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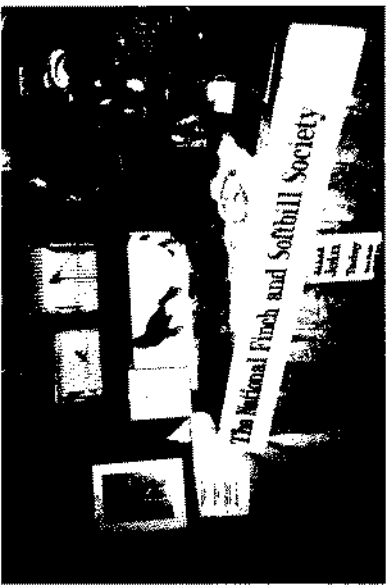


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In This Issue:

The kickoff issue for 1999 contains something for everyone. Section I as usual relates to Society news. PLEASE make sure to read the Regional Roundup section of this issue; a membership renewal increase, a handling fee for band orders, an introduction to our new Liaison Officer and Region 5 Vice President, are just to make a few. There are many changes that affect each and every one of us so stay informed by reading the news within. The election ballot for the Membership Director position is also contained inside. You the members are the voice of the society. Please take the time to vote.

The 1998 NFSS Show Season in Review begins on Page 12. Rather than spread out the show season in two issues of the Bulletin I chose to include the entire season in this issue. The center pullout is the new 1999 NFSS show report. Information on how to use this form successfully is written by our Judge's Panel Chairman, Steve Hoppin, and is conveniently located on the backside of the form.

Our treasurer and NFSS Panel Judge, Martha Wigmore provides a very detailed review of the 1998 Midwest Zebra and Society Finch show entitled "A Big Welcome for a Friend in the Fancy". There are many photographs of the birds and the individuals who bred those birds inside.

Our Region 1 Vice President Kris Kroner shares an important aspect of birdkeeping. In keeping with the time of the year "'Tis the Season...for Throwaway Pets" is being printed at this most appropriate time.

The Letter to the Editor this issue focuses on our world as a whole due to the tremendously devastating weather we have all experienced in 1998. The homelessness of the birds in particular how each and every one of us can contribute to assisting our feathered friends is the main focus.

"Don't Pass on the Pekins," written by our fellow member Kara Blalock introduces us to the joys of keeping and working with the Pekin Robin. Her humor is uplifting and well worth reading.

For your Australian Grassfinch fans, "The Masked Grassfinch" written by fellow member Harry Bryant should be of interest to those of you keeping or thinking about inquiring this delightful bird.

"Eggfood for Workin' Folks" written by fellow member and licensed dietitian Gail Raitschuck will solve a lot of problems for working hobbyists in preparing eggfoods that are not subject to spoiling while you are at work all day.

And, more for you softbill fanciers is included in Kateri Davis' article entitled "Mousebirds: Something Different". We are introduced to a little bird that many of us might not have heard of before.

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From the Editor's Desk

First and more importantly I want to apologize for the grammatical errors found in the last issue of the NFSS Bulletin. More specifically, the black cheeked waxbill article written by Steve Hopman. I have written a letter privately to Steve offering my apologies. To any member who took offense to the errors, I offer my sincerest apologies. On another note, for those of you that are newer to NFSS the official logo of the National Finch and Softbill Society was published on the cover of the Nov/Dec issue. The logo was created by Rose Gianferro of Bonita Springs, Florida.

Folks, in the next few months my family and myself will be embarking on a new adventure. My husband has accepted a new position in Toronto, Canada and in the next few months we will be locating to the Toronto area. The last week has been spent with the NFSS Board trying to find a solution to the logistical problem that my pending move poses.

We are going to attempt to use a mailing service to handle the mail out of the NFSS Bulletin. I have conveyed my ability to produce the Bulletin from any location and work with the printer electronically, and through regular mail. We will begin the use of the mailing service with this Bulletin while I am still located in Birmingham and able to oversee the process.

We are hoping that the mailing service works out for the alternative will be to locate a replacement Editor due to my inability to mail the Bulletin out bulk mail from Canada. Should you have any problems receiving your Bulletin, please do not hesitate to let us know. It will be the best way for the Board to know if the mailing service is a viable solution.

Since we are on the subject of mailing, the issue of change of address needs to be discussed. The NFSS incurs the cost of 50 cents per Bulletin forward for those members that do not provide us with their new address. We will no longer be providing that service. It is the responsibility of each member to notify NFSS of your new address. To ensure receipt of your bulletin, please take the time to fill out the change of address form provided in the NFSS Bulletin.

Working on this issue of the Bulletin has kept me sane. With the pending issues of importation of my existing flock and four legged family members, the upheaval of my four year old son who knows Alabama as his only home and the multitude of closets and drawers that need to be sorted through, I have wholeheartedly welcomed this diversion. And, I am certain it won't be long before you all can hear the blood curdling screams of our Website Manager Marc Riva, when he discovers what a pest I can be living in such close proximity.

Kerri

NFSS ELECTION BALLOT

Membership Director – Term January 1999-December 1999

Candidate Bios:

Eileen Laird
Goldenrod, FL

Eileen has been serving as the Membership Director Pro Tem since August 1998. She has processed over 297 memberships and mailed out 340 renewal notices. Her goal as Membership Director is to ensure all new and renewal applications are taken care of weekly. She continues to appear at bird related events around the Southeast and National Shows promoting NFSS, setting up display and information tables. Eileen will serve NFSS well in the position of Membership Director in the months to come.

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR VOTE FOR NFSS MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTOR BELOW:**

_____ Eileen Laird
_____ Write In _____

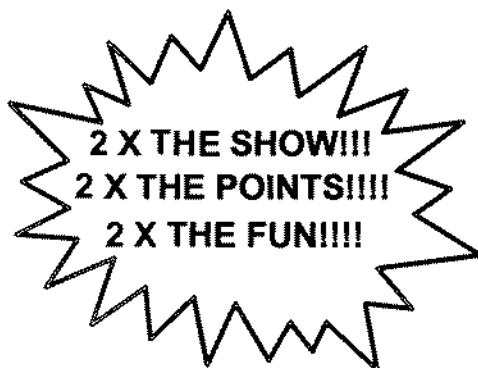
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Regional Roundup

Notes from the Band Secretary

By Eileen Laird

I am busy with mailing the 1999 bands to our members who are banding their baby birds. We did have to eliminate the largest size band "U" from our inventory. There were few orders for it. All the other sizes sold well in '98 and I am looking forward to record-breaking numbers in '99. We did find it necessary to add a \$1.00 handling fee to the band orders starting 1 March '99. As most of you know the cost of postage and supplies just keeps going up. If you order before 1 March you can save the handling fee. All orders after that date need to include the handling fee.

Notes from the Membership Director (Pro Tem)

By Eileen Laird

New membership is on the rise and renewals have increased as well. I have started mailing out renewal notices to members who are over a month late, but this costs the society the cost of printing the forms and mailing it. Please notice the top of your mailing label. The expiration date is there. With the cost of printing and mailing on the rise it has become necessary to raise the cost of membership. Starting March 1st the cost will rise by \$5.00 for all members.

Meet our New Liaison Officer

The NFSS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of Dianna Ruby to the Liaison Director position to fill the un-expired term of Ginny Allen who will remain as Awards Manager. Dianna is an experienced aviculturist who has worked with hundreds of species of birds in Midwest zoos, Disney World, and SeaWorld. In addition, she has worked for veterinarians and was Manager of the Howard Air Force Base Veterinary Hospital in R.P. Panama. She has held membership and is a former Central Florida Chapter officer of the American Association of ZooKeepers. Dianna has also attended and completed the American Zoo and Aquarium School of Professional Development management course. She has personally bred many different species of finches and has been an active exhibitor as well. Dianna currently resides in Pennsylvania and is looking forward to working with the delegates and affiliated clubs in the Liaison position.

1998 Annual Report from the Liaison Officer **By Ginny Allen**

There were 73 NFSS affiliated clubs and 6 International Correspondents in 1998. Affiliated clubs are given all the rights and privileges of NFSS members which include receiving all publications, casting one vote as a club, and using the NFSS logo on their plaques and rosettes. Due to the increase in postal rates, basic affiliation fees must be increased from \$20 to \$25 for 1999.

Dianna Rubly will assume the position of Liaison Director and can be reached at (717) 774-3354 or by email at FinchNut@aol.com. Letters have been sent to all clubs who have been affiliated with NFSS in the past few years. If your organization has not received one, please contact Dianna. Clubs must select current NFSS members to serve as delegates. New clubs are always welcome!

1998 Annual Report from the Awards Manager **By Ginny Allen**

NFSS Affiliated clubs hosted 59 shows or events. A total of 96 plaques and 45 sets of rosettes were sent to these clubs to use as awards.

The price remains the same for awards in 1999. However, we have added a special rosette. The NFSS Board voted to make available a rosette for Novice. It is up to each affiliated club to set the standards for this award.

Once the Liaison Director receives and processes the affiliation papers, including verifying the current membership status of the delegate, she will notify the Awards Manager who will then send an order form for awards. Please allow at least two months for this process.

Should there be any questions regarding awards, please contact Ginny Allen at (334) 749-7168 or by email at gndallen@earthlink.net.

FinchSave and Classified Advertising Update **By Daniel Almaguer and Kerri McCoy**

A benefit of being a participant of the FinchSave program affords members the ability to advertise in the NFSS Bulletin and on the NFSS Website at no cost. FinchSave participants are considered those individuals who have completed their FinchSave package materials and returned them to the FinchSave Director, Daniel Almaguer. Effective March 1, 1999 any members, who wish to use the NFSS FinchSave free classified advertising, *MUST* have their paperwork filled out and turned in to the FinchSave Director to qualify. In other words, requesting FinchSave materials does not qualify you as a member of the FinchSave program. All paperwork must be filled out and returned.

Below is a list of all current registered FinchSave participants:

Ginny Allen-AL, Daniel Almaguer-FL, Kara Blalock, Felipe Bonilla Jr.-FL, Dylan Burge-CA, Roy G. Chang-CO, Marion Chester-PA, Richard & Rose Dickman-MO, James Felix-PA, Scott Golden-CA, Clara Gontero-TN, Vince Guerro-FL, Steve Heller-NY, Carol Heesen-CA, Steve Hopman-IL, Sally Huntington-CA, Rolando Hurtado-FL, Joel Jose-CO, Gail K. Kaitschuck-GA, Dale & Eilleen Laird-FL, Sergio Marrero-WI, Valeric McCall-TX, Kerri McCoy-AL, Karen Meyers-IL, Barbara Morgan-LA, Barrett Pierce-TX, Catherine A Reynolds-MI, Peter Rindom-Denmark, Salvatore Sciangula-NY, Jerry Scoggin-GA, Khanh B. Tran-OR, and Lisa Young-NE. If you have sent in the FinchSave Applications and are not listed, please contact me ASAP.

I would appreciate any late FinchSave Applications, only 32 of 142 FinchSave Applications were sent back in the self addressed envelopes? All NFSS members with FinchSave packets please mail the yellow self addressed postcard with either ACTIVE OR INACTIVE status ASAP. I have given all of you the ability to participate in the NFSS FinchSave Program with self-addressed envelopes, self-addressed postcards, FinchSave applications, easy graphs for checking and writing for the time conscience individuals? PLEASE take the time to fill them out, I have really tried to make FinchSave work and only you can make a difference! I would like to thank the FinchSave participants whom sent the FinchSave Applications back and hope to see the others soon. FinchSave needs your participation in order to survive for 1999...

Note from the Editor - Bulk Mail versus First Class Mail **By Kerri McCoy**

I have received a number of complaints from members regarding the delay in receiving their NFSS Bulletins. As Editor I have no control over the amount of time it takes for bulk mail to reach its destination. Those individuals who find that their Bulletin takes a considerable amount of time to reach them should consider upgrading their membership to first class. All privileges remain the same however the Bulletin is sent first class ensuring your receipt of it within a couple days of mailing. The additional charge of upgrading to a first class membership is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the mailing.

Note to the Membership

By: Martha Wigmore

Martha Wigmore, winner with a hen Chestnut Flanked White Zebra Finch of the Kellogg Trophy for Best Finch/Softbill at the 1998 National Cage Bird Show just can't let any time pass before sending on these words of thanks to the NFSS membership:

Three different Zebra Finch offspring from a pairing of birds from outstanding Zebra breeders Bob Vargo of Mountainside, NJ and Tom Rood of Shelbyville, IL went on to take Best Finch/Softbill in Show honors at three of the largest NFSS shows this past season; the Badger Canary Fanciers (Milwaukee, WI), with 83 entries, the Illini Bird Fanciers (Shelbyville, IL) with 126 entries, and the National Cage Bird Show (Chicago, IL) with 225 entries. For the ever enjoyable and very tangible inspiration received from that beloved group of bird-brains we call the Mid-West Zebra and Society Finch Club, and most especially for the breathtaking beauty of the touch of heaven found in her birdroom this past year, Martha is inexpressibly grateful.

Welcome our new Region 5 Vice President

By Dale Laird

I am proud to announce Jim Norman has been appointed by the NFSS Board for a pro tem six-month position as Regional Vice President of Region 5. Jim lives in Denver, Colorado and has been breeding a variety of finches since the late '1980's. He has also been a member of NFSS for more than six years. Congratulations to Jim and we all look forward to working with him in the future.

Bird Brains are busy during sleep - probably with dreams of singing

Do birds dream and, if so, what do they dream about? The answers are yes and probably about singing, a University of Chicago study in the journal *Science* reports. Researchers say their findings add to evidence that dreaming helps animals, including humans, "rehearse" things they have learned to do in the day and helps them perform better the next day. The discovery came when scientists studying zebra finches noticed that when the birds were asleep, their brains showed a burst of activity in the area known to be involved in singing.

*The attached appeared in the scientific section of the Orlando Sentinel
1/10/99*

THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY 1998 SHOW SEASON

NFSS Top Ten Shows of 1998

Date	Show	Judge	Entries
11/20/98	National Cage Bird Show - Chicago, IL	Clarence Culwell	225
6/6/98	Illini Bird Fanciers - Shelbyville, IL	Clarence Culwell	126
11/7/98	Cage Bird Society of Hamilton - Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada	Steve Hoppin	124
4/19/98	Organization Puertorriquena de Aves Exoticas - Quebrillidos, PR	Jacky Civitarese	112
10/25/98	Text Bird Breeders (Day 2) - Temple, TX	Cecil Gunby	100
2/14/98	Florida State Fair - Tampa, FL	Paul Williams	95
10/24/98	Texas Bird Breeders (Day 1) - Temple, TX	Steve Hoppin	94
12/5/98	Organization Puertorriquena de Aves Exoticas - Guaynabo, PR	Miki Spartzak	91
11/7/98	Missouri Cage Bird Assoc. - Eureka, MS	Miki Spartzak	89
10/10/98	Indiana Bird Fanciers - Ft. Wayne, IN	Patrick Vance	86

1998 NFSS Exhibitor Champions

Exhibitor	Points
McBrayer, Harold & Margie	178 points
Hoppin, Steve	99 points
Dandre, Darla	72 points
Rood, Tom	52 points
Vance, Patrick	51 points
Laird, Dale & Eileen	50 points

In 1998 there were no Exhibitor of Excellence or Bird Champion achievers. Effective 12/31/99 there will be several NFSS exhibitors nearing achievement of Exhibitor of Excellence (accumulation of 200 points or more) and several birds nearing championship (accumulation of 50 points or more). NFSS wishes them the best of luck in the coming show season and hopes to publish their names as Champions in the 1999 show results.

1998 Individual Bird Reports

Bird Species	Owner	Band #	Points
Black Crested Finch	Hoppin, Steve	E2331-92	44
Fire Finch	Hoppin, Steve	B458-96	37
Yellow-rumped Diamond Sparrow	Miller, Gene and June	E25-95	30
Normal Gray Zebra Cock	Rood, Tom	D1621-94	27
Orange-breasted Normal Gray Zebra Cock	Huntington, Sally	D6248-95	25
Parson Finch	Strause, Donald	D1640-95	22
CFW Zebra Cock	Vargo, Bob	D11350-95	22
Normal Gray Zebra Hen	Rood, Tom	D386-96	20
Red-headed Gouldian	Huntington, Sally	D12128-95	20
CFW Zebra	Huntington, Sally	D13383-96	20

National Finch and Softbill Society
Honor Roll of Recipients of the
Exhibitor of Excellence Award
through 1998 show season

Cecil Gunby	1987
Hal Koontz	1987
Brenda Geesey	1988
Marty von Raesfeld	1988
Steve Hoppin	1989
Brian Mandarich	1989
Gene and June Miller	1989
Kris Kroner	1990
Richard Lujan	1990
Tom Rood	1990
Marvin Yoder	1990
John Dapas	1991
Mary and Steve Payne	1991
Pat and Mary Krichten	1992
Alvin and Dixie Lea	1992
Patrick Vance	1992
Dennis Burhans	1994
Frank and Sandy Hudson	1995
Dale and Eileen Laird	1995
Rick Szlachta	1995
Chris Voronovich	1995
Jerri Wiesenfeld	1996
Sally Huntington	1997
Harold and Margie McBrayer	1997

National Finch and Softbill Society
Honor Roll Champlon Birds
from 1984 to 1998

Year	Specie	Owner	Band #	Points
1991	Normal Java Rice Bird	Kris Kroner	K-245-'90	82
1991	Dilute Society Finch	Tom Rood	E-87-'89	56
1991	Normal Zebra Finch	Tom Rood	C-30-'87	52
1994	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	Gene & June Miller	D-87-'92	61
1995	Yellow-rumped Diamond Sparrow	Gene & June Miller	E-112-'94	67
1995	Normal Shaftail	Ellen Buchanan	C-1552-'93	52
1996	European Starling	Jacky Civitarese	SPBE-BRA15-'93	52
1996	Persa Touraco	Dale & Eileen Laird	DJL37-'93	57
1996	Normal Java Rice Bird	Dale & Eileen Laird	K-493-'94	57
1996	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird	Patrick Vance	K-58-'93	56
1997	Orange-headed Gouldian	Carolyn Belisle	D-8162-'96	52

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Entries	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
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
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Exhibiting NFSS members and the birds they have exhibited automatically receive points at a show where an NFSS judge is judging. These points are determined by the number of birds shown in a division. All points are awarded in accordance with the schedule provided above and are not official until the official show report is received and the points are recorded by the NFSS Judge's Panel Chairman.

Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show (Day 1), Tampa FL, 2/14/98

Judge: Paul Williams, Apprentice Judge: Sally Huntington — 19 Exhibitors, 95 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Trincado, Nora & Ricardo	Red Legged Honey Creeper	
2	Hoppin, Stephen	St. Helena Waxbill	A698-96
3	Wiesenfeld, Jerri	White Hooded Nun	
4	Hoppin, Stephen	Fire Finch	B460-96
5	Wiesenfeld, Jerri	Java Rice Bird	K684-95
6	Johnson, Ray	Rothschild Myna	
7	Gunby, Cecil	Owl Finch	
8	Hoppin, Stephen	Parson	
9	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Pearl Headed Amadine	
10	Keenan, Bobbi	Owl Finch Pair	

Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show (Day 2), Tampa FL, 2/15/98
Judge: Hal Koontz—12 Exhibitors, 75 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Pearl Headed Amadine	
2	Hoppin, Stephen	Black Crested Finch	E2331-92
3	Hoppin, Stephen	Black Headed Siskin	
4	Gunby, Cecil	Bearded Reedling	
5	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Chestnut Flank White Zebra	D12139-97
6	Hoppin, Stephen	Orange Cheek Waxbill	A684-96
7	Wiesenfeld, Jerri	Java Rice Bird	K684-95
8	Johnson, Joy	Java Rice Bird	
9	Gunby, Cecil	Owl Finch	
10	Laird, Dale & Eileen	White Eye Zosterop	

Heartland Avian Society, Sebring, FL, 2/22/98
Judge: Armando Lee —6 Exhibitors, 40 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Laird, Dale & Eileen	White Eye Zosterop	
2	Hoppin, Stephen	Parson Finch	
3	Hoppin, Stephen	Fire Finch	B458-96
4	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Pearl Headed Amadine	
5	Bonilla, F	Dilute Fawn Society	
6	Keenan, Bobbi	Owl Finch	
7	Hoppin, Stephen	St Helena Waxbill	A698-96
8	Hoppin, Stephen	Black Headed Siskin	
9	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Chestnut Flanked White Zebra	D12136-97
		Red Headed White Breasted	
10	Hoppin, Stephen	Gouldian	

America's Family Pet Expo, Pomona, CA, 4/18/98
Judge: Harold Bowles - 3 Exhibitors, 42 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Huntington, S	Lightback Zebra	D2668-98
2	Huntington, S	Pintailed Nonparcil	
3	Huntington, S	Silver Zebra	D674-97
4	Payne, S	Fawn Shaftail	
5	Payne, S	White Hooded Nun	C1608-96
6	Payne, S	Diamond Firetail	
7	Payne, S	Zebra	D3213-97
8	Huntington, S	Pekin Robin	J8-97
9	Huntington, S	Blue Naped Mousebird	K52-97
10	Huntington, S	Silver Zebra	D3891-96

Organizacion Puertorriquena de Aves Exoticas, Quebrilladas, PR, 4/19/98
Judge: Jacky Civitarese - 15 Exhibitors, 112 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Fernandez, R	Owl Finch	
2	Brugueras, A	Zebra Finch	D112486-96
3	Brugueras, A	Shaftail	C964-97
4	Vasquez, L	Crested Society	
5	Vasquez, L	Orange Cheeked Waxbill	
6	Fernandez, R	Gouldian	
7	Fernandez, R	St. Helena	
8	Brugueras, A	Cutthroat	
9	Vasquez, L	Java Rice Bird	
10	Malugin, C	Troupial	

Illini Bird Fanciers, Shelbyville, IL., 6/6/98
Judge: Clarence Culwell - 19 Exhibitors, 126 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Wigmore, M	Chestnut Flanked White Zebra	
2	Dandre, D	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
3	Burbans, D	Shaftail	
4	Rood, T	Black & White Seedeater	
5	Burbans, D	Dilute Society	E197-98
6	Burbans, D	Chestnut Breasted Mannikin	
7	Wigmore, M	Isabel Zebra	
8	Burbans, D	Fawn & White Society Pair	
9	Holtzinger, L	Green Singer	
10	Wigmore, M	Zebra	

HOAHFS, Grandview, MO, 6/13/98
Judge: Miki Spartzak - 5 Exhibitors, 43 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Haas, N	Pied Ringneck Dove	IPB XF182-95
2	Haas, N	Dilute Fawn Society	E632-98
3	Haas, N	Zebra	D10457-97
4	Courts, Earl & Shirley	Cinnamon Breasted Bunting	
5	Haas, N	Fawn & White Society	E881-97
6	Haas, N	Pied Zebra	D4829-97
7	Turtle Creek Aviary	Zebra	D2132-97
8	Turtle Creek Aviary	Silver Lightback Zebra	D2949-98
9	Moses Linn	African Silverbill Pair	
10	Turtle Creek Aviary	Orange Headed Gouldian	

Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, 6/29/98
Judge: Miki Spartzak, 9 Exhibitors, 62 Entries

1	Torrellas, V	Orange Check waxbill	
2	Vasquez, L	White Java Rice Bird	
3	Fernandez, R	Green Singer	
4	Brugueras, A	Chestnut Flanked White Zebra	D12486-96
5	Torrellas, V	Crested Society	E1058-97
6	Fernandez, R	Black Cheek Zebra	E100-97
7	Vasquez, L	Cuban Melodious	
8	Brugueras, A	Cutthroat	
9	Perez, A	Orange Headed Gould	
10	Vasquez, L	Spice Finch	

Aviary and Cage Bird Society of S. Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 8/22/98
Judge: Armando Lee - 16 Exhibitors, 81 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Red-eared Waxbill	
2	Eichner, Chris	Red-headed Normal Gouldian	
3	Hoppin, Steve	Parsons	
4	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Pearl-headed Amadine	
5	Trincado, Robert & Nora	Blue Bodied Gouldian	D3325-97
6	Wezkiewicz, Robert	Persa Touraco	
7	DeBusk, Susan	Lightback Zebra	D8588-98
8	Hoppin, Steve	Firefinch pair	B460-96/B457-96
9	Floyd, John	White Java Rice Bird	
10	Hoppin, Steve	Bamboo parrot Finch	

Organization Puerto Rican de Aves Exoticas, Caguas, PR, 8/23/98
Judge: Daren Decoteau - 9 Exhibitors, 63 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Brugueras, Alfredo	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Vasquez, Luis	Java Rice Bird	
3	Fernandez, Ramo	Cherry Finch	
4	Brugueras, Alfredo	Zebra	98-5219
5	Fernandez, Ramo	Star Finch pair	
6	Fernandez, Ramo	Dybowski Twinspot	
7	Vasquez, Luis	Chocolate Crested Society	
8	Vasquez, Luis	Orange Checkd Waxbill	
9	Brugueras, Alfredo	Chestnut Flanked White Zebra	98-0-5225
10	Santiago, Angel	Chestnut Flanked White Zebra	

Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Montgomery, AL, 9/5/98
 Judge: Harold Bowles - 7 Exhibitors, 45 Entries

1	McCoy, Kerri	Parsons	
2	Allen, Ginny	Fawn Shaftail	C2904-97
3	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Red Crested Touraco	Ti-97
4	Laird, Dale & Eileen	CFW Zebra	D12139-97
5	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Pearl Headed Amadine	
6	McCoy, Kerri	Pr Owl Finches	A2533-96 & n/a
7	McCoy, Kerri	Fawn Zebra	D13704-96
8	Allen, Ginny	Choc Seif Society	1275-97
9	Allen, Ginny	Red Face Star	C2378-95
10	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Silverbill	C3527-94

Bay Area Cage Bird Club, Galveston, TX, 9/6/98
 Judge: Miki Spartzak - 2 Exhibitors, 22 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	McBrayer, H & M	Paradise Wydah	
2	McBrayer, H & M	WB Gouldian	
3	McBrayer, H & M	Crested Society	
4	McBrayer, H & M	Owl Finch	
5	McBrayer, H & M	Shaftail	
6	McBrayer, H & M	Spice Finch	
7	McBrayer, H & M	Parsons	
8	McBrayer, H & M	Diamond Sparrow	
9	McBrayer, H & M	Zebra	
10	McBrayer, H & M	Clorina	

Greater Brandon Avian Society, Tampa, FL, 9/12/98
 Judge: Tom Rood - 13 Exhibitors, 76 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Johnson, Joy	White Java Rice Bird	
2	Hoppin, Steve	Fire Finch	B458-96
3	Hoppin, Steve	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
4	Hoppin, Steve	Parsons	
5	Hoppin, Steve	Black Capped Waxbill	
6	Lee, Amando	Shaftail	
7	Hoppin, Steve	Black Crested Finch	E2331-92
8	Lee, Amando	Parsons	
9	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Red Crested Touraco	
10	Laird, Dale & Eileen	CFW Zebra	

Midwest Cage Bird Club, Westland, MI, 9/12/98
Judge: Paul Williams - 7 Exhibitors, 51 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Meyer, Jackie	Lightback Zebra	
2	Vance, Patrick	Cinnamon Cherry	
3	Vance, Patrick	Bicheno	
4	Vance, Patrick	CFW Zebra - cock	D3875-95
5	Meyer, Jackie	Fawn Zebra	D2151-97
6	Terwilliger, MaryLou	Shaftail	C455-96
7	Terwilliger, MaryLou	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird	K191-98
8	Howard, Annette & Tim	Pr Fire Finches	
9	Vance, Patrick	Pearl headed Amadine	
10	Vance, Patrick	Crested Society	E4571-95

Toledo Bird Association, Toledo, OH, 9/19/98
Judge: Tom Rood - 7 Exhibitors, 65 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Endsley, Larry & Bea	Blue Faced Parrot Finch	D8362-98
2	Endsley, Larry & Bea	Owl, Black-rumped	A1091-98
3	Vance, Patrick	Pearl-headed Amadine	
4	Dandre, Darla	Mynah	
5	Bassiouni, Hisham	Siver Gouldian	BA199-97
6	Rosshirt, James	Pr. Black Cheeked Zebras	
7	Dandre, Darla	Glossy Starling	
8	Vance, Patrick	CFW Zebra - hen	
9	Dandre, Darla	White Java Rice Bird	
10	Dandre, Darla	Ringneck Dove	

Avicultural Society of Pug. Sound, Seattle, WA, 9/19/98
Judge: Conrad Meinert - 4 Exhibitors, 23 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Evans, Rose	BH Gouldian	
2	Recheygl, Gordon	Green Singer	
3	Silverstein, Faye	Java Rice Bird	
4	Evans, Rose	Blue Gouldian	
5	Silverstein, Faye	Shaftail	
6	Silverstein, Faye	Peter Twin Spot	
7	Howard, Annette	Pr Stars	
8	Silverstein, Faye	Tangerine Ringneck Dove	
9	Recheygl, Gordon	RH Yellow Gouldian	
10	Silverstein, Faye	Pearl Headed Amadine	

New Mexico Bird Club, Albuquerque, NM, 9/26/98
 Judge: Al Decoteau - 4 Exhibitors, 15 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Galusha, Chuck	Shaftail	D8865-96
2	Galusha, Chuck	WB Gouldian	D8334-95
3	Galusha, Chuck	Fawn Shaftail	C494-92
4	Ranshaw, Gail	Cordon Bleu	1998-95
5	Galusha, Chuck	Blue Capped Waxbill	
6	Galusha, Chuck	White Shaftail	
7	Galusha, Chuck	White Society	
8	Galusha, Chuck	Chocolate & White Society	
9	Westgate, Kay	Fawn & White Society	
10	Beal, Marion	White Dove	

Fort Defiance Bird Club, Defiance, OH, 9/26/98
 Judge: Conrad Meinert - 5 Exhibitors, 53 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Vance, Patrick	Owl Finch	
2	Vance, Patrick	Pearl Headed Amadine	
3	Bassiouni, Hisham	Silver Gouldian	BA199-97
4	Vance, Patrick	CFW Zebra	D3875-95
5	Vance, Patrick	Shaftail	
6	Endsley, Larry	Blue Face Parrot Finch	8362-96
7	Vance, Patrick	Green Strawberry	
8	Bassiouni, Hisham	Blue Gouldian	BA220-97
9	Vance, Patrick	White Java Rice Bird	
10	Vance, Patrick	Gold Breasted Bunting	

Chester County Bird Breeders, Kimberton, PA, 9/26/98
 Judge: William Parlee - 5 Exhibitors, 9 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Vargo, Bob	Gouldian	2066-98
2	Vargo, Bob	Zebra	709-96
3	Temple, Russel & Kathy	Other Varieties	
4	Temple, Russel & Kathy	Zebra	
5	Vargo, Bob	Fawn (Cinnamon)	E664-97
6	Luning, Shirley	Small Waxbill	
7	Temple, Russel & Kathy	Zebra	
8	Vargo, Bob	White Zebra	8700-97
9	Vargo, Bob	White Zebra	2080-98
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Kaytee Great American Bird Show, Orlando, FL, 10/3/98
Judge: Harold Bowles - 14 Exhibitors, 85 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Red Crested Tanager	T1-97
2	Hoppin, Steve	Blk Headed Gouldian	D11515-97
3	Hoppin, Steve	Paradise Whydah	
4	Hoppin, Steve	Black Headed Siskin - hen	
5	Weisenfeld, Jerri	Shaftail	D7079-98
6	Hoppin, Steve	Firefinch	B458-96
7	Gunby, Cecil	Pt Green Singers	
8	Johnson, Joy	White Java	
9	Laird, Dale & Eileen	White Eye Zosterop	
10	Laird, Dale & Eileen	CFW Zebra	D12139-97

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders, Livonia, MI, 10/3/98
Judge: Charlie Anchor- 9 Exhibitors, 55 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Vance, Patrick	YHFB Gouldian	D2605-98
2	Endsley, Larry & Bea	Blue Faced parrot Finch	D8355-98
3	Vance, Patrick	African Bunting	
4	Schembri, Charlie	Green Singer	
5	Vance, Patrick	Yellow faced Star	C382-98
6	Terwilliger, Mary Lou	Pied Zebra	D11125-95
7	Terwilliger, Mary Lou	Java Rice Bird	K194-98
8	Vance, Patrick	European Siskin	
9	Vance, Patrick	Crested society	E4571-95
10	Bassiouni, Hisham	Fawn & White Society	

Ft. Worth Bird Club, Ft. Worth, TX, 10/3/98
Judge: Paul Williams - 7 Exhibitors, 83 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	McBrayer, H & M	White Eye Zosterop	
2	McBrayer, H & M	Spice Finch	
3	McBrayer, H & M	Paradise Whydah	
4	Hardeman, Diane	Gold Breasted Waxbill Pair	
5	McBrayer, H & M	Zebra	
6	McBrayer, H & M	Parsons	4583-97
7	McBrayer, H & M	Chocolate Self Society	
8	McBrayer, H & M	Twinspot	
9	Culwell, Carence	White Zebra	
10	Culwell, Carence	Crested Society	

Mid-American Cage Bird Society, Des Moines, IA, 10/3/98
Judge: Martha Wigmore - 10 Exhibitors, 54 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Murphy, Jeanne	Button Quail - Cock	
2	Shirley, Rhoda	African Fire Finch - Cock	
3	Dandree, Darla	Green Glossy Starling	
4	Dandree, Darla	Grtr Indian Hill Mynah	
5	Lechner, Bill	WBBB Gouldian - Hen	
6	Haas, Nita	Pied Zebra - Cock	
7	Markly, Myra	Zebra - Cock	
8	Haas, Nita	Chestnut Breasted Bunting - Cock	
9	Courts, Earl	Green Singing Finch - Hen	
10	Murphy, Jeanne	Owl Finch	

Bird Fanciers of Oklahoma, Okla. City, OK, 10/10/98
Judge: Clarence Culwell - 5 Exhibitors, 51 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	White Eye	
2	Miller, Gene & June	Diamond Sparrow	E292-97
3	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Society	
4	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Spice	
5	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Zebra	4583-97
6	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Peters Twinspot	
7	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	St. Helena	
8	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Parsons	
9	Miller, Gene & Jane	Ficfinch Pair	B265-98/B278-98
10	Mc Brayer, Harold & Margie	Clarino	

Indiana Bird Fanciers, Fort Wayne, IN, 10/10/98
Judge: Patrick Vance - 11 Exhibitors, 86 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Rood, Tom	Cream Zebra	4498-98
2	Endsley, Larry	Owl	1091-98
3	Morrison, Margie	Black Cheek Waxbill	
4	Dandre, Darla	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
5	Dandre, Darla	Ringneck Dove	
6	Rood, Tom	White Hooded Nun	
7	Rood, Tom	Fawa Zebra	D4513
8	Dandre, Darla	Glossy Green Blue Starling	
9	Rood, Tom	Pair Zebras	4512-98/4484-98
10	Endsley, Larry	Self Chocolate Society	1487-97

Foreign Bird Association of W. Canada, Kelowna, Canada, 10/10/98
Judge: Brian Mandarich - 10 Exhibitors, 56 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Prangnell, Mike	Zosterops	
2	Azzopardi, Joe	Black & White Mannikin	
3	Bligh, George	Pekin Robin	
4	West, Mike & Lynn	Bicheno	
5	Rishman, Grant	Yuhina	
6	Rishman, Grant	Red Eared Waxbill	
7	West, Mike & Lynn	Black Headed Dilute Gouldian	
8	Vangen, Ron & Marlene	Star	
9	Azzopardi, Joe	Diamond Firetail	
10	Vangen, Ron & Marlene	Orange Headed Gouldian	

Birds of a Feather, Manchester, NH, 10/10/98
Judge: Christine Voronovich - 9 Exhibitors, 38 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Viewig, Kathy	Owl Finch	C326-98
2	Viewig, Kathy	Blue Capped Waxbill	G1-98
3	Inman, Janice	Zebra Pair	
4	Viewig, Kathy	Lavender	D2346-98
5	Robles, Alfredo	Bunting	823-95
6	Maldonado, Daniel	Chocolate Self Society	
7	Viewig, Kathy	Zebra Pair	D1220-96
8	Marcotrigiano, Michael	Chestnut Self Society	
9	Viewig, Kathy	AOV Zebra	E1559-97
10	Brandt, Lawrence	Albino Ringneck Dove	

Cleveland Cage Bird Society, Cleveland, OH, 10/17/98
Judge: Martha Wigmore - 5 Exhibitors, 21 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Howard, Annette & Tim	Pintail Nonpareil	
2	Howard, Annette & Tim	Firefinch	
3	Howard, Annette & Tim	Shaftail	
4	Howard, Annette & Tim	Green Singing Finch	
5	Howard, Annette & Tim	Firefinch	
6	Howard, Annette & Tim	Chocolate Self Society	
7	Howard, Annette & Tim	Firefinch - hen	
8	Bush, Ed	Fawn Shaftail	
9	Howard, Annette & Tim	White Society	
10	Howard, Annette & Tim	Pied Zebra - hen	

Essex Kent CBS, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 10/17/98
Judge: Tom Rood - 9 Exhibitors, 69 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	DeJesus, John	Fawn Zebra	
2	DeJesus, John	Cream Zebra	
3	DeJesus, John	Red Headed Gould	
4	Nichol, Nicole	Normal Java	
5	DeJesus, John	Firefinch	
6	LaFleur, Jack	Pair Gray Zebras	
7	JMP Aviaries	Fawn Zebra	
8	DeJesus, John	Forbes Parrot Finch	
9	JMP Aviaries	Choc Self Society	
10	Flikemma Aviaries	Masked Bullfinch	

Suncoast Avian Society, St. Petersburg, FL, 10/17/98
Judge: Conrad Meinert - 7 Exhibitors, 35 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Hoppin, Steve	Black Crested Finch	D4627-97
2	Laird, Dale & Eileen	White Eye / Zosterop	
3	Hoppin, Steve	Fire Finch pair	B460-96/B457-96
4	Hoppin, Steve	Parson	
5	Hoppin, Steve	Red Face Parrot Finch	D2387-98
6	Hoppin, Steve	Black Capped Waxbill	DC2811-97
7	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Crimson Pileated	
8	Johnson, Joy	White Java	
9	Hoppin, Steve	Firefinch	B458-96
10	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Tricolor Nun	

Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Parkville, MD, 10/17/98
Judge: Bill Parlee - 1 Exhibitor, 1 Entry

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Shannon, Barbara	Zebra - cock	2B

Massachusetts Cage Bird Assoc., Bellingham, MA, 10/17/98
Judge: Daren Decoteau - 9 Exhibitors, 42 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Haas, John	Pekin Robin	
2	Roche, Tim	European Goldfinch	150-98
3	Vieweg, Kathy	Lavender Waxbill	D2346-98
4	Vieweg, Kathy	Fawn Zebra	D4865-96
5	Vieweg, Kathy	Orange Headed WB Gouldian	
6	Mac Donald, Laura	Cutthroat	E3933-96
7	Inman, Janice	RHWBYB Gouldian	
8	Inman, Janice	Fawn Zebra - hen	D1116-98
9	Inman, Janice	Chocolate & White Society	E1283-97
10	Mac Donald, Laura	Red Throated Parrot Finch	wing306

Great Lakes Avicultural Society, Rockford, MI, 10/17/98
Judge: Charlie Anchor - 11 Exhibitors, 57 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Dandre, Darla	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
2	Terwiliger, Mary Lou	Diamond Sparrow	
3	Erickson, Lisa	Cordon Bleu	
4	Terwiliger, Mary Lou	Self Society	E-639-96
5	Dandre, Darla	Glossy Green Blue Starling	
6	Meyers, Scott	Orange headed Gouldian	
7	Bishop, Jan	Zebra pair	GC89-98/GC77 98
8	Porter, Angela	Ringneck Dove	ADA3214-96
9	Dixon, Denise	Japanese Quail	
10	Dixon, Denise	Orange Weaver	

Greater Kansas City Avi. Society, Grandview, MO, 10/17/98
Judge: Armando Lee - 8 Exhibitors, 42 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Linn, Moses	European Starling	
2	Haas, Nita	Grey Zebra Cock	D10457-97
3	Haas, Nita	Chestnut Breasted Bunting	
4	Warren, Jim	Parsons	944-97
5	Hass, Nita	Dilute Fawn Society	E653-98
6	Whiteaker, mark	Gouldian	
7	Courts, Earl & Shirley	Green Singer	
8	Haas, Nita	Spice Finch	E627-98
9	Scholtes, Pat	Shaftail	
10	Courts, Earl & Shirley	Gray Zebra Hen	

Oklahoma Cage Bird Society, Tulsa, OK, 10/24/98
Judge: Laura Bewley - 5 Exhibitors, 16 Entries

Rank	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Miller, Gene & June	Red Headed Gouldian	D923-97
2	Miller, Gene & June	Diamond Sparrow	F291-97
3	Miller, Gene & June	Firefinch Pair	B276-98, B270-98
4	Richards, Sharon	Parson Finch Pair	
5	Miller, Gene & June	Diamond Sparrow - Fawn	F271-97
6	Brammer, Claire	African Silverbill	
7	Miller, Gene & June	Diamond Sparrow - Fawn, Yellow Rump	F471-98
8	Warren, Jim	Parsons	944-97
9	Gail	Spice Finch Pair	
10	Miller, Gene & June	Diamond Sparrow - Normal, Yellow Rump	B475-98

Capitol City Bird Society, Sacramento, CA, 10/24/98
Judge: Brian Mandarich - 6 Exhibitors, 64 Entries

Rank	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Rufous Weaver	
2	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Pekin Robin	
3	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Orange Bishop Weaver	
4	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Orange Cheek Waxbill	
5	Pizzurro, Richard	Saffron	
6	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Pekin Robin	
7	Pizzurro, Richard	Green Back Twinspot	
8	Pizzurro, Richard	Black Cheek Waxbill	
9	Lee, Alvin & Dixie	Indian Silverbill	
10	Pizzurro, Richard	Plum Head Finch	

Motor City Bird Breeders, Inc., Warren, MI, 10/24/98
Judge: Paul Williams - 8 Exhibitors, 47 Entries

Rank	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Howard, Anette & Tim	Pintail Nonpareil	
2	Howard, Anette & Tim	Firefinch	
3	Felix, James	Shaftail	
4	Felix, James	Shaftail	
5	Jonnet, Margie	Ringneck dove	
6	Slemok, Ray	Zebra	
7	Nolder, Leslie	Java Rice Bird	
8	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
9	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
10	Howard, Anette & Tim	Green Singing Finch	

Badger Canary and Finch Society, Wawkesha, WI, 10/24/98
Judge: Tom Rood - 16 Exhibitors, 83 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band
1	Wigmore, Martha	Fawn Zebra	Rd
2	Dandre, Darla	White Java	GCGBC
3	Belisle, Carolyn	Yellow Headed Gould	D6114-98
4	Dandre, Darla	Mynah	GCCBC
5	Wigmore, Martha	CFW Zebra	Rd
6	Feldstein, Sue	Blk Headed Gouldian	BCF98-71
7	Wild, Robert	White Hooded Nun	
8	Wigmore, Martha	CFW Zebra	
9	Belisle, Carolyn	Yellow Headed Gouldian - hen	D6112-98
10	Frickson, Lisa	Society Finch	

Connecticut Assoc. for Aviculture, 10/24/98
Judge: Bill Parlee - 10 Exhibitors, 40 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Maldorado, Daniel	Chocolate Self Society	
2	MacDonald, Laura	Black Headed gouldian	
3	Marcotrigiano, Michael	Red Headed Gouldian	
4	Kogat, Dave	Zebra	
5	Angel, Charles	Red Headed Finch - cock	
6	Marcotrigiano, Michael	Chestnut Self Society	
7	Angel, Charles	Shaftail Pair	
8	Kogat, Dave	Orange Breasted AOV	
9	MacDonald, Laura	Society Pair	
10	Secor, Kathy	Green Singing Finch	

Texas Bird Breeders (Day 2), Temple, TX, 10/25/98
Judge: Cecil Gunby - 7 Exhibitors, 100 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	White Eye Zosterop	
2	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Melba	
3	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Peter's Twinspot	
4	Culwell, Clarence	Cherry Finch	
5	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Parsons	
6	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	White Eye Zosterop	
7	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Paradise Whydah	
8	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Society	
9	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Spice	
10	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Shaftail	

Texas Bird Breeders (Day 1), Temple, TX, 10/24/98
 Judge: Steve Hoppin - 6 Exhibitors, 94 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	White Eye	
2	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Paradise Whydah	
3	Culwell, Clarence	Cherry Finch	
4	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Diamond Sparrow	476-98
5	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Peters Twinspot	
6	Johnson, Jerry & Vanessa	Ringneck Dove	
7	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Diamond Sparrow	468-98
8	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Self Chocolate Society	
9	Field, Donna Malloy	Fawn Zebra	
10	Culwell, Clarence	Cream Zebra	

Canary and Finch Society, Houston, TX, 10/31/98
 Judge: Miki Sparzak - 9 Exhibitors, 80 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Melba	0
2	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Thrush	0
3	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Society	0
4	Field, Donna Malloy	Zebra	0
5	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	White Eye	0
6	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Spice	0
7	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Peter's Twinspot	0
8	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Parsons	0
9	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Zebra	0
10	McBrayer, Harold & Margie	Diamond Dove	0

Florida West Coast Avian Society, Palmetto, FL 11/1/98
 Judge: Al Decoteau - 5 Exhibitors, 28 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Johnson, Joy	White Java Rice Bird	
2	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Red Ear Waxbill	
3	Laird, Dale & Eileen	White Eye Zosterop	
4	Keenan, Bobbi	Red Headed Gouldian - cock	D11375-97
5	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Silverbill	
6	Floyd, John and Amanda	CFW Zebra	D10513-98
7	Parris, Su R	Chocolate & White Society	
8	Laird, Dale & Eileen	Crimson Pileated Pair	
9	Johnson, Joy	Java Rice Bird	
10	Keenan, Bobbi	Red Throated Parrot Finch	

Cage Bird Society of Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Ontario Canada, 11/6/98
Judge: Steve Hoppin - 12 Exhibitors, 124 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Svorinic, Dwight	B & W Mannikin - Fernando Po Mannikin	-98
2	Manley, Mike	Pekin Robin	-95
3	Moase, Vince	Blue Breast Parrot Finch	
4	DeJesus, John	Blue Bill Parrot Finch	
5	Granatier, Bob	Blue Gouldian	-98
6	Pauls, Dave	Shaftail	-98
7	Webb, Peter	Dilute Fawn Society	
8	Manley, Mike	Pekin Robin	41-98
9	Tam, Jimmy	Cinnamon Java	
10	Pauls, Dave	Zebra	

Georgia Cage Bird Society, Marietta, GA 11/7/98
Judge: Conrad Meinert 8 Exhibitors, 31 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Cochran, Billy	Diamond Sparrow	
2	McCoy, Kerri	Parson - cock	
3	McCoy, Kerri	Fawn Zebra - cock	D13704
4	Ward, Darrel	Cuban Melodious	
5	Wolfe, Michael	Crested White Zebra	
6	Ward, Darrel	Black Cheek Zebra	
7	Cochran, Billy	Zebra	
8	McCoy, Kerri	Owl Finch - hen	
9	Lanier, Margie	Red Headed Gouldian	
10	Lanier, Margie	Star Finch - cock	

Missouri Cage Bird Society, Eureka, MO, 11/7/98
Judge: Miki Spartzak - 13 Exhibitors, 89 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Dandre, Darla	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
2	Rood, Tom	Fawn Zebra	D4510-98
3	Leader, Bonnie	Red Headed Parrot Finch	
4	Rood, Tom	Gray Zebra	D5264-95
5	Burhan, Dennis	Dilute Society	E176-98
6	Dandre, Darla	Java Rice Bird	
7	Meyers, Jackie	Society AOV	
8	Rood, Tom	Fawn Zebra Pair	D2170-97/D4540-98
9	Haas, Nita	Dove	AFA-A7-NJH
10	Meyers, Jackie	CPW Zebra - cock	D10031-97

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, Monroeville, PA, 11/7/98
Judge: Armando Lee - 7 Exhibitors, 24 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Howard, Anette & Tim	Pintail Nonpareil	
2	Howard, Anette & Tim	Firefinch	
3	Felix, James	Shaftail	
4	Felix, James	Shaftail	
5	Jonnet, Margie	Ringneck dove	
6	Slemok, Ray	Zebra	
7	Nolder, Leslie	Java Rice Bird	
8	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
9	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
10	Howard, Anette & Tim	Green Singing Finch	

Finch Society of San Diego Cty (Day 1), Del Mar, CA, 11/7/98
Judge: Jackie Civitarese - 11 Exhibitors, 52 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Howard, Anette & Tim	Pintail Nonpareil	
2	Howard, Anette & Tim	Firefinch	
3	Felix, James	Shaftail	
4	Felix, James	Shaftail	
5	Jonnet, Margie	Ringneck dove	
6	Slemok, Ray	Zebra	
7	Nolder, Leslie	Java Rice Bird	
8	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
9	Romano, Judy	Gouldian	
10	Howard, Anette & Tim	Green Singing Finch	

Finch Society of San Diego Cty (Day 2), Del Mar, CA, 11/7/98
Judge: Clayton Jones - 11 Exhibitors, 52 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Buzan, Larry	Emerald Toucanette	
2	Huntington, Sally	Parrot Finch	D2805-98
3	Huntington, Sally	Red Headed Gouldian	7876-94
4	Rogers, Frank	Blue Capped	
5	Huntington, Sally	CFW Zebra - coke	D2729-98
6	Duimstra, Julie	Diamond Sparrow - Yellow ramp	E597
7	Huntington, Sally	Gold Breasted Waxbill	A2197
8	Russel, Sharon	Button Quail	
9	Duimstra, Julie	Zebra	D596
10	Vickers, Roma	Pair Pckin Robin	

Connecticut Finch & Canary Club, Hartford, CT, 11/14/98
Judge: Daren Decoteau - 12 Exhibitors, 28 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Macdonald, Laura	Cutthroat Finch	E3933-96
2	Taylor, Chris	Red Headed Parrot Finch	
3	Felix, Felix	Shaftail	
4	Marcotriziano, Michael	White Breasted Gouldian	
5	Maldonado, Daniel	Zebra	
6	Secor, Katy	Green Singing Finch	
7	Inman, Janice	Pair Black Face Zebra	
8	Maldonado, Daniel	Chocolate Society	
9	Macdonald, Laura	Cutthroat Finch	D962-98
10	Macdonald, Laura	Dilute Chestnut Society	D5948-97

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, St. Charles, IL, 11/20/98
Judge: Clarence Culwell - 42 Exhibitors, 225 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Wigmore, Martha	CFW Zebra - hen	
2	Hoppin, Steve	Parson	
3	Howard, Annette & Tim	Pintail Non-Pareil	
4	McBrayer, Harold and Margie	White Eye Zosterop	
5	Rood, Tom	Pair Cream Zebras	D2124- 97/D4511-98
6	Gunby, Cecil	Bali Mynah	
7	Wankelmuth, James	Honduran Siskin	
8	McBrayer, Harold and Margie	Melba	
9	Macdonald, Laura	Cutthroat	E3933-96
10	McBrayer, Harold and Margie	Shaftail	

Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club, Santa Clara, CA, 11/28/98
Judge: Clayton Jones - 11 Exhibitors, 85 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Pizzurro, Richard	Lavender	
2	Payne, Steve	Owl Finch	C-1385-97
3	Payne, Steve	White Hooded Nun	C-1610-96
4	Lea, Alvin & Dixie	Indian Silverbill	
5	Pizzurro, Richard	Turquoise Tanager	
6	Pizzurro, Richard	Chocolate Self Society	
7	Lea, Alvin & Dixie	Cape Dove	
8	Lea, Alvin & Dixie	Greenfinch	
9	Payne, Steve	African Silverbills - Pair	C-2191-97/C- 1602-96
10	Pizzurro, Richard	Saffron	

Cascade Canary Breeders Assoc., Fife, WA, 11/28/98
Judge: Paul Williams - 6 Exhibitors, 44 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Duimstra, Julie	Diamond Sparrow - Yellow Rumped	E-1732-97
2	Silverstein, Faye	Shaftail	
3	Perkins, Shirley	Owl	
4	Duimstra, Julie	Lightback Zebra	D-2718-98
5	Perkins, Shirley	OH Gouldian	D-636-98
6	Silverstein, Faye	Java Rice Bird	
7	Duimstra, Julie	CFW Zebra	D-12156-95
8	Duimstra, Julie	White Society	D-11893-98
9	Hansen, Paula	Red Headed Gouldian	
10	Silverstein, Faye	Silver Diamond Dove	

NIROC, Elk Grove Village, IL, 11/28/98
Judge: Cecil Gunby - 13 Exhibitors, 63 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Dandre, Darla	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
2	Leader, Bonnie	Red Headed Parrot Finch	
3	Rood, Tom	Fawn Zebra - cock	2166-97
4	Rood, Tom	Fawn Zebra - Pair	2170-97/4508-98
5	Dandre, Darla	Indian Silverbill	
6	Erickson, Lisa	Chocolate & White Society	
7	Hopman, Steve	Black Faced Fire Finch	
8	Dandre, Darla	Ringneck Dove - mutation	
9	Merriman, Ellie	WB Gouldian	
10	Rowan, Rich	Fawn Zebra	

Aviary Assoc. of Kern, Bakersfield, CA, 12/5/98
Judge: Clarence Culwell - 3 Exhibitors, 30 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Gontero, Clara	Black Cheeked Waxbills - Pair	
2	Huntington, Sally	Silver Zebra - cock	D-3891-96
3	Huntington, Sally	Eng Blue Button Quail - hen	L-309-98
4	Huntington, Sally	Black Bellied Fire Finch	
5	Huntington, Sally	Pekin Robin - cock	J-8-97
6	Huntington, Sally	Blue Napped Mousebird	K-52-97
7	Huntington, Sally	Red Headed Gouldian	D5643-98
8	Huntington, Sally	Red Headed Parrot Finch	D2805-98
9	Knovickas, Bill	Lightback Zebra - hen	WJN31-98
10	Huntington, Sally	Eng Button Quail - Pair	L306-98/L302-98

OPA, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 12/5/98
Judge: Miki Spartzak - 11 Exhibitors, 91 Entries

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Vasquez, Luis A.	Orange Cheek	
2	Vasquez, Luis A.	Java Rice Bird	
3	Santiago, Angel	Cutthroats - Pair	
4	Santiago, Angel	Gouldian	
5	Torrellas, Victor	Shaftail	
6	Torrellas, Victor	Society	
7	Torrellas, Victor	Blue Cap	
8	Brugueras, Alfredo	Orange Headed Gouldian	
9	Brugueras, Alfredo	Zebras - Pair	C882-98/ D11443-96
10	Civitarese, Jackie	European Starling	SPBF-BRA-15- 93

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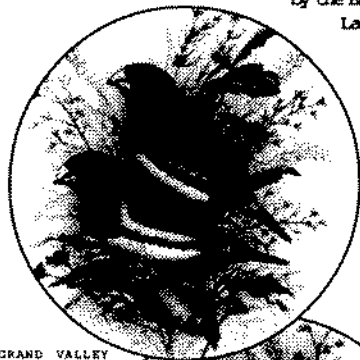
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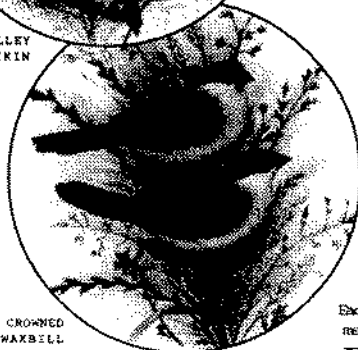
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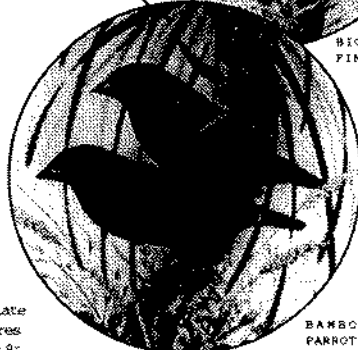
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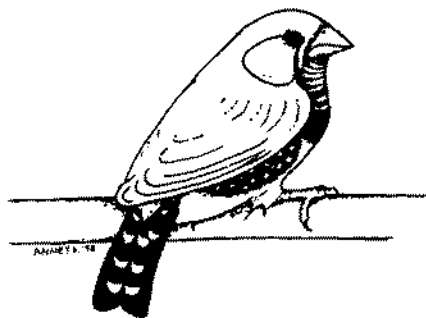
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A Big Welcome for a Friend in the Fancy

by Martha Wigmore
Elk River, Minnesota

In the largest Zebra Finch entry to date in the United States, 115 cages of singles and pairs of Zebras competed this summer at the 3rd Annual All Zebra and Society Finch Show hosted by the Mid West Zebra and Society Finch Club in Kansas City, Missouri. This year we welcomed back to the mid-U.S. British aviculturist and Zebra Finch Society (U.K.) official Margaret Binns of Manchester, England. Margaret has been a regular visitor to the U.S. Through much of the 1980's she frequented U.S. shows in the company of her husband, NFSS/ZFS Panel Judge Brian Binns before his passing in 1995. Margaret and Brian served for many years as Overseas Secretary for the Zebra Finch Society, a position through which Margaret continues to send her own special warmth in her correspondence with ZFS members around the world.

Welcoming back a friend, the Mid West Zebra and Society Finch Club asked Margaret to judge the birds at the All Zebra and Society Finch Show held on August 8, 1998. Now a ZFS Panel Judge with a full judging schedule in the U.K.,



Drawing by Anney Doucette

including a show this season in Ireland, Margaret relished the chance to review some of the best of the U.S. Zebras. She was definitely surprised with the very good quality we now have, remarking on the tremendous progress we have made since the days in the 1980's.

In fact, many of us are extremely pleased with the huge advances we have seen in the best Zebras here in the states since the inception of the All Zebra and Society Finch show in 1996. The little-big show has welcomed in the new era with the Zebras in the U.S. This annual gathering provides a point to gather to SEE the birds, to critically review them, to exchange birds and insights, and to enjoy several hours with the very warmest people in aviculture.

Those of us who took an extra vacation day or two to visit with Margaret while she was with us, enjoyed some really special experiences. Visiting bird rooms, dining at wonderful Kansas City

restaurants, and viewing the retrieved treasure of a steamboat, which had sunk on the Missouri River, back in 1856. Despite some exhibitors' concerns about it, it is humanly/humanly necessary to visit with judges before a show, especially someone from out-of-state, and most especially someone from another country! Do you know it IS possible to visit with judges before shows without so much as touching on the subject of your own or her own birds? If we can't find more than birds to talk about with a visiting judge, perhaps we're watching too much TV! And if we can't respect the ethical demands on us, nor respect and trust one another to do so, then perhaps we are taking this too seriously.

At U.K. shows the judging is conducted prior to the exhibitors and public entering the show hall. Even though she's attended many U.S. shows, Margaret admitted she was a wee bit anxious about judging in front of a gallery. But after placing only a few classes it was obvious that Margaret was enjoying the opportunity U.S. shows give a judge to talk about the placings while the birds are still under the lights. And Margaret's good humor certainly served her well with the gallery.

The top Zebras, out of 115 single and pairs exhibits from 12 exhibitors representing 8 states, were led by Jamie Jackson's Lightback Black Cheek Cock, earning the Best in Show award in recognition of the outstanding quality of this rarer Zebra variety. Tom Rood's adult Fawn Cock, the best of the standard Zebra varieties placed second best Zebra overall.



Photo of Jamie Jackson and Margaret Binns taken by Bob Vargo.



Photo of Tom Rood taken by Bob Vargo.



Photo of Bob Vargo

Bob Vargo's young Silver Cock placed third best overall. Jamie Jackson benched the top Normal Gray Cock, Nita Haas' Normal Gray Hen was also on the top bench of standard variety Zebras, while Charles Anchor and Sally Huntington took the top honors for Chestnut-flanked White Zebras. Among the

other top finishing rarer variety Zebras were Jamie Jackson's Black Breasted Fawn Cock and Sally Huntington's Silver Cock and Orange Breasted Normal Cock.



Photo of Sally Huntington's Zeb
taken by Martha Wigmore

The best Pairs exhibits were all benched by Tom Rood, including an extraordinary pair of young Fawns, an adult pair of Normal Grays and young and adult pairs of Creams. The best Novice Zebra was a Cream Cock shown by Jo Strange.



Tom Rood's fawn pair. Photo taken
by Martha Wigmore

The top Societies, out of 25 entries from 7 exhibitors representing 5 states, were led by Nita Haas' adult Chocolate and White. Bob Vargo's adult Fawn placed second followed by Dennis Burlans' Dilute Fawn. The best young Society was a Dilute Fawn shown by Bob Vargo, which placed fourth best overall. Along with other birds benched by these same exhibitors, Harold & Margie McBrayer's adult Chocolate and White was among the top ten. The best Novice Society was a Chestnut Self shown by Moses Linn.



Photo of Nita Haas' Society
taken by Martha Wigmore

Join us next year for the 4th Annual All Zebra and Society Finch Show on Saturday, August 7, 1999 in Kansas City, Missouri. Contact Nita Haas (816) 331-5285 for information. You, too, will experience the Big Welcome!

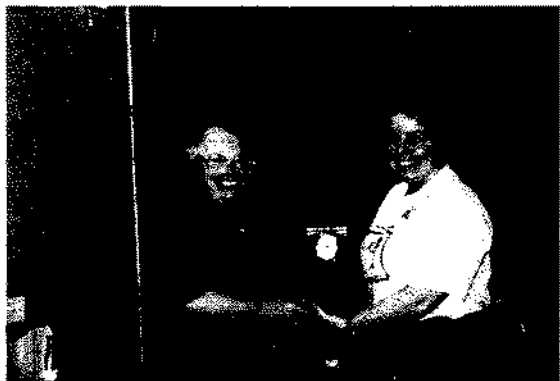


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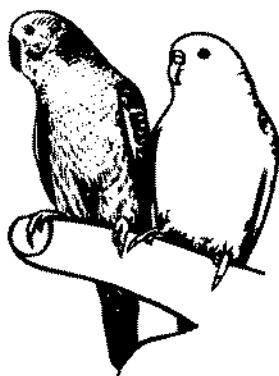
'Tis the Season... for Throwaway Pets

By Kris Kroner, NFSS Region 1
Vice President
Ambler, PA

This holiday season many live animals will be given as gifts. The animal is given with the best intentions but quite often without consultation with the intended recipient. Some of these pets will be welcomed and kept, but many others find themselves neglected or unwanted. Post-holiday season, dogs and cats are turned into shelters at an alarming rate. Many birds fall into the same category.

I worry about the little birds. The birds I'm talking about are not the large parrots, although, I worry about them too. I'm thinking about the ones that fall between the cracks - the finches and budgerigars (parakeets to the layman), and the cockatiels as well. These small birds are frequently given as gifts because of their lower price and widespread availability in pet stores.

In January, at around the same time dogs and cats are turned into the shelters, I begin receiving calls from people who have gotten my phone number from my vet or from word of mouth. These are caring people who only want to do the right thing for the animal. Some people just



want me to take their small bird or find it a home. Others call for information since they know nothing about birds or don't have a clue how to take care of what they have received. They aren't even aware how to check food dishes to determine if only seed hulls remain. They think the dish is full because they see the hulls. Little birds can starve very quickly right under the nose of the owner who sees the bird at the dish and figures that means there is food in there. Because the owner sees hulls in the seed they assume it to be food. Many don't even know that birds hull the seed. Most people are also amazed birds need other things besides food and water. Educating the owner on what is required in order to enrich that bird's existence is all that's needed most of the time. I'm able to make a difference and that means a lot to me. But I worry about the birds whose owners don't know who to call.

The "COMPLETE" Official NFSS Show Report

By: Steve Hoppin, Judges Panel Chairman

Did you know the final show report for each NFSS Division can only be as good as the participating exhibitor, show secretary and panel judge allow. It's true! Read on and see how each participant contributes to the trickle down effect resulting in the complete show report.

It is routine that just prior to the show exhibitors fill in information on the entry forms and show cage tags in order to enter their birds. Once entered, a copy of the entry form goes to the show secretary and she/he records the birds in appropriate classes and sections. It is not until the end of the show, after final top bench awards are awarded and cage tags are opened, that the show secretary is able to oblige her responsibility of transferring information from the show tags and completing the Official NFSS Show Report. Let's take a minute, review the report, and familiarize ourselves with important information, which we can provide for a complete show report. Please refer to the blank show report on the reverse side.

HOST SOCIETY – name of club

NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON REPORTING – show secretaries name and phone number

LOCATION – city and state

DATE – day, month, and year.

NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS – total number of exhibitors having entered birds in the division.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES – total numbers of finches and softbills entered.

EXHIBITOR COLUMN – exhibitors first and last name

NFSS # - the exhibitors NFSS number. Each exhibitor placing on the top bench should supply the show secretary with their NFSS number (write it down... memorize it). If members forget their number they can easily refer to their NFSS Bulletin as their number can be found on the top line of the address label on the Bulletin's back side.

BAND # - the band number should be supplied by the exhibitor and written in space provided on the bottom of the entry tag. A complete band number should be recorded in the following order starting with letters, followed by the sequence of numbers, and lastly by the year (i.e.: D-1142-98). The letter determines band size. The number provides tracking number. And the last two numbers refer to the year. If the bird is not closed banded leave this space blank.

SPECIES – type of finch or softbill. If mutation include color. If sex known please indicate cock or hen. (i.e.: African Silverbill, Indian Hill Mynah, Fawn Shaftail, Senegal Firefinch cock, Chestnut Flank White Zebra hen).

Once the final report is completed, the show secretary will present it to the Panel Judge for signature and date. At this time the Panel Judge reviews the report for accuracy and completion. Providing the report is correct the Panel Judge and show secretary sign and date the form. Copy four stays with the local club secretary. The judge will take responsibility for forwarding copies one and two and retain copy three for his/her records.



NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY

HOST SOCIETY, NAME & PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON REPORTING	LOCATION OF SHOW and DATE	NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS	NUMBER OF ENTRIES

AWARD	EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	BAND #	SPECIES
BEST IN SHOW				
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3 rd BEST				
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5 th BEST				
6 th BEST				
7 th BEST				
8 th BEST				
9 th BEST				
10 th BEST				

Note: * Number of entries and number of exhibitors must be filled in.
*NFSS closed band numbers must be included on all birds in order for them to qualify for Championship points.
*Please try to include NFSS membership numbers.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the show report.

Show Secretary Date Panel Judge Date Apprentice Judge Date

- Copy 1 - To the NFSS Points Director.
- Copy 2 - To the NFSS Editor.
- Copy 3 - Stays with the Officiating Panel Judge.
- Copy 4 - Stays with the local club secretary.

Note: Report and copies must be mailed to designated persons no later than 14 days following the date of the show.

We have lots of wonderful bird enthusiasts in our midst within the club. During this holiday season and in the months afterwards, please keep your ears open in your workplaces and when you're with your friends and relatives. If you hear that someone has given, or has received the gift of a bird, whether it's small or large, please volunteer to be available if they have any questions. Having a phone number to call when they have questions gives that bird a safety net.

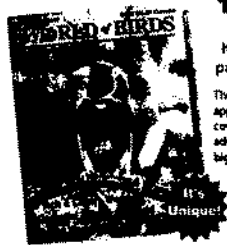
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Letter to the Editor

To: NFSS Membership

Subject: Hurricanes and Pet Birds - Natural Disaster Relief Efforts for all of Aviculture

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Hurricane George began its path of destruction when it hit land on the island of Puerto Rico, leaving behind the most devastation seen in over 50 years. Moving northwest next hitting land at the Florida Keys, and then onward to the northern Gulf Coast, where its effects were felt by Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. The damage left behind being felt by so many different localities was first apparent in wind damage. But the ensuing rains led to major flooding in almost every area, and indeed in many areas where the winds had not prevailed.

People are never the only beings affected by natural disasters. These events always reek havoc on all of our beloved animals too, including animals that are commercially raised on farms, but also to all of the pet and companion animals that we humans share our lives with and who are indeed just like family members to us.

Not too many years ago hurricane Andrew devastated Florida, and in doing so left behind enormous problems associated with pet birds and professional aviculturists alike. Andrew was the most destructive hurricane since Camille. At that time the AFA, American Federation of Aviculture put into motion a relief effort to aid and assist pet birds and professional aviculturists. I have not been able to locate any such effort being put forth in specific regards to birds and aviculturists. There was an immediate call to arms on behalf of dogs, cats, and all types of farm animals. During such an emergency, many types of aid are desperately needed, they include food supplies, housing and cage building materials, donations and funds for vet bills, and probably most importantly shelter.

The calls for these was heard loud and strong where dogs, cats, and farm animals were concerned, but in my research it was an excruciating task to find any agencies or organizations working on the behalf of pet birds and aviculturists. Some of the relief efforts were championed by the following:

- Humane Animal Care Coalition, Inc., 10591 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, Florida 33037
- The State ESF-17 Team, DART,
- The Humane Society of the United States, Laura Bevan, Southeast Regional Office, 1624 Metropolitan Circle, Suite B, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, (850) 386-3435

- The Houston TX, SPCA, The IFAW, The Mobile AL, SPCA, and Animal Control, Ferret Friends Disaster Response International.

Injured and abandoned animals were in distress from the Florida Keys to New Orleans, Louisiana. This was all reported after George's hit land and was only the beginning of the problems faced by all, that were to follow, as the rains brought with them the ensuing flooding, some of which was the worse experienced since 1970, far eclipsing the Alberto floods of 1995. Some rivers were cresting 24 plus feet above normal levels; George's also brought with him complete road closures in many areas with Tornado watches and warnings abounding.

Sheriff's Departments had many reports of unanswered requests for animals in distress in many areas, it was believed that house to house searches were needed in heavily destroyed areas like trailer parks etc., to determine if pets were locked in rooms and in need of help. And indeed there were many reports of animals that were locked in houses etc., and it was unfortunately also expected that over time many more pet and companion animals would be dumped by their owners as they relocated to start new lives elsewhere. There were even animals that were previously in shelters that were left outside during the hurricane, and no one knew how they were or who was caring for them. And reports that local shelters police, vets, news people were doing nothing. Animals were reported as being penned, chained, running loose, desperately trying to find shelter. Rains and flooding in these areas of the country bring out alligators and water moccasins, which severely place these pets in serious DANGER.

Most of this information was researched through on-line news groups like rec.pets.birds. And throughout it all, references were made over and over to dogs, cats, horses, and other farm type animals, but not once did I see any of the major organizations or shelters ever mention the words "BIRDS or AVICULTURISTS". Ironically it was as if we were an unidentified species of pet animal or keepers and breeders. And this was provided by "PET BIRD NEWS GROUPS", how could this be I asked myself over and over again. I wrote to suppliers of this information and it fell on almost deaf ears, when I received replies they seemed to be in as much disbelief of these omissions as I was. The AFA, which championed relief efforts for aviculturists during hurricane Andrew, did not even offer a reply to my call, for information regarding "PET BIRD-ASSISTANCE" in the face of this disaster.

As I sit at my computer typing this article, hurricane Mitch is pouring down rain on the state of Florida. Mitch hit Central America with the highest force a hurricane can have. Leaving behind him over 9000 dead (so far), and over 11,000 missing and still counting. He has also left behind complete destruction of the infrastructure of two countries. This means that all roads, bridges, hospitals, and educational institutions have been destroyed, and over 2 million people are homeless. My heart goes out to

Nicaragua, and Honduras and I feel the deepest sympathy and most unimaginable awe for the power of these disasters. If Mitch had hit the United States with his most awesome and incredible force, I can only try to imagine the "SORROW" and state of "SHOCK" that our country would be in. The likes of which we Americans have never before seen, and which would take us years to recuperate from. It is only a matter of time; we will see the likes of a storm like this on our shores. Will we be ready?

All of this brings me again and again to the thoughts that there are things we as bird people and lovers everywhere can do in advance and in preparation of such an event. We are fortunate in the United States with many blessings such as early warning and evacuation systems in place, and we have our Government and the National Weather Service to thank for that. However as we can see from our past including our latest hurricane, George's, that our current early warning systems are simply not enough. And they do very little to nothing when it comes to pet birds and aviculture. Currently we are not properly organized to be of help to ourselves, "BIRD LOVERS EVERYWHERE". Perhaps it would be in our best interest to have a system in place, in advance of such a disaster, which we can be sure, we will experience at some point in the future.

When I think about it, I don't think it has to be a system that has to be extremely gigantic and expensive, as an advance undertaking. I've had the thought that it could be as simple as creating a forum for pledges of all types of avian relief in advance of the need. So that when the need arises, distributions could be made from a "bank" (so to speak) of previously pledged supplies and donations. All for the express purposes of helping pet birds and aviculturists in need. I am sure that many of you, do and will have many other great ideas, as to what we can do to prepare for such an emergency in an effort to help and assist our pet birds everywhere and anywhere the need should arise.

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Don't Pass on the Pekins

By Kara Blalock
Nashville, TN

I've never been to Opryland. The theme park that had been a city landmark for almost twenty years was not going anywhere. My attitude was the same about Pekin Robins. I had always seen them at the bird fairs. They were a dime a dozen. One breeder came up from Florida with at least two hundred of them. Innocent young children and unsuspecting parents would purchase them, totally ignorant of their special requirements. Personally, I preferred the smaller, lower maintenance birds like finches.

Owl finches were my specialty, but now the thrill that first drew me to bird breeding was gone. I had raised several generations, and I needed another challenge. Someone had mentioned that the Pekins required a unique diet and didn't breed easily in captivity. That sounded interesting. I purchased two from a breeder in Florida who swore that she raised them from babies. It struck me as funny that the only place you could find Pekins was in large international cities along the coast. Babies, huh?



Drawing by Sally Huntington of San Diego, CA

Can you say "imports"? I later traded a pair of my owl finches for two more. Now I had supposedly three males and one female. I liked those ratios in college, and it wasn't too shabby for my little hen either.

After a month of quarantine, I placed them all together in a small finch breeder cage about three feet wide. Of course, whatever loud singing went on previously now came to an abrupt halt. Apparently, when placed in a group situation, their once mellifluous song became a four-note ditty. Ah, the price one pays for progress. Upon the advice of a fellow Internet birder, I placed them in an outside aviary constructed from a commercial air conditioner crate covered with wire mesh. It was about six feet tall, three feet wide, and still obviously inadequate for their rapid horizontal flights, but it was all that I had at the time. They really loved the

sunshine, and it seemed to deepen the hues of their plumage. During the evenings I placed a red light on them to give them extra warmth, and it also attracted numerous varieties of insects, which they devoured with great relish. At night they would huddle together in one large fluffed up mass with four heads sticking out of it, looking like some kind of feathered monster. At first I was worried about the cold, but at thirty degrees Fahrenheit one morning, their enjoyment of a brisk bath allayed my fears.

They became the talk of my neighborhood. Many people came by and admired their color and personality. Sometimes the Pekins made a rather boisterous chatter. They liked to stay up late, long after the sun went down, and they were up before it rose again. They would destroy anything that was placed in their cage. Green branches quickly become barren sticks. I once placed a bamboo plant in their cage, thinking that it would closely resemble the natural flora of their native China. It did, but when I removed it only a week later, it was a mere remnant of the bush it once was. The Pekins not only attracted human visitors, but they also attracted local birds fascinated by their song. The area wildlife would land on my porch, only inches from the cage and watch intently. I have seen Goldfinches,

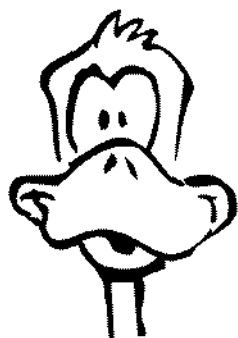
English Sparrows, Mockingbirds, the ever-lovely Bluebirds, and Nashville Warblers; a bird named after our fine city that apparently doesn't esteem it enough to live in it. A native of Canada, they are one of the more unique visitors passing through on their fall migration to some warm and exotic place. Favoring the White-Eyes or Zosterops, they closely resembled the Pekins in shape but not in color. A love struck Mockingbird was one of our least favorite campers. After weeks of him sitting atop the cage and dropping his "presents," I decided I had to be firm and allow him to follow more natural inclinations. Some lucky mockingbird hen somewhere was waiting for his wily charms.

I fed my "lovelies" a diversified diet. Of the softbill pellets, the green ones were left in the bowl as a silent threat to me that they only be fed red pellets in the future. I stood fast and the green pellets were finally eaten, although I believe their indignation festered. After six months, the green pellets were the FIRST ones eaten and only the RED ones were left. The Pekins seemed to be smiling at me through the cage as if to say "don't EVER think that you have figured us out!" Just molted mealworms, sans their chitinous exoskeleton, were eaten in a corn on the cob fashion. First they were quickly moved left to right in the beak several times

and then devoured. The Pekins loved oranges from the beginning, but other fresh items were greeted with much less exuberance. I was patient though, knowing that anything that could pick a tree bare in less than a week, had great potential. Now they enjoy kale, broccoli, cheese, eggs, melons, and apples. The list is growing daily.

One day while I was cleaning their cage, one of the Pekins flew out of the small door. The sound of feathers whooshing by my ears could only mean one thing. Now I am happy for all those naturalists that say birds should be free, and I can appreciate their point, but to possess something only to have it escape causes a sick, sinking feeling that, in my book, knows no rival. Thank God, Pekins are very social birds. He would not leave his buddies. Much to my amazement, he returned to the cage and tried to get in. I tried dowsing him with the water hose, but he was too quick for me. Sensing my frustration, my husband suggested a different approach. "Why not try the orange in the cage trick?" he asked. Of course, what kind of a wife would I be if I accepted his idea without first positing all of the possible negative scenarios. Nevertheless, my husband and I crouched in the window waiting for the thirsty and hungry Pekin to fly into the small opening of the cage that housed the enticing orange. In less than an hour, we were rushing out of the house yelling, "We got him. We got him!" like two kids after having caught their first fish.

I heard that they are tearing Opryland down this year. I never visited the park. I have also learned that the Pekins are no longer being brought into the States. Don't wait for missed opportunities. If you have a chance, check out these beautiful and unique creatures with which God has blessed us.



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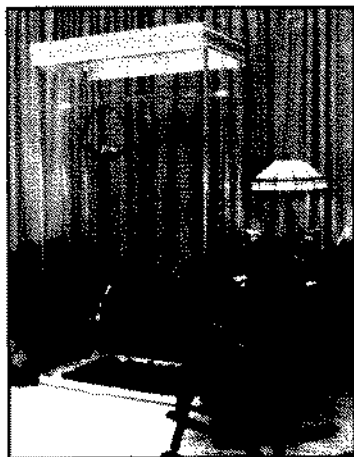
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FROM NATURE ... TO NOAH ... TO YOU

The Masked Grassfinch

By: Harry Bryant
Elyria, Ohio

About 28 years ago, while reading Bates and Busenbark's "Finches and Soft Billed Birds, I saw a color photo of a group of Lady Gouldians and Masked Grassfinches. I knew in my heart that one day I would have and raise both of these finches.



Photo by Harry Bryant

Well, I have been raising Gouldians now for at least 20 years, and have had Masked Grassfinches for the last six years; and have my own flights of Gouldians and Masked Grassfinches together. So after much urging by the NFSS Editor, I will try to put my experiences with this wonderful finch into writing.

DESCRIPTION: While the Masked Grassfinch does not possess the bold bright colors of many finches it does provide a striking contrast when kept with Gouldians, Parrot Finches, and other brightly colored finches. It has a delicate feather texture, light brown color with black mask and flanks, white rump, coral red feet and yellow waxy-looking bill.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT: The Masked Grassfinch is one of the most peaceful and friendly of the Grassfinches and I have kept them with owl (Bichnos), Gouldians, Cherry Finches, Star Finches and various small waxbills with no problems. If I had to compare them with another finch, I would say they are most like a Gouldian in habit.

Their cages or flights should always be provided with either a large finch nest basket or nest box, as they like to roost in a nest at night. One of the first things I see in the flights in the morning is a multitude of bright yellow bills peering down at me from a nest basket.

Masked Grassfinches are fast flyers and sometimes have a tendency to panic easily, so I recommend keeping a nightlight on in the flight or bird room. Having a nest basket available greatly reduces chances of night flight.

SEXING: The best way to sex Masked Grassfinches is to set up two together in a breeding cage, and if you get eggs you have a female, if they are fertile, you have a pair. The male does have a quiet trumpet like call, and does a little display dance, but he is shy about vocalizing. Sometimes the males seem to have a larger, brighter facial mask and beak, but not always.

It is often hard for a breeder to put two birds together and get the birds to "pair up". I usually place eight to twelve color-banded birds in a flight and watch them closely for signs of pairing. I then remove the pairs as they form. Once paired up, the bond between a breeding pair is very strong.

FEEDING: My birds all readily eat my own finch mix, which I make by mixing 50% of a locally made standard finch mix and 50% of Clifford's Finch Booster¹, which is kept before them at all times. They receive sprouted seed and eggfood² everyday, and mealworms and/or wax worms twice a week, unless they are feeding babies, and in that case they receive the worms daily. They also receive green food³ three times per week, and spray millet twice a week. A cuttlebone and bowl of gravel/grit is kept in each cage or flight. Glass hotel ashtrays make great grit containers!

HOUSING: Living in northern Ohio, my birds are kept indoors, in a basement birdroom. My flights range from 3' x 6' x 6' high to 6' x 14' x 6' high. They are lighted fourteen hours a day by 4' shop lights, which have vitalite bulbs in them. Some of the flights have large plants in them (fig trees, spider plants), while others are bare. All have corncob bedding on the floor.



My cages are all "box style", made from 1/2 inch plywood with a front made from 1/2 inch by 1 inch welded wire. They are painted with flat white enamel paint inside and are lighted by a small 12" fluorescent light⁴. They range in size from 24" deep x 24" tall x 48" long to 24" deep x 24" tall x 72" long. I use newspaper on the floor of these cages.

BREEDING: While I have raised Masked Grassfinches in my flights, I now set them up for breeding in box cages, which are 24" deep x 24" tall x 48" long and made from 1/2 inch plywood, with the front made from 1/2 inch by 1 inch welded wire. These cages are equipped with one wood finch nest box, usually 5" x 5" x 5", and 2 large woven finch nest baskets. Sometimes, the cages contain artificial foliage, and I have had one pair of Masked Grassfinches build their own grass nest in the foliage.

I provide soft grasses for nesting materials. I try to find an abandoned house in the country where the lawn grass has become overgrown. Tall grasses can also be found along roads or in parks. The most important thing is that the grasses are "fine". I have also tried using coconut fibers, however, I was always afraid the birds would become entangled in them so I stopped using it.

Masked Grassfinches lay between 4-6 eggs, and incubation is 13 to 16 days. Three weeks later, when the babies finally emerge from the nest, they are dull little copies of their parents with dark gray beaks.

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² Hardboiled egg, 1 tablespoon RichLife Vionate, 1 tsp. Japanese millet

³ Romaine lettuce, dandelion leaves, celery leaves, depending upon availability

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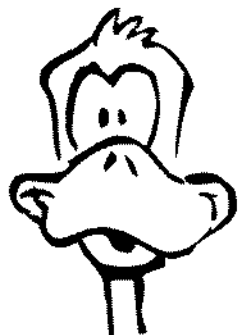
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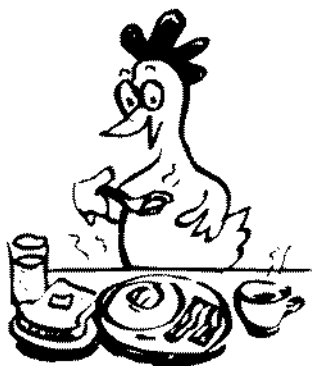
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Eggfood for Workin' Folks

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There are almost as many recipes for egg foods as there are owners and breeders of birds. An egg food can be any soft food that is provided to bring adult birds into breeding and as a source of easily fed and digested "first" food for nestlings.



What stimulates birds to breed: In the wild, birds are stimulated to breed by a number of factors: increasing temperature, increasing length of day, and even the amount of rainfall. These same factors allow grasses, insects, fruits, berries, and vegetables to grow. In other words, birds reproduce during times when **FOOD TO FEED THEIR BABIES IS PLENTIFUL**. If adequate food is available, parents will be able to find enough to raise fast growing babies to adulthood within a short period of time. During periods of drought, the reproduction rates decline. This may be due, in part, to parents own nutritional needs compromised to the point where hormones for reproduction are not being produced. It is almost as if nature is saying "if you produce babies now, the babies will die because there is not enough good food around to feed them to adulthood".

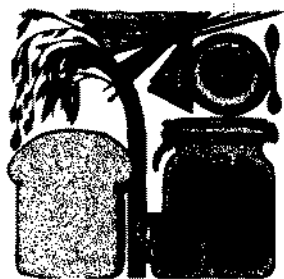


The importance of egg food: Although all living things need a combination of protein, fats and carbohydrates along with vitamins, minerals and adequate fluid to survive, the most important nutrient for growing birds is protein. Adequate and complete protein allows organ development, formation of skin and feathers, development of strong immune system, etc. This is where egg food comes in; most eggfood recipes contain (surprise) eggs. Egg white is 100% complete protein, containing all needed amino acids (the so-called "building blocks of life"). In human nutrition, egg white is the "protein marker" against which all foods are compared. Most eggfood recipes call for hard-boiled eggs (shells still on for calcium), to be ground, blended or run through a food processor and added to carbohydrates such as bread crumbs, cornbread, crackers or dry, crushed cereals or baby food.

The downsides of eggfoods: Because of their high protein content, eggs are also an extremely easy medium of bacteria to grow in. In other words, they spoil easily, especially in warm weather. This, of course, can be deadly to nestlings whose immune systems are just beginning to function. In many cases, it is suggested that egg food be removed or replaced within 2 to 4 hours.

Many bird folks (myself included) work outside the home. In most cases, employers are going to be less than sympathetic to employees that request to be allowed to run home to change egg food cups. With that in mind, I began to look for other high protein alternatives to add to my egg food recipe so I could decrease the amount of hard cooked eggs I used.

Alternative Protein Sources: Egg white is 100 percent protein. Add the egg yolk and the entire protein content of the egg is now 50 percent protein, 50 percent fat with just a trace of carbohydrates. Other food products that contain a fair amount of protein include:



- Dry, nonfat powdered milk - 41 percent protein
- Wheat germ - 32 percent protein
- Brewers Yeast - 50 percent protein
- Soy flour - 40 percent protein
- Soybeans - 30 percent protein
- Dry cat food - 30-32 percent protein
- Game bird food - 28 percent protein

The "Magic" Eggfood: Focusing mainly on "dried" protein sources (meat, cheeses and liquid milk also contain protein; however, they would probably not be added to an eggfood recipe), I came up with the following eggfood recipe for "workin' folks". Although it does include some whole egg, the majority of protein sources come from dried food products. The idea being the "drier" the final product, the less chance of food spoilage. I make the recipe up in big batches, store it in plastic bags in the freezer, then scoop it out right from the freezer; there is no need to defrost it. All my finches (including my very picky gouldians) seem to love it; babies grow well on it. Only 1/2 teaspoon or so is needed per pair of birds each day. More, of course, if they are feeding babies.

- 2 boxes of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- 1 loaf of whole wheat bread
- 8 eggs, hardboiled and allowed to cool (leave shells on)
- 1 cup of wheat germ
- dried cat food, blended to a powder to equal 4 cups
- Game bird mash or crumbles, blended to a powder to equal 4 cups
- 1 cup of dry powdered milk
- 1 cup of brewers yeast
- 4 tablespoons of dry bird vitamins
- any leftover egg shells, dried in the oven

Boil and cool the eggs; drain and dry the eggs and set aside. Prepare the Corn muffin mix as the box states. Cook in a pan as opposed to making muffins. Remove from the pan and place the cornbread and whole wheat bread in the cooling oven to dry out as if you were making breadcrumbs. When dry, run through a processor the following:

- 1/4 the batch of cornbread
- 1/4 the loaf of dried whole wheat bread
- 2 hard boiled eggs
- 1/4 cup of wheat germ
- 1 cup of cat food powder
- 1 cup of game bird powder
- 1/4 cup of dry powdered milk
- 1/4 cup of brewers yeast
- 1 tablespoon of vitamins
- 1/4 of any leftover egg shells

Repeat three more times. Place this in a plastic bag (old bread bags work well), and store in the freezer. Use 1/2 teaspoon per pair of finches each day, more if they are feeding babies.

Once the ingredients are ready, the actual mixing goes quickly. However, I am a terribly messy cook so I like to make this in big batches. Even with well over 100 finches, a large batch will last me for months. You can reduce or increase the recipe as needed.

The Advantages of this Eggfood: It remains a powder, and can be easily stored in the freezer and does not require defrosting before being given to your birds. It has no smell. It has a much less chance of spoiling in hot weather and can be left for up to 24 hours in a cage (although I have found it is long gone before then). And, it provides the high quality protein that small birds need to maintain their health while reproducing and feeding babies. I have used this eggfood for my finches, canaries and grass parakeets with good results.

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Mousebirds: Something Different

By: Kateri J. Davis

Unlike the word "parrots", when you hear "softbills", you don't often think pet birds. Softbills¹ generally don't lend themselves to being the cuddly type pet birds we see in the parrot family. Some softbills will become tame enough for you to touch them, but to pet them, ride around on your shoulder, or snuggle under your collar? And what softbill is quiet enough to be kept in an apartment in a medium-size cage, hardy, not destructive to furniture, and is a stable breeder in aviculture? What softbill is easy enough for beginners and yet interesting enough for the experienced?

One type of softbill fits all these categories and makes a wonderful pet bird.



Surprisingly, they seem to be almost totally overlooked...mousebirds.

It is unfortunate that for many people, their common name conjures up visions of scraggly, ugly, naked-tailed, disease-ridden vermin (no offense meant to mice lovers!). Mousebirds are far from that!

Speckled Mousebirds make good pets, even for children. Of course, children should always have the help of an adult and the maturity required to deal with animals. Photo by Kateri Davis.

Mousebirds, or colies, are African birds that got their name because their hopping movements combined with their gray

coloring is mouse-like. There are six species of mousebirds in a family (Coliidae) by themselves. These unique birds are all about the size of a small cockatiel with a long, very stiff, skinny tail and a small crest that can be raised at will. Their plumage is very soft, and their feet quite large. Strangely, all four toes can point forward as they move. Although some species have red feet and red around the eyes, their feathering is mainly either browns or bluish-grays so coloring is not usually their main attraction.

What makes mousebirds so adorable and interesting is their behavior. It is strange! They don't even perch like "normal" birds. They like to hang, as if they can't finish a pull-up. They rarely stand erect on a perch; they'd rather sit on it. They scamper about, right-side up and upside down, as they explore, dangling, even from one toe, to see better. When they sleep, they fluff into gray balls and cuddle with you or each other. They hang belly to belly on cold nights. When scratched around the head and body, they turn into fluff balls of



Speckled Mousebirds enjoy being scratched around the head and neck. Photo by Kateri Davis.

pure enjoyment. Instead of walking, mousebirds hop, and, when they are feeling frisky, they hop straight up and down on your shoulder or head in a display. Their pleasant whistling calls and soft grumbles do not aggravate most neighbors.

These birds always have to know what is going on around them. Mousebirds are intelligent and extremely curious. They are social animals, living in groups in the wild, and, in your home, they love to investigate your activities, even pestering you while you clean cages or try to read a book. What personalities!

Housing Mousebirds is simple. Give them the largest cage possible, at least 2' x 2' x 2', and clean it frequently. Softbill droppings are very soft, and Mousebirds can make a lot of them! Since Mousebirds like to hang on the sides of their enclosures, especially when sleeping at night, rim the outside of the cage with paper or something to catch feces. Provide perches and hanging toys. The stiff tail of a Mousebird tends to get ragged if in too small of a cage. Let your bird out everyday to exercise (safely of course) whether you clip his wings or not. They enjoy bathing in water, dirty, or sand. In an aviary setting, they get along well with any non-aggressive birds from small finches to Touracos.

There may be problems if the aviary is too small or over-crowded, so watch them carefully when introducing them. Breeding pairs can be more aggressive than singles, especially if tightly confined.

Mousebirds are mainly frugivorous and should be fed a variety of fruits plus softbill/mynah pellets. Kaytee Exact Mynah and 8-N-1 Mynah are the two brands that I use for my birds. These birds are little gluttons, and besides their daily soft food, I have dry pellets available throughout the day. They will also eat some insects such as mealworms or waxworms. Mousebirds love to eat! Although they are not chewers like parrots, Mousebirds may bite off pieces of plants to eat too.

Now, hopefully your interest is perked! Well, what different kinds are available? The Speckled, or Bar-breasted species is the most commonly found Mousebird in U.S.A. aviculture. It is a fluffy feathered, brown bird with a wide, pointed, long, stiff tail, silvery cheeks (in most subspecies), spiky crest, orange legs, and small dark bars across its chest. They seem to have a "I just woke up" look and a clumsy way of moving that is endearing. They love to be scratched around the head and will fluff up like a parrot as they relax.

The Blue-Naped Mousebird is the second in popularity. It is more streamlined due to smoother feathering, slightly longer and skinnier crest, and a very narrow tail. It is the most colorful species with bluish-gray feathering, red around the eyes and beak, and a blue nape².

The Red-Faced species is the next available Mousebird but very hard to find.



Red-Faced Mousebirds have soft bluish-gray plumage and red facial markings. Photo by Kateri Davis.

It is very similar to the Blue-Naped (same genera) except that it lacks the blue nape and the crest is not as pronounced. Both species move more gracefully than the Speckled and are just as loveable. They do not seem to enjoy having their bodies scratched as much as the Speckleds do. Maybe this is due to the fact that their feathering is much smoother.

The other three species are almost non-existent in U.S. aviculture, even in the zoos. Maybe more will be imported soon as they are not endangered in their native lands and are not on the Federal CITES³ list yet.

Though they are around, Mousebirds cannot be called the most commonly kept softbills in aviculture, even in aviary settings, much less as pets. Many are domestically bred. Hand-raised babies are sometimes available and make the sweetest pets. Price generally ranges from \$100.00 to \$200.00 depending on the species and whether or not hand-raised.

Because of the way that Mousebirds like to hang on the wire and sit on the perches, they don't display well in cages to the observer who is unfamiliar with their habits. If observed at a bird mart or the like, they often have soiled feathering due to their frightened movements. So next time you are lucky enough to see one, give it a second closer look, and you will see an intriguing creature.

Mousebirds are such delightful birds for so many reasons; they deserve more popularity in aviculture. With the traditional beginner softbills, Pekin Robins, Silver-Eared Mesias now being regulated by CITES laws, these birds' prices are sure to go up as import supply decreases. Mousebirds may soon be one of the least expensive, beginner softbills around. So if you are interested in something different, or a softbill with a pet personality, check out Mousebirds!

¹ Softbill - a non-scientific term describing many families of birds that eat mainly plant and insect matter including nectar. Generally excludes parrots, finches, doves, quail, raptors, and waterfowl.

² Nape - portion of neck below the back of the head.

³ CITES - Federal law that regulates the importation and exportation of animal and plant species. Regulated species are listed as Appendix I, II, or III.

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AFA'S EFFORTS HELP REDUCE RED TAPE

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has issued its final rule changes under the Endangered Species Act. The most significant amendment affecting private aviculture involves the reduction in permit requirements pertaining to interstate commerce for certain avian species. The final rules have deleted the requirement to obtain a Captive Bred Wildlife Registration for eight species of pheasants, the Scarlet-chested Parakeet and the Turquoise Parakeet, the Laysan duck, and the "generic" or intersubspecific crossed tiger.

During the comment period a total of 1,269 acts of written information and comments were sent to the USFWS. The 1991 Psittacine Captive Breeding Survey done by the World Wildlife Fund in collaboration with the American Federation of Aviculture concluded that serious thought should be given to downlisting or delisting some captive stocks because the survival of these species in captivity appears to be assured if inbreeding can be minimized. The survey demonstrated that two of the species were well represented in captivity and are breeding well. This data played an important role in the exemption of these species from the previous regulations.

Current permit holders of these species will no longer need them, and any applications, new or renewal, for these species currently pending before the Service will not be processed.

Being part of voluntary surveys and documenting the breeding of birds in captivity has proven very beneficial. AFA urges everyone to help educate the general public and our legislators by promoting such efforts that may arise in the future.

CITES COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

There is some concern about allowing an airline to use CITES and IATA rules to govern shipments on domestic flights.

Because of this the committee sent in a rebuttal letter to the use of CITES Check-off forms for domestic flights on Delta Airlines. So far, there has been no feedback on this and the form is still in use.

The committee also reports that there are still some 1998 CITES pins available. These pins are truly beautiful and will become collectors items. They will soon be unavailable so make your arrangements to purchase them now. They are seven dollars each and are available through the AFA office. You can also order them off the internet from a link at the following address:

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Also appointed was Jeannette Rilling who will be the new chairperson of the AVY Awards Committee.

We welcome them and hope you will contact them and assist them in their new positions.

PET STORE HOSTS BIRD OWNERS SEMINAR

Tomlinson's Pet Food and More in Austin, Texas was the site of a one day bird owners seminar on November 21, 1998. Three speakers were present to talk and to answer questions from the large crowd that turned out for the "short notice" seminar. Carol Lynn Meissner, DVM, Charlie Benedict, behavior consultant, and Rick Jordan, renowned author of several books on various aspects of aviculture, all volunteered their time for this seminar.

The pet store donated the proceeds from the seminar to the AFA CITES Committee.

Thanks to all who participated and helped raise funds for the CITES Committee and special thanks to Tomlinson's Pet Food and More and also to Zooprem who co-sponsored the seminar.

AFA In Brief welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions. Please contact the editor at: 512-937-1991 or email me at Lou.Dittoe@interconnect.net

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When: 2/13 and 2/14

Where: Tampa, FL

NFSS Judge: Marion Spzarak (2/13), Clarence Culwell (2/14)

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Details: Pre-registration available at (813)621-7821. Website: <http://www.fl-ag.com/statefair>.

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When: 4/17 & 4/18

Where: Pomona, CA

NFSS Judge: Paul Williams (4/17), Hal Koontz (4/18)

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Details: Being held at Sheraton Fair Plex in Pomona. For more information contact: Lee or Sharon Bolivar (310) 323-4788 and evenings (310) 318-2884

OCTOBER:

Kaytee Great American Bird Show

When: 10/2 & 10/3

Where: Carolina, Puerto Rico

NFSS Judge: Miki Spzarak (10/2), Daren Decoteau (10/3)

Delegate: Jackie Civitarese, email: Lix4me@aol.com

Details: Being held at Caribe Hilton Hotel.

NOVEMBER:

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When: 11/7 & 11/8

Where: Del Mar, CA (San Diego)

NFSS Judge: to be announced

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When: 11/6

Where: Modesto, CA

NFSS Judge: to be announced

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When: 11/18-11/20

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The prices remain the same. However, we have added a new rosette. Many clubs have indicated a desire to have an official Novice rosette with the NFSS logo. These have been designed and will be available for \$5.00. There are no NFSS rules regarding this award. Each club will set it's own standard.

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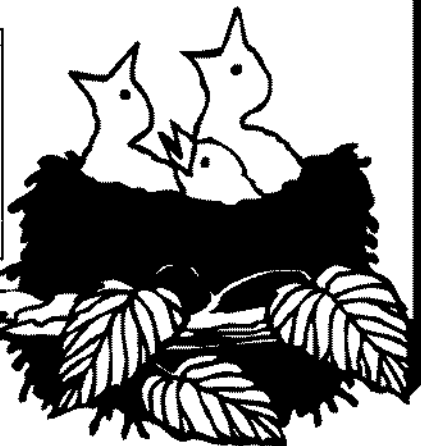
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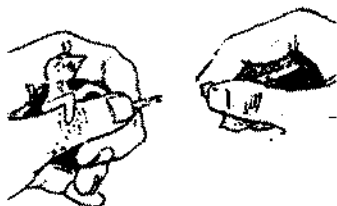
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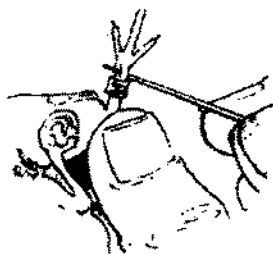
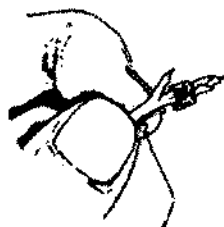
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The important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking 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 joint.



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