands *early* and order enough! And allow 30 days from receipt of your order for delivery. *Please*, no rush orders.



When you move, let NFS know *first* - save the organization postage fees. Send changes of address to the NFS home office or to the Membership Chairman (see inside front cover).



Time to renew your NFS membership? Check your mailing label for your expiration date.

The Goldbreast Waxbill

Amandava subflava

By Linda Oja
FINCHSAVE Director

Other names for this species include: Zebra Waxbill. Golden-breasted and Orange-breasted Waxbill. This species is dimorphic as the female lacks the red eye-stripe and her breast coloring is more dilute buff to pale orange. Her barring is also less pronounced. The Goldbreast is said to be very prone to melanism under less than ideal captive conditions.

Goldbreasts have a wide area of distribution throughout most of central and southern Africa. They inhabit grasslands, marshes and reed beds but are not usually found in extremely arid or rain forest regions. They are ground feeders and enjoy seeding grasses and small insects.

Breeding setup

FINCHSAVE breeder Bob Maddox shares the following successful breeding tips.

Each pair is placed in a 3'H x 3'L x 2'W cage in a secluded basement bird room. Artificial foliage is provided both in and around the cage for privacy.

Lighting

"Vita Lite" fluorescent lights are hung over each cage and the birds are provided with 14 to 15 hours of light daily during the breeding season. Being a basement, the room has very little natural light.

Temperature and humidity

The temperature of the bird room varies from 73 to 80 degrees F. A humidifier was used during the breeding season.

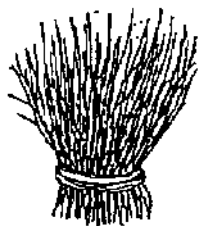
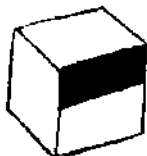
Nests

Nest boxes with 1" slots, wicker baskets, and balls of hay were provided for nesting sites. The domestic pair used a nest box and the wild-caught pair used the ball of hay to construct their own nest. All pairs, including the wild-caught pair, tolerated nest inspections and banding of the chicks. Goldbreasts take a size "A" NFS band. Chicks can be banded the first few days of fledging the nest should you not want to risk disturbing the birds in the nest.

Fostering

Two pairs of Societies were used to foster Goldbreasts. One pair successfully raised the young. Another pair refused to feed the chicks after hatching. Although Bob did not mention this, you may try fostering Waxbills under Silverbills or Zebra Finches if you have reliable parent

Nesting Options



Examples of nests used by
Goldbreast Waxbills

birds of these species. African Silverbills sound like they have good potential since they are African and have similar behaviors to Waxbills. This is assuming you have a true pair that breed freely and raise young reliably.

Diet

The birds were offered soaked and sprouted seed, egg food, shredded carrot, broccoli heads, Romaine lettuce, cucumbers (only one type of vegetable is offered daily), oyster shell grit and crushed egg shell. Live food included mealworms and musca larvae. The larva were refused but some pairs were stimulated by being offered mealworms. Still others raised young without mealworms. For some pairs mealworms were the stimulus they required to nest-build and breed.

Bob raised 9 Goldbreast chicks in the 1992 season and his birds are still going strong.

References:

Koepff, Christa **The New Finch Handbook**

Goodwin, Derek **Estrildid Finches of the World**

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FINCHSAVE For You!

*By Linda Oja
FINCHSAVE Director*

The founders and leaders of NFS wanted to do more than just set up an organization of finch and soft-bill fanciers. At the 1987 AFA convention Hal Koontz, Val Clear, Norman Kopecky and Bill Parlee, acting as the FINCHSAVE Committee, finalized the structure of the FINCHSAVE Breeding Specialist Program. The program was implemented in 1988 to organize members of the National Finch and Softbill Society who wanted to "give something back to aviculture."

Initially there were many requirements and stipulations that were well intentioned but kept many interested individuals from participating. Through the years and with changes in management and structure FINCHSAVE has become a successful breeding program which has served as a model for others to follow.

Changes for growth

Some of the changes which have helped the program grow include:

- Distribution of workload of Director. Members of Peninsula Cage Bird Society and participants making contri-

butions in policy making, and projects such as logo, survey development and slide presentation and publicity.

- Elimination of pair requirements and fee.
- Emphasis on educating participants to become more knowledgeable in keeping and breeding their species.
- Developing networks to buy and sell birds for breeding.
- Publishing of periodic newsletter to keep participants informed and exchange information.
- An active FINCHSAVE Committee of NFS Board and non-Board members.

Cooperative Breeding Program

The requirements that remain are necessary in order for us to qualify as a Cooperative Breeding Program and be recognized by U.S. Fish and Wildlife so that we may be allowed to import species for specific breeding purposes.

We are willing to make compromises on the banding requirement and have some useful information on close banding chicks without disturbing the nest.

For more information on the FINCHSAVE Program please contact:

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Proposed Revisions to the Society (Bengalese) Finch Standard

Lonchura striata, domesticated form

as proposed by the *National Finch and Softbill Society*
January 1994

Any comments should be sent to:

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CONFORMATION	50 POINTS
Head and Body	25 pts
Wings	10 pts
Tail	15 pts
CONDITION	20 POINTS
COLOR AND MARKINGS	20 POINTS
DEPARTMENT AND PRESENTATION . . .	10 POINTS

CONFORMATION (50 POINTS) (distributed as follows)

HEAD AND BODY: 25 POINTS The ideal Society Finch will have a combined beak, head, body, and tail length of between 4 1/4 and 4 1/2 inches. The body appears trim and slightly muscular, with its broadest point about the chest and shoulders. From the chin, the lower body line flows outward to its deepest point at the chest, continuing smoothly through the stomach area, with only slight roundness, tapering slightly to the point where the legs appear from the feathering. Behind the legs to the tail, the body tapers sharply to the vent. The line of the back runs smoothly and slightly rounded from the base of the neck to the tail. The hack is slightly rounded from shoulder to shoulder, and the sides of the body are slightly rounded from the shoulders through the vent.

The upper and lower mandibles must be smooth, clean, and free of imperfections, with the sides of the mandibles curving inward slightly where they meet. In typical mannikin fashion, the forehead flows directly from the line of the upper mandibles with no rise. The head has a slightly rounded crown, flowing smoothly to the neck. Eyes are set forward of the center of the head, with the bottom of the eye even with the line where the mandibles meet. The neck is, from all views, broader than the head, increasing as it approaches the shoulders. There is little or no dip in the backline of the neck.

The legs must be equal and parallel. Missing toes or nails are faulted. Nails are of suitable length to assure proper grip.

WINGS: 10 POINTS The wings are carried evenly and set close to the body. -The wings blend smoothly into the back with the wing tips meeting at the root of the tail. Crossed or drooping wings are faulted.

TAIL: 15 POINTS The tail approaches 2 inches in length. It smoothly follows the top and bottom lines off the body with the upper and under coverts. The flight feathers of the tail are neat and gradually taper, and the central feathers form a neat and obvious "V" tip. It should not droop or rise from the back line.

CONDITION (20 POINTS)

A healthy well-conditioned Society Finch appears clean, bright, and tight-feathered. The eyes are clear and bright. Feathers are not ragged, frayed, or broken. The legs and feet are clean and free of scaling.

COLOR AND MARKINGS (20 POINTS)

CHOCOLATE SELF: The chocolate should be the color of deep plain chocolate. The Chocolate Self Society must show the chocolate on the head, wings, tail, and at least halfway down the breast. The lower half of the breast to be light chocolate with flecking. The chocolate should be rich, and ideally there should be no white feathers present. The legs must be dark and matched in color. The upper mandible should be dark like the body color and the lower mandible should be steel gray.

FAWN SELF: The fawn should be a creamy cinnamon-brown. The Fawn Self Society must show the fawn on the head, wings, tail, and at least halfway down the breast. The lower half of the breast to be light fawn with fleckings. The fawn should be rich and ideally there should be no white feathers present. The legs must be pink and matched in color. The beak, both upper and lower mandibles, should be light and even in color with a slight pinkish tinge.

CHESTNUT SELF: The chestnut should be a reddish brown. The Chestnut Self Society must show the chestnut on the head, wings, tail, and at least halfway down the breast. The lower half of the breast to be light chestnut with fleckings. The chestnut should be rich and ideally there should be no white feathers present. The legs must be dark and matched in color. The upper mandible should be dark and the lower mandible steel gray (as in the Chocolate Society).

WHITE SELF: The white should be solid white; no colored feathers permissible. The legs must be pink and matched in color. The beak, both upper and lower mandibles, should be light and even in color with a slight pinkish tinge.

CHOCOLATE AND WHITE: The chocolate color the same as defined for the Chocolate Self. The Chocolate and White Society should carry at least 30% white feathers, preferably balanced on both sides. Legs and beak as defined in the Chocolate Self.

FAWN AND WHITE: The fawn color the same as defined for the Fawn Self. The Fawn and White Society should carry at least 30% white feathers, preferably balanced on both sides. Legs and beak as defined in the Fawn Self.

CHESTNUT AND WHITE: The chestnut color the same as defined for the Chestnut Self. The Chestnut and White Society should carry at least 30% white feathers, preferably balanced on both sides. Legs and beak as defined in the Chestnut Self.

DILUTE: The feather color should be a less intense shade of the main colors: Chocolate, Fawn, and Chestnut. Both legs must be matched in color. The legs and beak should be as defined for the Chocolate, Fawn, and Chestnut varieties.

CRESTED: The crest is an important point in judging this variety, but other show points should not be overlooked. The crest should be large and radiate from a center point far forward on the head. Ideally, the crest should be as close to a single crest as possible.

DEPORTMENT AND PRESENTATION (10 POINTS)

DEPORTMENT: The Society Finch stands confidently on the perch with the angle of the back at 45 degrees. It is quite calm and steady on the perch. The Society Finch does not "swim" or "roost" on the perch: the judge easily moves the bird with the use of a judging stick. Overly nervous or flighty birds are faulted.

PRESENTATION: A #2 National Finch and Softbill Society standard show cage or any other box type show cage of appropriate size is recommended. The cage is clean and in good repair. There are no distinguishing or identifying marks on the show cage. The perches are securely fastened and of the proper thickness for the bird's feet.

NOTE: A pair of Society Finches are matched as nearly as possible in conformation, color, and markings. For exhibition purposes, a pair may consist of:

- Two plainheaded birds or a crested bird and a plainheaded bird.
- Not two crested birds.

The exhibition of a pair signifies the acceptance of these two birds as a true pair that would enhance the species if bred together. This is not the case with two crested birds and they may not be shown together.



Comments on any aspect of this *Proposed Revision* to the Standard, including the "Note" regarding the exhibition of pairs, should be sent as soon as possible to:

Dr. Al Decoteau
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1993 CENSUS: Our Past Winging to the Future

The 1993 NFS Census Form is the "centerfold" in this issue providing you an opportunity to be part of NFS' biggest referral service. When the results are published in the May/June 1994 issue of the *NFS Bulletin*, the listing of breeders and the species they are currently working with will be a valuable tool to locate both sources and markets for birds.

Also vitally important at this time, the Census records NFS'

contribution to aviculture by documenting the number of young birds reared by NFS members in 1993.

Quickly review your breeding results for 1993, make note of your present bird room and aviary activities, and complete and return this Census no later than **March 15, 1994** to be included in the published results. Send to:

Tom Rood
NFS Census Chairman
313 N. Broadway
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Thanks to Tom for volunteering to compile the NFS Census results once again!

1993 Show Reports



The National Finch and Softbill Society

Awarding Points at NFS Shows

From The NFS Handbook

Exhibiting NFS members and the birds they have exhibited automatically receive points at a show where an NFS judge is judging. These points are determined by the number of birds shown in the division. All points are awarded in accordance with the schedule below and are not official until the official show report is received and the points are recorded by the NFS Points Director.

National Finch and Softbill Society POINTS SCHEDULE

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
300	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

Note: In order for a softbill, finch, or dove to attain points, it must have been judged against all the birds in the Finch and Softbill Division. Points will not be allowed in a specialty show where finches are not judged against softbills or other birds within the division.

The 1993 NFS Show Season

*By Dr. Al Decoteau
4th Vice President & Points Chairman*

During the 1993 NFS show season the numbers of finch and soft-bill entries was generally down; however quality was great.

We received reports for 67 shows judged by NFS Panel Judges in 1993, with entries ranging from four to 200.

We congratulate our newest judge, Patrick Vance of Michigan who has already judged the NIROC Show in the Chicago area.

The winning birds

Here is a breakdown of the top winning birds this season:

Only five softbills won the top award in 1993. Two different Lilac-breasted Rollers each won, one of which walked away with the Kellogg trophy for best finch or softbill at the National Cage Bird Show in Houston, TX. An unflighted Common Starling won best finch or softbill at the Great American Bird Show in Des Moines, IA and also came away with the \$1,000 prize for best bird in show. One Pekin Robin and one White Eye also won top honors this season.

Two doves took the top award, something not often accomplished. An Albino Ringnecked Dove and an

Australian Crested Dove were these representatives.

Among the finches

Goulds led the finches with nine firsts, Javas and Zebras followed with seven. There were five firsts for Shafttails, four firsts for Diamond Sparrows, three firsts for Red-eared Waxbills, and two each for Societies, Melhas, St. Helenas, and European Greenfinches.

The following each had one Best in Show:

- Fire Finch
- Aurora Finch
- Yellow-winged Pytilia
- Star Finch
- Blue-faced Parrot
- Black-crested Finch
- Blue-capped Cordon Bleu
- Violet-eared Waxbill
- Parson Finch
- Magpie Mannikin
- Cherry Finch
- Paradise Whydah
- Green Singing Finch
- Orange Bishop Weaver
- Scaly-headed Weaver
- Crimson Pileated Finch
- Timor Sparrow

Only one Champion Finch finished in 1993. It was a Normal Gray Java Rice Bird owned by Pat and Mary Krichten.

Champion Exhibitors

There were no Exhibitor of Excellence Awards in 1993. The following are to be congratulated for

achieving Champion Exhibitor in
1993:

Dennis Burhans
Tom Rood
Stephen Hoppin

Frank and Sandy Hudson
Pat and Mary Krichten
Patrick Vance
Alvin and Dixie Lea
Gene and June Miller



HOW TO READ THE 1993 NFS SHOW REPORTS:

The exhibitor and bird earning the highest number of points was the Best Finch or Softbill in show; the exhibitor and bird earning the second highest number of points was the Second Best in show, etc. Bands beginning with a single letter are NFS issued bands.

Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL, February 14, 1993

Judge: Kenneth Gunby — 14 Exhibitors, 78 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Steve Hoppin	Black-crested Finch	
6	Ginny Allen	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
5	Dale Laird	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	
4	Cedar Hill Birds	Peter Twinspot	
3	Ken Miller	Black-headed Gouldian	
2	Diane Pittman	Red-eared Waxbill	
1	Bob Tame	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	

Kaytee American Family Pet Show. Pomona, CA, April 24, 1993

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau — 4 Exhibitors, 23 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Orgil & Kay McVay	Timor Sparrow	
2	Orgil & Kay McVay	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
1	Greg Aden	Normal Shafttail	

Heart of America Hookbill & Finch Society, Blue Springs, MO, April 24, 1993
Judge: Clarence Culwell—9 Exhibitors, 55 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	
5	Dennis Burhans	Chocolate Self Society Finch	D 4935 (92)
4	Gary Enstolre	Pekin Robin	
3	Tom Rood	Zebra Finch	D 2545 (90)
2	Earl Courts	White-breasted Gouldian	D 5372 (92)
1	Tom Rood	Dilute Society Finch	E 791 (90)

Illini Bird Fanciers, Shelbyville, IL, June 5, 1993
Judge: Charles Anchor—19 Exhibitors, 126 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
10	Tom Rood	Fawn Zebra Finch	D 4759 (93)
9	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	D 4948 (92)
8	Tom Rood	Dilute Fawn Society Finch	E 87 (89)
7	Earl Courts	Violet-eared Waxbill	
6	Betty Brandt	Pekin Robin	
5	Tom Rood	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 3162 (91)
4	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	
3	Betty Brandt	Bicheno (Owl) Finch	
2	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Ringnecked Dove	
1	Jamie Jackson	Cuban Melodious Finch	

Aviary & Cage Bird Society of S. Florida, Margate, FL, August 21, 1993
Judge: Tom Rood—Exhibitors 27, Entries 183

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
12	John Dapas	Aurora Finch	
11	Steve Hoppin	Pr. Orange-checked Waxbills	
10	Joe McKee	Parson Finch	C 1072 (93)
9	Felipe Bonilla	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 1361 (93)
8	Diane Pittman	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
7	Rolando Hurtado	Black-masked Fire Finch	
6	Ken Miller	Diamond Sparrow	
5	Steve Hoppin	Pin-tailed Nonparcil	D 12065 (91)
4	Joe McKee	Chocolate Self Society	E 2326 (92)
3	Felipe Bonilla	Dilute Society Finch	E 441 (93)

Austin Bird Show, Austin, TX, August 28, 1993**Judge: Earl Courts—Exhibitors 9, Entries 63**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	F. & S. Hudson	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	
6	F. & S. Hudson	Orange-headed Gouldian	
5	F. & S. Hudson	Green Singing Finch	
4	F. & S. Hudson	Silverbill	
3	F. & S. Hudson	Chocolate & White Society Finch	
2	Ona Lankart	Chinese Painted Button Quail	
1	F. & S. Hudson	Red-headed Parrot Finch	

Central Alabama Avic. Society, Montgomery, AL, September 4, 1993**Judge: Harold Bowles—Exhibitors 5, Entries 16**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
	Sarge & Eva Duffey	Red-eared Waxbill	
	Sarge & Eva Dulle	Scaly-headed Weaver	
	Bill & Jackie Hite	Cuban Melodious Finch	

Springfield Pet Bird Club, Springfield, IL, September 11, 1993**Judge: Tom Rood—Exhibitors 9, Entries 61**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Magpie Mannikin	
6	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society Finch	E 446 (93)
5	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Green Singing Finch	C 511 (91)
4	Dennis Burhans	Shafttail	C 2412 (92)
3	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Aurora Finch	
2	Pat & Virginia Patrick	Chinese Painted Button Quail	
1	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	D 4948 (92)

Maryland Cage Bird Society, Frederick, MD, September 11, 1993**Judge: Kenneth Gunby—Exhibitors 6, Entries 31**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	BB-201-F (91)
3	Jackie & Jim Eckman	Common Starling	SPBE-BRA 15 (93)
2	Ron Casper	Gouldian	
1	Pat & Mary Krichteu	Chocolate & White Society	E 2262 (88)

Alamo Exhibition Bird Club, San Antonio, TX, September 11, 1993
Judge: Clarence Culwell—Exhibitors 3, Entries 41

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	F. & S. Hudson	Pr. Orange-headed Gouldians	
4	F. & S. Hudson	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
3	F. & S. Hudson	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	F. & S. Hudson	African Silverbill	
1	D & B Aviary	Pr. Spice Finches	

Carolina Classic—Saturday, Anderson, SC, September 11, 1993
Judge: Conrad Meinert—Exhibitors 4, Entries 34

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Melvin Yoder	Scaly-headed Weaver	
3	Melvin Yoder	White-breasted Gouldian	
2	Marvin Yoder	Strawberry Finch hen	
1	Melvin Yoder	Painted Finch	

Carolina Classic—Sunday, Anderson, SC, September 12, 1993
Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau—Exhibitors 3, Entries 31

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Marvin Yoder	Australian Crested Dove	
3	Melvin Yoder	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
2	Bob Hollaway	Mynah	
1	Melvin Yoder	White-breasted Gouldian	

Greater Brendon Avian Society, Tampa, FL, September 18, 1993
Judge: Kenneth Gunby—Exhibitors 14, Entries 108

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Dale Laird	Yellow-winged Pytilia	
8	Felipe Bonilla	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 235 (90)
7	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	K 421 (91)
6	Felipe Bonilla	Fawn Society Finch	E 1988 (93)
5	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Green Singing Finch	
4	Steve Hoppin	Normal Shafttail	
3	Steve Hoppin	Pin-tailed Nonpareil	
2	E. & A. Buchanan	Normal Shafttail	C 1352 (93)
1	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	K 463 (90)

Birds of a Feather, Manchester, NH, September 18, 1993**Judge: William Parlee—Exhibitors 10, Entries 36**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Jan Thomas	Fawn Shafttail	
3	Debra E. Stone	Yellow-winged Pytilia	
2	Jackie & Jim Eckman	Common Starling	SPBE-BRA 15 (93)
1	Jan Thomas	Silver Zebra Finch	D 9330 (91)

Bird Fanciers of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK, September 25, 1993**Judge: Cecil Gunby—Exhibitors 11, Entries 58**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Doug Paris	Bluc-capped Cordon Bleu	
5	Gene & June Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E 7 (93)
4	Jaunice Clem	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 1416 (93)
3	Gene & June Miller	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
2	Bernie Nauhejmer	Black-headed Gouldian	D 84 (91)
1	Laura Bewley	Chocolate Society Finch	

Chester County Bird Breeders, King of Prussia, PA, September 25, 1993**Judge: Tom Rood—Exhibitors 17, Entries 110**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	BB-201-F (91)
8	Kris Kroner	Indian Hill Mynah	
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Parson Finch	C 197 (93)
6	Richard Szlachta	Mongolian Desert Rose Finch	
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Pr. Parson Finches	C 195 (93) C 202 (93)
4	Donald Strause	Red-headed Gouldian	D 1266 (93)
3	Bob Vargo	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	D 14027 (92)
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	D 2032 (93)
1	Elwood Hughes	Rainbow Bunting hen	

GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW, Des Moines, IA, October 2, 1993**Judge: Charles Anchor—Exhibitors 31, Entries 94**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Jackie & Jim Eckman	Common Starling	SPBE-BRA 15 (93)
7	Tom Rood	Pr. Fawn Zebras	D 4237 (93) D 4230 (93)
6	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Cherry Finch	C 2423 (92)
5	Tom Rood	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 3126 (91)
4	Tom Rood	Dilute Society Finch	E 87 (89)
3	C. & D. Wiegale	Cuban Olive Finch	
2	Marion Spartzak	Indian Hill Mynah	
1	G. & J. Alles	Lavender Finch	

Classic Feathers, Defiance, OH, October 2, 1993**Judge: Conrad Meinert—Exhibitors 6, Entries 28**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Marylou Tewilliger	Society Finch	E 2838 (93)
2	Marylou Tewilliger	Shafttail	C 2161 (93)
1	Mark Brotherton	African Silverbill	

Fort Worth Bird Club, Arlington, TX, October 2, 1993**Judge: Cecil Gunby—Exhibitors 9, Entries 76**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Gene & June Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E 7 (93)
6	Gene & June Miller	White Zebra Finch	D 1727 (90)
5	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	B 2 (92)
4	Gene & June Miller	Red Siskin	
3	Gene & June Miller	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	D 329 (93)
2	Gene & June Miller	Pr. Fire Finches	B 11 (93) B 14 (93)
1	Gene & June Miller	Pearl-headed Silverbill	

Sunshine State Cage Bird Society, Orlando, FL, October 9, 1993**Judge: Cecil Gunby—Exhibitors 14, Entries 116**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Melba Finch	
8	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	
7	Ellen Buchanan	Shafttail	C 1552 (93)
6	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Green Singing Finch	
5	John Dapas	Yellow Mutation Gouldian	
4	John Dapas	Orange Bishop Weaver	
3	Steve Hoppin	Pin-tailed Nonpareil	
2	Mark Runyon	Indian Hill Mynah	
1	A. J. Lee	Mutation Shafttail	C 18 (93)

Indiana Bird Fanciers, Fort Wayne, IN, October 9, 1993**Judge: Harold Bowles—Exhibitors 9, Entries 65**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Marylou Tewilliger	Shafttail	C 2161 (93)
6	Patrick Vance	Waxbill	
5	Conrad Meinert	Pekin Robin	
4	C. & D. Wiegale	Fawn Pied Zebra Finch	6-C-165
3	Patrick Vance	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	
2	P. Broecker	Java Rice Bird	K 107 (?)
1	C. & D. Wiegale	Java Rice Bird	K 243 (?)

Kansas Avicultural Society, Wichita, KS, October 9, 1993**Judge: Paul Williams—Exhibitors 7, Entries 54**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Clarence Culwell	White Eyes	
5	Clarence Culwell	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	
4	Gene & June Miller	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
3	Dennis Burhans	Normal Shafttail	C 369 (93)
2	Gene & June Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E 7 (93)
1	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	B 2 (92)

New Hampshire Avic. Society, Hudson, NH, October 9, 1993**Judge: Brenda Geesey—Exhibitors 8, Entries 40**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Chris Voronovitch	Calico Java Rice Bird	K 03 (91)
4	Jan Thomas	Normal Shafttail	C 2951 (92)
3	Chris Voronovitch	White Java Rice Bird	K 05 (91)
2	Jan Thomas	Gold-breasted Waxbill	
1	William Miarollo	Silverbill	

Cleveland Caged Bird Society, Parma, OH, October 9, 1993**Judge: Earl Courts—Exhibitors 3, Entries 4**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
	Herschel Frey	Shafttail	
	Jackie & Jim Eckman	Common Starling	SPBE-BRA 15 (93)
	Penny Corbett	Chinese Painted Button Quail	

Capitol City Cage Bird Club, Austin, TX, October 9, 1993**Judge: Ray Johnson—Exhibitors 2, Entries 23**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	F. & S. Hudson	Gouldian	
2	F. & S. Hudson	African Silverbill	
1	F. & S. Hudson	Pr. Society Finches	

Colorado Cage Bird Association, Colorado Springs, CO, October 16, 1993**Judge: Clarence Culwell—Exhibitors 7, Entries 49**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Dave & Debbie Steele	Silver Zebra Finch	D 5696 (92)
4	Teri McAuliffe	African Fire Finch	B 325 (?)
3	Anna Sinclair	Silver Zebra Finch	D 2059 (90)
2	Anna Sinclair	Chocolate & White Society	E 1924 (93)
1	Julie Kern	Gold-breasted Waxbill	

Gulf South Bird Club, New Orleans, LA, October 16, 1993**Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld—Exhibitors 11, Entries 48**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Justin Stamm	Orange Bishop Weaver	
4	Justin Stamm	Combassou	
3	Justin Stamm	Spice Finch	
2	Justin Stamm	Pekin Robin	
1	Justin Stamm	Tri-color Nun	

Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Baltimore, MO, October 16, 1993**Judge: Roddy Gabel—Exhibitors 11, Entries 74**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Richard Szlachta	St. Helena Waxbill	
6	Kris Kroner	Indian Hill Mynah	
5	Jackie & Jim Eckman	Common Starling	SPBE-BRA 15 (93)
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Parson Finch	C 197 (93)
3	Elwood Hughes	Orange Bishop Weaver	
2	Richard Szlachta	Angolan Cordon Bleu	
1	Elwood Hughes	Rainbow Bunting hen	

Massachusetts Cage Bird Assoc., Easton, MA, October 16, 1993**Judge: Brenda Geesey—Exhibitors B, Entries 40**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	T. Roche	Greenfinch cock	
4	Jan Thomas	Normal Shafttail	C 2951 (92)
3	Chuck Galusha	Diamond Sparrow	E 1602 (93)
2	Jan Thomas	Gold-breasted Waxbill	
1	Diana Smith	Fawn Zebra Finch	D 225 (89)

Great Lakes Avic. Society, Grand Rapids, MI, October 16, 1993**Judge: Harold Bowles—Exhibitors 6, Entries 20**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Karen Kanine	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	D 147 (88)
2	Karen Kanine	Starling	
1	Leta Brownell	Ringnecked Dove	

Greater Kansas City Avic. Society, Kansas City, MO, October 16, 1993**Judge: Kenneth Gunby—Exhibitors 15, Entries 59**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Rita Ann Comfort	Pekin Robin	
5	George & Joyce Alles	Normal Gouldian	D 81 (92)
4	Gary Easterlic	Aurora Finch	
3	George & Joyce Alles	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	D 4265 (93)
2	H.T. Birds	Blue-backed Gouldian	
1	Moses Linn	Pr. Society Finches	

Buffalo Canary & Budgerigar Society, Buffalo, NY, October 16, 1993
Judge: Cecil Gunby—Exhibitors 7, Entries 29

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Barbara Whiteford	Diamond Sparrow	E 853 (92)
2	Peggy Castiglia	Green Singing Finch	C 235 (91)
1	Barbara Whiteford	White Hooded Nun	E 632 (93)

CANADIAN NATIONAL BIRD SHOW, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada,
October 16, 1993

Judge: Martha Wigmore—Exhibitors 25, Entries 197

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
13	Mike & Elaine Manley	Dark-bodied Fire Finch	
12	Jack & Wanda Lafleur	Chest-flank Wh. Zebra hen	AAC-2015 (92)
11	John & Barb Jasik	Star Finch	
10	John & Barb Jasik	Fawn Shafttail	
9	Ron Francis	Chocolate Self Society Finch	
8	Mike & Elaine Manley	Cuban Melodious Finch	
7	Paul Harrison	Dilute Blue Gouldian	
6	Flikkeina Aviaries	Pr. Pekin Robins	
5	Pat Donnelly	Pr. Normal Gray Zebra Finches	
4	Frank Curmi	Black-cheeked Waxbill	

Suncoast Avian Society—Saturday, Tampa, FL, October 16, 1993
Judge: Conrad Meinert—Exhibitors 10, Entries 65

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	A. & E. Buchanan	Shafttail	C 1552 (93)
6	Steve Hoppin	Bamboo Finch	
5	Dale Laird	White Eyes	
4	Mark & Carol Runyon	Mynah	
3	Steve Hoppin	Black-crested Finch	E 2331 (92)
2	Ken Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E 96 (?)
1	Dale Laird	Yellow-winged Pytilia	

Suncoast Avian Society—Sunday, Tampa, FL, October 17, 1993
Judge: Steve Hoppin—Exhibitors 10, Entries 50

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Jerri Wicsenfeld	Melba Finch	
5	Jorge Figuerola	Orange-headed Gouldian	
4	A. & E. Buchanan	Shafttail	C 1552 (93)
3	Dale Laird	Yellow-winged Pytilia	
2	Jerri Wicsenfeld	Green Singing Finch	
1	Mark & Carol Runyon	Mynah	

Heart of America Hookbill & Finch Soc., Kansas City, KS, October 17, 1993**Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau—Exhibitors 9, Entries 42**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	George & Joyce Alles	Gouldian	
4	George & Joyce Alles	Lavender Finch	
3	Pam Easterlie	Java Rice Bird	
2	Rita Ann Comfort	Pekin Robin	
1	Earl Courts	Shafttail	C 1522 (?)

Capital City Bird Society, Roseville, CA, October 23, 1993**Judge: Brian Manderich—Exhibitors 10, Entries 115**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Mariana Mcjia	St. Helena Waxbill	
8	Katherine Provins	Normal Gouldian	
7	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Golden Song Sparrow	
6	Claudia Salo	Normal Gouldian	
5	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Rufous-necked Weaver	
4	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Fawn Society Finch	
3	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Cherry Finch	
2	R. & J. Pizzurro	Masked Grass Finch	
1	Alvin & Dixie Lee	Green Singing Finch	

Connecticut Assoc. for Aviculture, Manchester, CT, October 23, 1993**Judge: William Parlee—Exhibitors 9, Entries 51**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Tim Roche	Greenfinch	
5	Chester Kolodziejczyk	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
4	Jan Thomas	Fawn Shafttail	
3	Chuck Galusha	Fawn & White Society Finch	E 2239 (93)
2	P. Vinett & T. Hollauer	Dumont's Mynah	
1	Chris Voronovitch	Calico Java Rice Bird	

Heartland Canary & Finch Club, Lawrence, KS, October 23, 1993**Judge: Laura Bewley—Exhibitors 7, Entries 27**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Gene & June Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E 21 (93)
2	Gene & June Miller	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
1	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	B 2 (92)

Motor City Bird Breeders, Detroit, MI, October 23, 1993**Judge: Martha Wigmore—Exhibitors 6, Entries 51**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Patrick Vance	Red-cared Waxbill	
5	Patrick Vance	Lavender-breasted Gouldian	
4	Mary Lou Tewilliger	Fawn & White Society Finch	E 2838 (93)
3	Patrick Vance	Fawn Shafttail	
2	Patrick Vance	Bicheno Finch	
1	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird	K 58 (93)

New York Finch & Type Canary Club, Long Island, NY, October 23, 1993**Judge: Stephen Hoppin—Exhibitors 17, Entries 92**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Ronnie Kellman	Red-faced Star Finch	
7	Ica Johnson	Green Singing Finch	
6	Sylvester Fabien	Caribbean Robin	
5	Ron & Carol Casper	Tri-color Nun	
4	Ron & Carol Casper	Black & White Mannikin	
3	Michelle Ali	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	
2	Ronnie Kellman	Variable Seed-eater	
1	Ron & Carol Casper	Spice Finch	

Central Pennsylvania Cage Bird Club, Grantville, PA, October 23, 1993**Judge: Brenda Geesey—Exhibitors 9, Entries 40**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	BB-201-F (91)
4	Kris Kroner	Indian Hill Mynah	
3	Richard Szlachta	Mongolian Desert Rose Finch	
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Gouldian	D 2864 (92)
1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Red Orange-cheeked Waxbill	

Badger Canary Fanciers, Oak Creek, WI, October 23, 1993**Judge: Tom Rood—Exhibitors 11, Entries 61**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Bill Estlund	Black-headed Gouldian hen	BCF-03 (93)
6	Patrice Ripple	Dilute Fawn Society	E 2537 (92)
5	C. & D. Wiegele	Cuban Olive Finch	
4	Patrice Ripple	Pr. Choc. & White Societies	E 2542 (92) E 1030 (93)
3	Bill Estlund	Diamond Sparrow	
2	Evon Von Ornum	Orange-headed Gouldian	BCF-230 (93)
1	C. & D. Wiegele	White Java Rice Bird	K 243 (88)

Fresno Canary & Finch Club, Madera, CA, October 30, 1993**Judge: Clayton Jones—Exhibitors 15, Entries 146**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
11	Claudia Salo	Red-headed Gouldian	
10	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Silverbill	
9	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Fawn Self Society	
8	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
7	Richard Pizzurro	Cordon Bleu Waxbill	
6	Richard Pizzurro	White-hooded Nun	
5	Bill Novickas	Pr. Cherry Finches	
4	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Light-backed Zebra Finch	
3	Bill Novickas	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	
2	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Pekin Robin	

Boston Society for Aviculture, Walpole, MA, October 30, 1993**Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau—Exhibitors 9, Entries 40**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Jan Thomas	Fawn & White Society Finch	
4	Marion Spazak	Indian Hill Mynah	
3	Luke Tidjani	European Goldfinch	
2	Jan Thomas	Fawn Shafttail	
1	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders, Livonia, MI, October 30, 1993**Judge: Tom Rood—Exhibitors 8, Entries 70**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Patrick Vance	Lavender-breasted Gouldian	
6	Patrick Vance	Cherry Finch	C 129 (93)
5	Patrick Vance	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	
4	Patrick Vance	Chocolate & White Society	E 266 (93)
3	Patrick Vance	Gold-breasted Waxbill	
2	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird	K 31 (93)
1	Mary Lou Tewilliger	Pied Zebra Finch	D 4857 (91)

Rochester Cage Bird Club, Rochester, NY, October 30, 1993**Judge: Harold Bowles—Exhibitors 10, Entries 55**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Barbara Whiteford	Diamond Sparrow	
5	Barbara Whiteford	White-hooded Nun	
4	Barbara Whiteford	Chocolate Self Society	
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Rainbow Bunting	
2	Deb Johnson	Spice Finch	
1	Barbara Whiteford	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	

Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club, Nashville, TN, October 30, 1993**Judge: Earl Courts—Exhibitors 8, Entries 28**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Roger Maxwell	White Zebra Finch	
2	Sarge & Eva Duffey	Cordon Bleu Waxbill	
1	Bill & Jackie Hite	Cordon Bleu Waxbill	

Central California Cage Bird Club, Turlock, CA, November 6, 1993**Judge: Hal Koontz—Exhibitors 6, Entries 75**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Katherine Provins	Red-headed Gouldian	
6	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Rock Bunting	
5	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
4	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Light-backed Zebra Finch	
3	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Cherry Finch	
2	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Diamond Sparrow	
1	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Tri-color Nun	

Exotic Bird Club of Florida, Palm Bay, FL, November 6, 1993**Judge: Laura Bewley—Exhibitors 13, Entries 82**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Steve Hoppin	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	C 913 (89)
7	Ellen Buchanan	Shafttail	
6	Phil Barth	Yellow-winged Pytilia	
5	Phil Barth	Bunting	
4	Steve Hoppin	Pin-tailed Nonpareil	D 3649 (91)
3	Runyon's	Indian Hill Mynah	
2	Ginny Allen	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
1	Dale Laird	Pagoda Mynah	

Georgia Cage Bird Show, Atlanta, GA, November 6, 1993

Judge: Harold Bowles—Exhibitors 2, Entries 31

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	John Dapas	Crimson Pileated Finch	
3	John Dapas	White-breasted Gouldian	
2	John Dapas	Aurora Finch	
1	John Dapas	Aurora Finch	

Greater Chicago Cage Bird, Rolling Meadows, IL, November 6, 1993

Judge: Clarence Culwell—Exhibitors 17, Entries 73

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Bob & Sue Rahe	Violet-eared Waxbill	
6	C. & D. Wiegele	White Java Rice Bird	K 243 (88)
5	Patrice Ripple	Chocolate & White Society	E 1011 (93)
4	C. & D. Wiegele	Black & White Mannikin	GC-250 (93)
3	C. & D. Wiegele	Cuban Olive Finch	GC 56 (92)
2	Valdis Grants	Bullfinch	
1	C. & D. Wiegele	Pied Java Rice Bird	K 236 (88)

Central Kentucky Cage Bird Society, Lexington, KY, November 6, 1993

Judge: Jon Hoffman—Exhibitors 5, Entries 35

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Bill Mullins	Red-headed Gouldian	
3	Marvin Yoder	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
2	Marvin Yoder	Rainbow Bunting	
1	Marvin Yoder	Brazilian Cardinal	

Rose City Exotic Bird Club, Hillsboro, OR, November 6, 1993

Judge: Clayton Jones—Exhibitors 12, Entries 50

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Susan Akins	Paradise Whydah	
5	Shirley Perkins	Gouldian	
4	Floyd Uertschi	Cuban Melodious Finch	
3	Renee & Jeff Lynch	Starling	
2	Susan Akins	Diamond Sparrow	
1	Pat Kahl	Bicheno (Owl) Finch	

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, Monroeville, PA, November 6, 1993**Judge: Conrad Meinert—Exhibitors 15, Entries 50**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
6	Woody's Bird Farm	Lilac-breasted Roller	
5	Kris Kroner	Indian Hill Mynah	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	BB-201-F (91)
3	Lyn Salnoris	Fawn ShalItail	
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-head Wh-breast Gould	D 2362 (92)
1	Woody's Bird Farm	Bunting	

Texas Bird Breeders Association, Killeen TX, November 6, 1993**Judge: Ray Johnson—Exhibitors 2, Entries 22**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	F. & S. Hudson	Red-eared Waxbill	
2	F. & S. Hudson	Masked Grassfinch	
1	F. & S. Hudson	Shafttail	

San Diego Bird Show, San Diego, CA, November 7, 1993**Judge: Joe Krader—Exhibitors 8, Entries 30**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Brian Maple	Normal ShalItail	
3	Richard Tylski	Paradise Whydah	
2	Bill Novickas	Pr. Fawn Zebra Finches	D 1298 (92) D 8524 (93)
1	Sally Huntington	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	

Golden Gate Avian Society, Tracy, CA, November 13, 1993**Judge: Brenda Geesey—Exhibitors 12, Entries 117**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Light-backed Zebra Finch	
8	Joe Borba	Red-headed Gouldian	
7	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Cherry Finch	
6	Richard Pizzurro	Pied Zebra Finch	
5	Richard Pizzurro	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
4	Richard Pizzurro	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
3	Cathy Knight	African Silverbill	
2	Richard Pizzurro	Parson Finch	
1	Cathy Knight	Pr. Cherry Finches	

Rocky Mountain Soc. of Aviculture, Denver, CO, November 13, 1993
Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld—Exhibitors 9, Entries 45

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Michelle Bethke	Albino Dove	
4	Julie Kern	Cordon Bleu Waxbill	
3	Teri McAuliffe	Star Finch	
2	Luis & Andria Garcia	Yellow-headed, white-breast yellow-bodied Gould	KK-73 (90)
1	Dave & Debbie Steele	Chocolate & White Society	E 5690 (92)

Mid-West Cage Bird Club, Canton, MI, November 13, 1993
Judge: Roddy Gabel Exhibitors 11, Entries 71

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird	K 58 (93)
6	Bob & Sue Rahe	Violet-eared Waxbill	
5	Patrick Vance	African Silverbill	
4	Patrick Vance	Chocolate & White Society	E 266 (93)
3	Patrick Vance	Chestnut-flank Wh. Zebra	
2	Karen Kanine	Zebra Finch	E 246 (89)
1	Patrick Vance	Aurora Finch	

Delaware Valley Bird Club, Ft. Washington Expo Ctr., November 13, 1993
Judge: Charles Anchor—Exhibitors 18, Entries 73

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal GrayJava Rice Bird	BB-201-F (91)
6	Richard Szlachta	Mongolian Desert Rose Finch	
5	Woody's Bird Farm	Red-headed Almadine	
4	Richard Szlachta	Chocolate & White Society	E 936 (92)
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	Parson Finch	C 197 (93)
2	Dasso Maharaj	Black Hooded Siskin	
1	Bob Vargo	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	D 14027 (93)

45th NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW, Houston, TX, November 19, 1993**Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau—Exhibitors 33, Entries 200**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
13	Frank & Sandy Hudson	Lilac-breasted Roller	
12	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Cherry Finch	C 2423 (92)
11	Gene & June Miller	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	E 87 (92)
10	Steve Hoppin	Black-crested Finch	E 2331 (92)
9	John Dapas	St. Helena Waxbill	
8	Dennis Burhans	Normal Shafttail	C 838 (90)
7	Jake Hoekstra	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	London-8 (93)
6	Clarence Culwell	Gaudy Barbet	
5	Frank & Sandy Hudson	Red-headed Gouldian	
4	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Self Society	

Santa Clara Vly. Canary & Exotic Bird Club, Santa Clara, CA, Nov. 27, 1993**Judge: Joe Krader—Exhibitors 6, Entries 78**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Dilute Zebra Finch	
6	Richard Pizzurro	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
5	Richard Pizzurro	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	
4	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
3	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Green Singing Finch	
2	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Fawn Self Society	
1	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Red-headed Gouldian	

New England Finch Fanciers, East Hartford, CT, November 27, 1993**Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau—Exhibitors 12, Entries 70**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Parson Finch	C 197 (93)
6	Chuck Galusha	Diamond Sparrow	E 1602 (93)
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird	
4	Tony Hollaner	Dumont's Mynah	SPBE-69-C-04
3	Chuck Galusha	Paradise Whydah	
2	Chester Kolodziejczyk	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
1	Pat & Mary Krichten	Aurora Finch	D 2059 (93)

Nat'l Institute of Red Orange Canaries, Elk Grove Village, IL, Nov. 27, 1993

Judge: Patrick Vance—Exhibitors 12, Entries 74

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	C. & D. Wiegele	White Java Rice Bird	K 243 (88)
6	Bob & Sue Rahe	Violet-cared Waxbill	
5	Patrice Ripple	Dilute Fawn Self Society	E 2537 (92)
4	Liana Lada	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	
3	C. & D. Wiegele	Fawn & White Society	GC-27 (93)
2	C. & D. Wiegele	Black & White Mannikin	GC-250 (93)
1	C. & D. Wiegele	Pied Java Rice Bird	K 236 (88)

Confederacion Ornitologica Nacional, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Dec. 3, 1993

Judge: Brenda Geesey

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
	Rafael Echevarra	Orange-headed Gouldian	
	Julio Mateo	Parson Finch	
	Richard Morales	Normal Shafttail	

Aviary Assoc. of Kern County, Bakersfield, CA, December 4, 1993

Judge: Joe Krader—Exhibitors 7, Entries 49

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Green Singing Finch	
4	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Shafttail	
3	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Diamond Sparrow	
2	Willis & Velva Baker	Normal Gray Zebra Finch	
1	Bill Novickas	Fawn Zebra Finch	D 8513 (?)

Editor's Note:

Congratulations to all the exhibitors and sponsoring club members who made this show season a special time for all!

Special thanks to all the show secretaries and judges who did a very fine job of preparing accurate and legible reports, which made our job a lot easier. But realize that there were many instances where band numbers were not provided or incomplete. Ultimately, a show

report can only be as good as the information provided on the show tags and entry forms, and the exhibitors must fill these out accurately for proper credit to be given.


I hope you enjoy reviewing the show season as much as I have!

Regards,

*Martha Wigmore
Editor, The NFS Bulletin*

Top Ten NFS Shows in 1993

- 1 - **National Caga Bird Show**, Houston, TX - **200 antrias**
Judge Dr. Al Decoteau
- 2 - **Canadian National Bird Show** (The Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society of Canada), Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada - **197 entries**
Judge Martha Wigmore
- 3 - **Aviary and Cage Bird Society of Florida**, Margate, FL - **183 entries**
Judge Tom Rood
- 4 - **Fresno Canary and Finch Club**, Madera, CA - **146 entries**
Judge Clayton Jones
- 5 - **Illini Bird Fanciers**, Shelbyville, IL - **126 entries**
Judge Charles Anchor
- 6 - **Golden Gate Avian Society**, Tracy, CA - **117 entries**
Judge Brenda Geesey
- 7 - **Sunshine State Cage Bird Society**, Orlando, FL - **116 entries**
Judge Cecil Gunby
- 8 - **Central California Cage Bird Society**, Sacramento, CA - **115 entries**
Judge Brian Manderich
- 9 - **Chaster County Bird Breedars**, King of Prussia, PA - **110 entries**
Judge Tom Rood
- 10 - **Greater Brandon Avien Society**, Tampa, FL - **108 entries**
Judge Ken Gunby



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1993 Individual Finch Records

*By Dr. Al Decoteau
Points Chairman*

1993 Champion NFS Bird

Normal Gray Java Rice Bird, BB-201-F (91) (NFS registered band)
Owned by Pat and Mary Krichten

Past Champion NFS Birds

Normal Gray Java Rice Bird, NFS K 245 (90)
Owned by Kris Kroner

Dilute Society Finch, NFS E 87 (89)
Owned by Tom Rood

Normal Gray Zebra Finch, NFS C 302 (87)
Owned by Tom Rood

Other birds with over twenty points:

Fawn Diamond Sparrow, NFS D 87 (92) - **44 points**
Owned by Gene and June Miller

Green Singer, NFS C 511 (91) - **30 points**
Owned by Pat and Virginia Patrick

Cordon Bleu, NFS B 268 (89) - **29 points**
Owned by Pat and Mary Krichten

Cherry Finch, NFS D 4948 (92) - **24 points**
Owned by Dennis Burhans

Red-headed Gouldian, NFS D 2312 (90) - **23 points**
Owned by Pat and Mary Krichten

Shafttail, NFS C 35 (92) - **20 Points**
Owned by Patrick Vance

Honorable Mention

Shafttail, NFS C 1552 (93) - **18 points** in just one season!
Owned by Ellen Buchanan

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NFS Meetings at the National Cage Bird Show - November 1993

*By Denise Capazzi
Recording Secretary*

The following topics were discussed at the NFS Board of Directors meeting held at the National Cage Bird Show, Houston, TX, November 18-21, 1993. Topics discussed at the NFS General Membership meeting were the same except as noted below.

Acting President's Welcome

Acting NFS President William Parlee announced that Brenda Geesey has resigned from her positions as President and Editor. He will be acting as President until a new President is elected in December.

Treasurer's Report by Miki Spartzak, Treasurer

A 1993 Financial Statement will be included in the Mar-Apr 1994 issue of the *NFS Bulletin*.

Band Sales by Denise Capazzi, Band Secretary

In 1993 34,600 bands were ordered, 29,350 bands sold, 375 orders were filled. The Board discussed the possibility of the Caribbean Region (Region 7) selling bands to their members. It was decided not to do this as it would result in too much confusion and double the paperwork.

Judges Panel by Dr. Al Decoteau, Panel Chairman

Patrick Vance has finished his apprenticeships and passed his test. The Board voted and accepted Patrick Vance as a new NFS judge.

Nominating Committee

The slate of nominees for the 1994-95 ballot at this time is:

President: Steven Hoppin

1st V.P.: Jon Hoffman

2nd V.P.: Martha Wigmore

3rd V.P.: Linda Oja

4th V.P.: Dr. Al Decoteau

Recording Secretary: Denise Capazzi

Corresponding Secretary: Lynda Bakula

Treasurer: Miki Spartzak

Region 1 V.P.: Kris Kroner

Region 2 V.P.: Dale Laird

Region 3 V.P.: Tom Rood

Region 4 V.P.: Gene Miller

Region 5 V.P.: Julie Kern

Region 6 V.P.: Cathy Knight

Region 7 V.P.: Dwight Smith

Current volunteers for the Appointed Officers are:

Liaison Officer: Russ Armitage, Jr.

Band Secretary: Denise Capazzi

Promotions Officer: open

Points Chairman: Dr. Al Decoteau

FINCHSHOP: Pat & Mary Krichten

Census Chairman: Tom Rood

Awards Director: Russ Armitage, Jr.

Advertising Manager: Miki Spartzak

Standards

The Cherry Finch standard was voted on and accepted as printed in the *NFS Bulletin*.

The Indian Hill Mynah standard will be worked on by

Miki Spartzak

- Kris Kroner
- and Cecil Gunby

New NFS Computer

Bill Parlee asked the Board to vote on the purchase of a new computer for the *NFS Bulletin* editor. This computer would go to whoever is *Bulletin* editor at the time. The Board voted on and approved this purchase.

At the NFS General Membership meeting all of the above items were presented; in addition the following were discussed:

Appreciation to Brenda Geesey

Bill Parlee introduced and thanked Brenda Geesey for all her hard work and many devoted hours as President and *Bulletin* editor.

He also introduced all the NFS

panel judges, NFS Board members and Regional V.P.'s present.

FINCHSAVE

Bill reported that FINCHSAVE is running the best ever and thanks Linda Oja for all her dedicated work.

Nominee for NFS President 1994-95

Steve Hoppin said a few words about his involvement over the years with NFS. He is pleased with the growth of NFS over the years. He is looking forward to running as President and invites everyone to become more active in the club.



Editor's note: Additional nominations were received and included on the 1994-95 ballot. They were Frank Hudson for Region 4 V.P. and Alfredo Bruguera for Region 7 V.P. See election results on page 6.

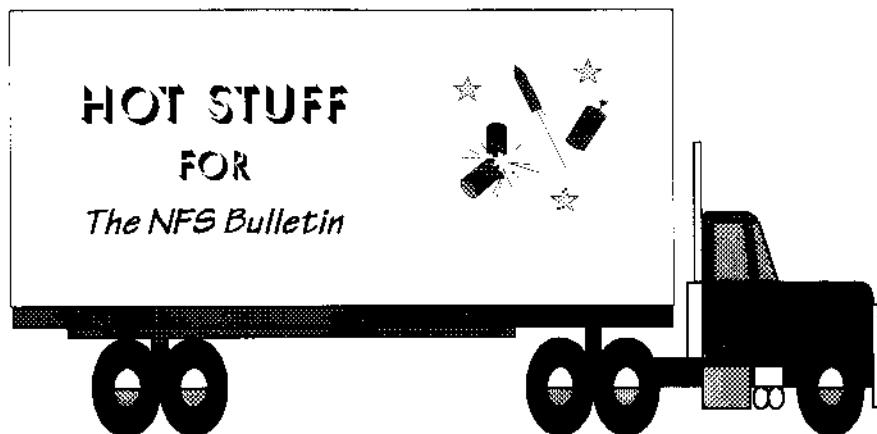
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Wanted: Pairs of: Red checked Cordon Bleus, Red-faced Parrot Finches, Green Singers, Fire Finches and Aurora Finches. Prefer proven pairs, but will accept any pairs. Michael Lamp (OH) (614) 749-3451 or (614) 423-5212. jf

For Sale: Gouldian - white-breasted, dilute, yellow, blue and splits, including extra liens!! Call for prices and availability. Roddy Gabel (MD) (301) 585-9647. jf

For Sale: Gouldian, Waxbills, Parrot Finches and Owls. All Domestically bred. Lainey Claflin and John Bikates (MA) (617) 891-4056 ma

Softbills For Sale: Producing pair of Sprees \$500; 3 chicks (2M, 1F) \$200 each. Blue and White Japanese Flycatchers (C. cyanomelana) \$250/pair. European Blackbirds \$125/pair. Les Gibson, 7036 N.E. Wygant, Portland, OR. (503) 284-3609. jf

For Sale or Trade: Gouldians, Red-headed Parrot Finches and Goldbreasted Waxbills. Bob Maddox (PA) (717) 632-7332. jf

FINCHSAVE Classifieds

FINCHSAVE classifieds run *FREE* of charge to FINCHSAVE participants.

BIRDS WANTED

Wanted: Blue-faced Parrot Finch hen, Pearly-headed Silverbills, Mary Cahow (WI) (715) 346-3487 (w) or (715) 344-6117. jf

Wanted: Need Queen Whydahs. Mark Sproule (Ontario, CAN) (416) 845-7215. jf

Wanted: Green Singer hens, Blue-capped hen, Tambourine Dove hen. Jodie Davis (VA) (703) 754-9643. jf

Wanted: Purple Greadiers, females or pairs. Want to buy, trade, talk to other breeders. Call Mary Gustafson (MD) (301) 497-1629 or Andrea Sedlak (MD) (301) 421-1682. jf

Wanted: Female St. Helena Waxbill. Andrea Sedlak (MD) (301) 421-1682. jf

Wanted: Male Dumont's Mynah for breeding. Will sell or trade 1992-93 banded Dumont's Mynahs. Tony Hollauer (CT) (203) 374-7052. jf

Wanted: Black-hooded Nuns for breeding stock. Kris Kroner (PA) (215) 628-4143. jf

Wanted: Pair or male Siberian Goldfinches, Black-checked Waxbills for FINCHSAVE. Linda Oja (VA) (804) 874-8581. jf

FOR SALE

For Sale: Breeding pairs of Violet-car Waxbills. Also have Fire Finches, Plum-head Finches, White Societies and one pair Green Singers. Carole Miller (Tampa, FL) (813) 971-1190 (after 6pm). mj

Classifieds, continued

Tri-color Nuns (4), special price to use these species in FINCHSAVE \$10 each. Linda Oja (VA) (804) 874-8581. If you have birds to donate or sell for special price for FINCHSAVE participation please let me know. jf

1 Male, 2 Female Paradise Whydahs. \$100 for all. Craig Friberg (VA) (703) 582-3251. jf

Five-colored Mannikins, domestic bred. Mark Sproule (Ontario, CAN) (416) 845-7215. jf

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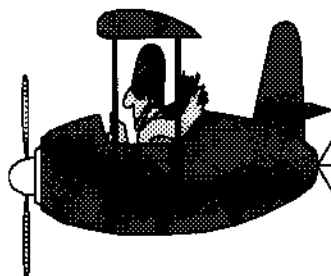
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THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

1994 AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

There are only two requirements that your club will have to meet:

✓ Select a delegate to represent your club in dealing with NFS. That delegate **must be an individual member of NFS** who is willing to keep in touch with the NFS Affiliation Director and supply information on your show date, delegate's correct address, etc.. The delegate will be sent your club's copy of the bi-monthly *NFS Bulletin* and the awards you have selected.

✓ Send the appropriate fee (determined by the awards you select below) and this form by **May 31, 1994** to:

Russell A. Armitage, Jr.
NFS Affiliation Director
(203) 756-1753

28 Piping Rock Drive
Waterbury, CT 06706

CLUB NAME _____

DELEGATE FOR 1994 _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

DELEGATE'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DELEGATE'S PHONE _____ TOTAL FEE \$ _____

CHECK EACH AWARD YOUR CLUB WANTS IN 1994:

Total \$\$ of all awards requested. This is your club's affiliation fee.

"Service/Breeder Award" plaque - \$25.00

This is designed for clubs that do not have shows. Your benefits include all the educational publications of the society. Also, in October of your affiliation year, you will receive a beautiful 7" x 9" plaque for your club. This plaque can be a service or breeder award for one of your members (who need *not* be an NFS member). Requests for the wording on the plaque must be received by NFS no later than **June 30, 1994**.

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A 6" x 8" plaque that is given to the Second Best Finch or Softbill in Division.

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A 6" x 8" plaque that is given to the Best Softbill in Division.

"Rosettes" - \$25.00

10 long streamer rosettes for the ten best Finches or Softbills in Division, plus 3 rosettes for the three best Unflighted in Division.

THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The National Finch and Softbill Society is dedicated to the preservation of all finch and softbill species.

- NFS Bulletin*** Our bi-monthly *Bulletin* connects you with other finch and softbill keepers around the country. It includes articles on diet, breeding, management and the experiences of other aviculturists. NFS keeps you abreast of the news on legislation.
- FINCHSAVE*** The goal of *FINCHSAVE* is to establish and maintain all finch and softbill species in American aviculture. All members are encouraged to enhance the propagation of finches and softbills.
- Census*** The annual NFS Census can connect you with other breeders for the purpose of exchanging information or breeding stock.
- Leg Bands*** NFS offers, to members, closed traceable leg bands.
- Affiliations*** Your club can affiliate and receive plaques and rosettes as show awards. Non show clubs, too, can affiliate and receive service awards for members. Speakers are available, with slide programs that feature finches and softbills.
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- Standards*** At the end of 1993 NFS had exhibition standards for eleven species and several more in the works, including the first standards for softbill species.
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- FINCHSHOP*** The sales division of NFS offers various items for sale to members. The profits are used to support the Society's other programs.

Join with us...Send in your application...Today!



THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

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MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Ms. Lynda Bakula*
NFS Membership Services
3421 Meadow Ct.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

* Watch for Lynda's new address in Spring 1994.

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Lynda Bakula
NFS Corresponding Secretary
3421 Meadow Ct.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Club delegates should also send
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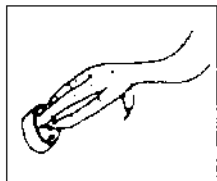
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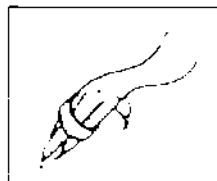
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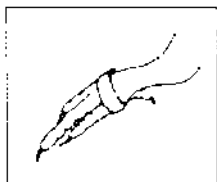
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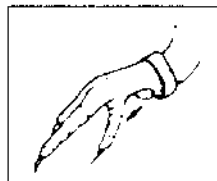
The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come together) and the size of the band.



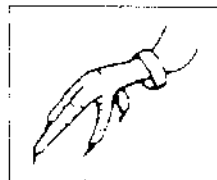
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



The band is generally placed on the bird's right leg. Banding just before the parents go to roost in the evening will prevent them from picking at the band. By the next morning they will have forgotten about it.



Hold the chick firmly but in such a way as to not cut off its breathing and so that you don't harm it. Remember, their bodies cannot tolerate compression. Put a little bit of lubricant on the chick's foot and slide the band over the three front toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be gently pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The band now should be in the proper location between the ankle and the elbow joints.



Check on the chick the next few days to be sure that the band has not slipped off and that there are no scrapes or irritations on the foot or leg.

THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

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THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

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Red-eared Waxbill
Strawberry Finch

size "B"

Black-checked Waxbill
Cordon Bleu Waxbill
Cuban Melodious Finch
Fire Finch
Lavender Finch
Olive Finch
Rufous-backed Mannikin

size "C"

Black and White Mannikin
Blue-capped Waxbill
Bronze-winged Mannikin
Cherry Finch
Green Singing Finch
Grey Singing Finch
Heck's Shafftail
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Silverbills
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size "D"

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most other Parrot finches
Chestnut-breasted Finch
Gouldian Finch
Pictorella Finch
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Zebra Finch

more size "D"

most smaller Mannikins
most Twinspots

size "E"

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Golden Song Sparrow
Nuns
Peter's Twinspot
Siskins
Society Finch
Spice Finch

size "G"

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Magpie Mannikin
other large Mannikins
small Tanagers

size "J"

Pekin Robin
Silver-eared Mesia
other small softbills

size "K"

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Red-crested Cardinal
Saffron
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size "L"

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other small doves
Quail
other softbills

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the National Finch and Softbill Society store

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