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### On the

This issue's cover is a photo of one of Michael Marcotrigiano's beautiful pearl Society Finches. Michael uses the pearl Society as an example in this issue's installment of his continuing series, *Breeding for Quality* to be found on page 6. Our thanks to Michael both for contributing this photo as well as for the work he is doing to help us all to learn and understand more

# NFSS President's Message

## January, 2005



By the time you get this Journal, I'll have new knees. I believe I wore them out chasing birds over the years. Our Editor, Martie, wore out a hip and I guess I could not be outdone. Hopefully, this bionic team is back to serve as originally intended.

Speaking of serving: Linda Hughes has resigned as Membership Director in order to help her family. Her service has been much appreciated (membership has increased steadily under her guidance) and we wish her our best. If time and circumstances permit, we certainly hope she'll return to the NFSS board.

Meanwhile, Robert Mehl has graciously stepped in as Membership Director 'pro tem' in addition to his chores as our Finch Shop manager. Take a look at [www.nfss.org](http://www.nfss.org) then click "New Finch Shop Items" to see how organized Robert has our sales department.

One major reason to continue your membership support of NFSS is so you can further learn where to locate quality birds for your own aviary, how to best house them, the most successful diets, and more. We all know the most successful breeding program begins with the healthiest birds, and so far, they come from NFSS members and your local clubs.

A special thanks to the terrific speakers at the Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA) at NCBS: Janis Clark, Robert Webster and Randy Taylor.

And please know your participation in the census using the forms provided in the previous Journal has been greatly appreciated. Our organization grows and grows and we are surely the center-pieces of Finch and Softbill knowledge.

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# Breeding for Quality: Sex-Linked Traits in Finches

by Michael Marcotrigiano,  
NFSS Science Editor

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Higher organisms have a significant number of chromosome pairs. All but one pair is shared by both sexes. The shared pairs are known as autosomal chromosomes. The remaining pair, known as the sex chromosomes, distinguishes the sexes. In humans, males can be distinguished from females by the presence of the Y chromosome. Women have two X chromosomes (XX) and males have one X and one Y (XY). Because the Y chromosome is present only in men, it contains little genetic information that is essential for basic life function. If this were not true, women would be missing some genes necessary for essential processes. Instead, the Y chromosome functions almost exclusively to determine the sex of the human. Interestingly, in birds and some insects it is not the male that has the unique sex-determining chromosome, but the female. Using the common designations, female birds would be XY and male XX. In order to avoid confusion with mammal genetic diagrams, the standard way to express sex chromosomes in birds is ZW for hens and ZZ for cocks. I will use these symbols in this article.

Those of us that are interested in the color mutations of cage birds know that sooner or later we must come to grips with their genetics if we are to obtain the desired color combinations. Yet, to this day I encounter hobbyists that are clueless about such matters and either inbreed to maintain a certain color or just perform random matings, hoping for the best. Usually, the results are disappointing since a large number of normal colored birds begin to appear as recessive genes become masked by dominant genes.

In this article, I will explain in text and graphics how to manage a trait whose genetic control resides on a sex chromosome. Table 1 below shows you some of the most important color morphs that are controlled by genes on the Z chromosome. To my knowledge all sex-linked color mutations are recessive to normal with the exception of the **yellow body** mutation in the Gouldian Finch, which is a codominant trait (split males are dilutes, double factor males have yellow bodies).



**Table 1 - Some of the more Common Sex-Linked Color Traits Known in Captive Raised Finches**

Common Name	Scientific Name*	Sex-Linked Trait
Society Finch	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	pearl creamino
Zebra Finch	<i>Poephila guttata</i>	fawn chestnut flanked white (CFW) continental CFW lightback
Gouldian Finch	<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>	red head yellow body lutino (new mutation)
Blue Faced Parrot Finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	lutino
Diamond Firetail	<i>Emblema guttata</i>	fawn
Shafttail	<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>	fawn
Parson's Finch	<i>Poephila cincta</i>	fawn cream

\* names from: Clement, P., A. Harris, and J. Davis. 1993. Finches and Sparrows – An identification Guide. Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.

Since hens only have one Z chromosome, hens carrying a Z-linked mutation will be visuals as there is no dominant allele to mask the expression of the mutation. In other words, hens cannot be split for a sex-linked mutation. Males, on the other hand, are ZZ. So a male can be split for the mutation and still look normal (i.e. wild type for the trait). The only way to prove he is a split male is to mate him and observe his female offspring or have a pedigree that shows he must be split because you know the genetic makeup of his parents.

Pairing birds with sex-linked mutations is fun. If the pairings are planned with knowledge of sex-linked inheritance, it allows you to sex the birds while they are still in the nest box, a great treat for those of us struggling with sexing monomorphic species like Society Finches. In the following figures I use the **pearl** mutation of the Society Finch as my example. Pearls are kept in a self background meaning they have no white feathers (i.e. are not pied). Pearls are easy to distinguish from chocolates since **pearl** turns chocolate to a mocha color

and it imparts a variable amount silver-gray to certain body parts. Keep in mind that any sex-linked mutation on Table 1 can be substituted for **pearl** in the figures below with the same result, except for **yellow body** in Gouldians where split males look dilute, not yellow.

In all the Figures below, I have reduced their complexity by showing only the sex chromosomes; and if only one genetic type of sperm is possible from a given male, I did not depict multiples. I used letter symbols only for the genes that I'm concerned with in the specific example. Note that you can follow the lines leading from the final offspring to the egg and sperm that combined to give rise to them.

In Figure 1 we see just how useful a visual male for a sex-linked trait can be. When a pearl male is mated to a chocolate hen, all of his daughters will be pearls and all of his sons will be choco-

lates split for **pearl**. In this case the young can be sexed in the nest box and you can be positive that the chocolate males are split for **pearl**. Keep in mind that **pearl** is recessive.

So, what about pairings that use a split male? Here's a real example of the result. I once got an email from a woman who bought two chocolate Society Finches from a pet shop in New Jersey (very close to where Shimpei Tanaguchi, one of my collaborators in the pearl importation, used to live). Her chocolates produced a few offspring that were "silvery hens". I immediately suspected that they might be pearls. Figure 2 shows how this can happen. If the male happened to be split for **pearl** he would produce on average one pearl for every four babies and it would always be a hen. It is the **pearl** sperm that joined with the W chromosome that made the pearl hen. This pearl hen is depicted in the third circle on the bottom line of circles on Figure 2. On

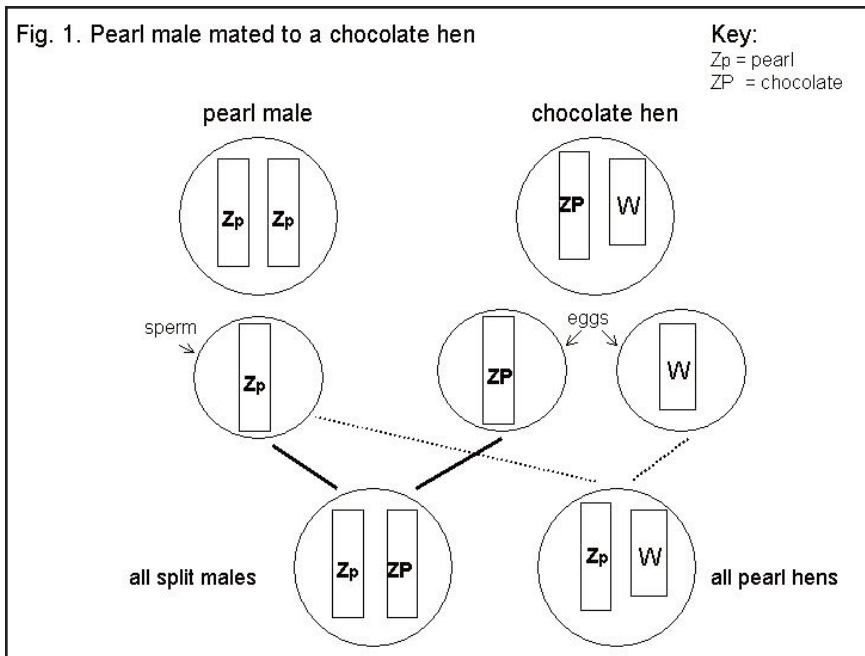


Fig. 2. A split for pearl male mated to a chocolate hen

Key:  
 Z<sub>p</sub> = pearl  
 Z<sub>P</sub> = chocolate

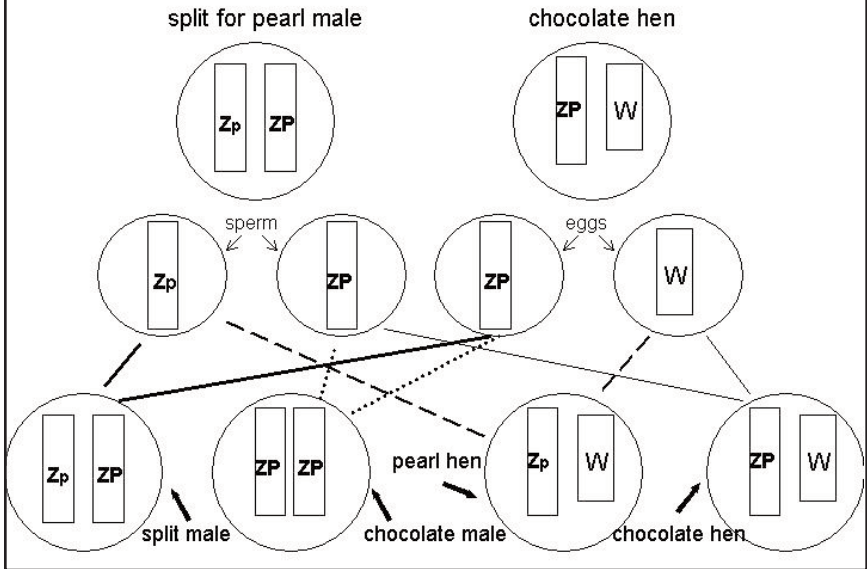
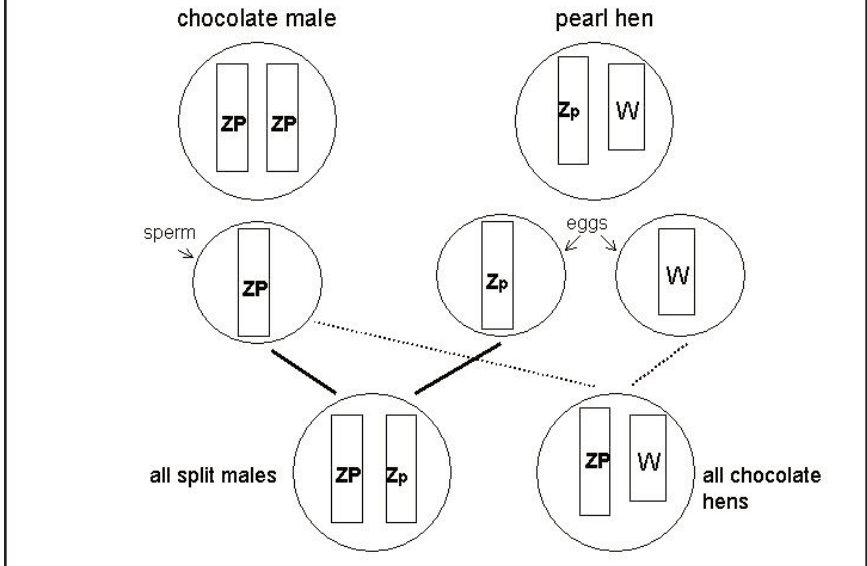


Fig. 3. Chocolate male mated to pearl hen

Key:  
 Z<sub>p</sub> = pearl  
 Z<sub>P</sub> = chocolate



average, a pairing between a split for **pearl** male and a chocolate hen produces a ratio of 1:1:1:1 chocolate male : split male : chocolate hen : pearl hen. It would be impossible to know which male is split without performing test matings with him.

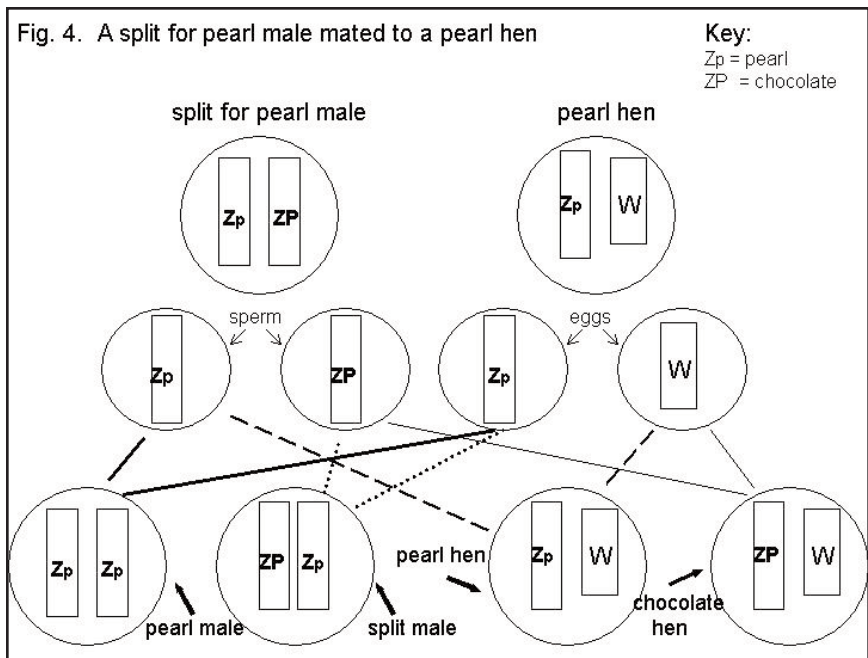
If you acquired a pearl hen and mated it to one of your chocolate males, all the babies would appear chocolate (Figure 3). Once you could sex them by song, you could be assured that all the males were splits and all the hens were chocolates. So unlike the pairing in Figure 2 at least you know the genetics of all of the offspring. In Figure 3, we see that a chocolate male mated to a pearl hen yields a 1:1 ratio of split males: chocolate hens.

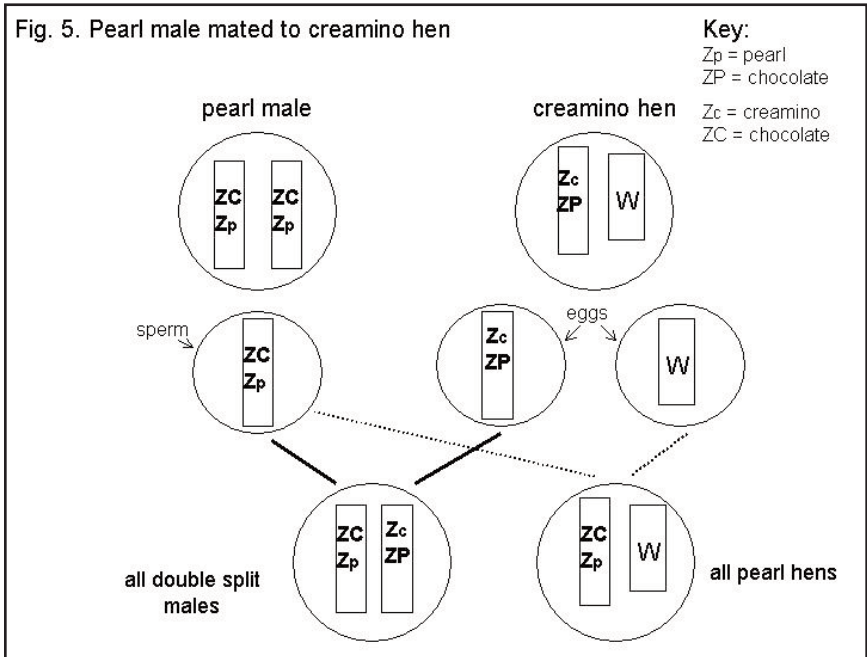
In Figure 4 below we see the expectation if a split male is paired with a pearl hen. On average, one can expect a ratio of 1:1:1:1 pearl male: split male: pearl

hen: chocolate hen from this pairing. This is another pairing where you can eventually figure out the makeup of all the offspring because the males are either pearl or split and no chocolate males that are not split for pearl could ever result from the pairing.

Figures 1 to 4 are informative because they visually depict the results of all possible pairings with a single sex-linked trait. Note that only in Figure 2, where a split male is mated to a chocolate hen, is there any confusion about the genetic makeup of the male offspring. In all other pairings you know the genotype of the offspring.

Another item worth mentioning is the linkage issues with sex-linked genes. In my article in the last issue of the NFSS Journal, which was on linkage, you learned that two mutations on the same chromosome cannot be easily combined if they start out being on separate birds.





The same goes for sex-linked genes. For example, if you wanted to make pearl creaminos to see what they would look like, it would not be easy. The resulting offspring would be all pearl hens and all chocolate males split for *pearl* and *creamino* (see Figure 5 above).

Even if you paired the resulting brothers and sisters you would not recover the double mutant, unless crossing over occurred.

Finally, I need to mention what an allelic series is, because in Zebra Finches there appears to be at least three alleles of one sex-linked gene that result in similar but distinct phenotypes. What this means is that at the same point on the chromosome different forms of a similar mutation have occurred on separate birds. Chestnut flanked white (CFW), continental CFW, lightback, and perhaps a few others form such a series. Because these are on the same location on the chromosome, they cannot be combined

on one chromosome – there is no opportunity for crossing over to occur, as has happened with fawn and lightback, both sex-linked genes that are far enough apart from each other on the Z chromosome to allow crossing over to occur.

The allelic series reveals allele relationships in split males. Males that are split for two forms of the gene (e.g. **CFW** and **lightback**) are not normal grays that are double splits. Rather, the two alleles interact, sort of acting as one in the sense that you do get mutant expression (i.e. visuals), but with one having a dominant effect the other. To read more about such interesting phenomena go to [www.efinch.com](http://www.efinch.com) and read the sections on CFW, fawn, and lightback in the Zebra Finch variety section.

As you can see, the more we know, the less we know. In a species such as the Zebra Finch, where the number of mutations keep piling up, we are bound to come up with new puzzles. Perhaps sex-

linked genes can interact in strange ways with genes on autosomal chromosomes? By understanding more about genetics we will be able to control the outcome of our pairings and hopefully create new and exciting color combinations in the future.

In the next issue of the NFSS Journal we move away from single gene traits and begin to discuss the breeding

strategies used for quantitatively inherited traits such as bird shape and size.

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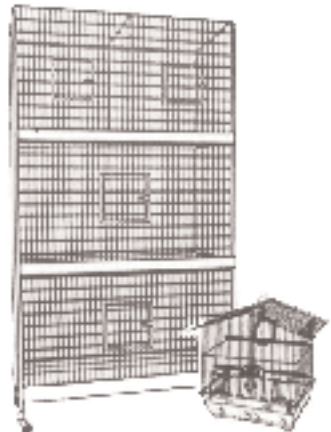
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# The 2004 U.S. National Cage Bird Show Lansing, Michigan, Nov. 14-18, 2004

by Mike West

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Lynne and Mike West display the Higgins Trophy awarded to them for Best Finch/Softbill at the 2004 National Cage Bird Show Banquet.

Our first visit to the U.S. National was a memorable one. Last year, in Windsor, and again this year, two U.S. judges had commented on our Lady Gouldian finches, and suggested we take them to the National. Since the show was close at hand, we decided to make the trip down. Then we wondered about how to take our birds down over the border. After a 'few' phone calls, and a lot of legwork by Lynne, we got the necessary documents (an import/export permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department), and set up a visit by Dr. Michael Taylor, an accredited avian veterinarian from the

University of Guelph, to inspect our birds. We then had to take the paperwork to Agriculture Canada to get the necessary approvals. Finally, we needed the U.S. money orders to pay for the inspections at the U.S. border by Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian. We set off on the Thursday morning and crossed the Windsor-Detroit Bridge border crossing at about 1:00 pm. After getting lost in the truck traffic, we finally found the U.S. building, met with the Fish and Wildlife Officer and then we waited for the vet inspection. With hundreds of canaries, and truck loads of



pigs, all waiting on the same vet, it took a while to get out and continue on our way.

By the time we got to Lansing, it was late afternoon and we checked into our hotel and then checked the birds into the show. All birds must be entered on the Thursday prior to judging on Friday, which begins at 8 am. When we had our birds on the bench, we were disappointed to find that we had the only Gouldians in the show until a few more were entered later. The show was held in the Convention Centre, with a huge exhibition hall, separate rooms for sale birds and four divisions of singing canaries, and with a good number of commercial sellers in a separate booth area. It was a lovely venue, especially since it was lavishly decorated for the Christmas season.

The total entry in the Finch Division was about 125 birds. There were plenty of Zebra finches, and an assortment of other European, African, Central and South American, and East Asian finches and softbills. The birds to beat were a Touraco, a Cuban, and a Shafttail. Canada was well represented, with Rickie Gaskin sending down birds with Vince Moase. Grant Rishman from Victoria also attended but couldn't bring birds. In addition, there was a very strong group of canary exhibitors from Ontario and Quebec.

On Friday, judging began and we took our seats to watch. The judge, Armando Lee from Florida, is the First Vice-President of the National Finch and Softbill Society, and he began with the largest class of birds, the Zebra finches. The best Zebra finch was entered by Rickie Gaskin from Ontario, and that bird went on to be fifth best bird in show. We were fortunate to have our pastel blue Gouldian judged Best in Show, winning the Higgins trophy for Best in Division. That completes the double, with the same bird having won the Canadian National early in October in Ottawa. Lynne was more nervous during the Best

in Division judging than at any of the Canadian shows. As the judging went on, other exhibitors were kidding her saying that if she wrung her hands any more, than they would fall off!

Canadians were at the top of two other divisions, Mohamed El-Ayari (Moe) from Brampton won the Lipochrome Division. He was also winner of Canadian National in Ottawa. Tony Medeiros won the Fife division. Rado Pagac's canary was the Best Melanin Mosaic and was seventh overall in the Melanin Classic Division, while the Gatto Aviary was second best in the Melanin Classic Division with the best Black Red Intensive. Altogether, the Canadian contingent did very well, I think, and went home very happy.

The cage tags are opened after the judging except for the winner of each Division. This is because the judging for the Scannell trophy (Best in Show) happens on Saturday afternoon and the results are not announced until the banquet that Saturday night. So we had to contain our excitement until later. On Friday night, we attended the social evening where there was a buffet dinner and drinks. The spread was quite impressive, as they even had a fountain of melted chocolate that you could dip fruit and marshmallows in. The younger exhibitors loved it (us included!!) Then the birds donated by the previous year's Higgins winners were auctioned to provide funds for the next show. The birds that raised the most money was a pair of beautiful Pekin Robins at \$650.00 U.S. (Editor's Note: This beautiful pair of Pekin Robins was donated by our own NFSS President, Sally Huntington.) The total raised was about \$4,600.

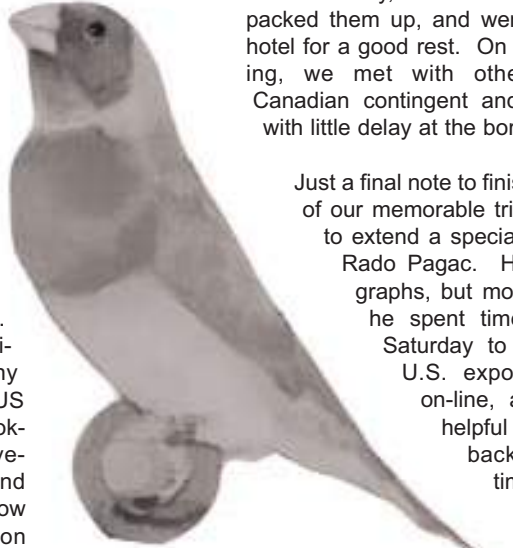
Saturday morning was spent at the meeting of the National Finch and Softbill Society, of which we are members. This brought an unexpected bonus. The NFSS presents a trophy to the Best Softbill in show. However, this year they

instituted a new trophy, the Bill Parlee trophy, for the Best Finch in Show. Bill was a founder of the society, and he judged our birds once, at the 100th CAS show in 1994. So it was a great surprise and honor for us to be awarded the original trophy for the Best Finch in Show. The afternoon was spent socializing and looking at the other birds in the show. The U.S. national has eighteen divisions of birds, including a division for peach faced lovebirds, a second for eye-ring and rarer lovebirds, and a junior division. Each of these divisions had many entries! The US exhibits a lot of hook-bills, including lovebirds, cockatiels and parrotlets. This show had no exhibition budgerigars, although there were a couple of "wild-type" budgerigars. There are also good entries in most canary classes, including quite a few rarer varieties such as Scots fancy, Gibber Italicus and Japanese Hosa.

On Saturday night, the banquet is held, with about 300-400 people present. After dinner, winners of essay competitions for children of different ages were announced, and winning essays were read aloud to the guests. Then the Higgins division winners are announced, with lots of photographers present! It is quite an occasion, and the trophies are enormous. Finally the winner of the best singing canary (which was a roller canary), and then the Best in Show

(Scannell trophy) are announced. The Best in Show was a beautiful Gloster canary.

After dinner, each exhibitor then had to wait to be escorted into the hall to take the birds out. This was done in order of entry, so as exhibitor 195, we had a long wait! Finally, we received our birds, packed them up, and went back to the hotel for a good rest. On Sunday morning, we met with others from the Canadian contingent and came home with little delay at the border.



### **Red-Headed Male Pastel Blue Gouldian**

*Winner of the 2004 National Cage Bird Show  
Bred and Shown by Mike and Lynne West*

*Photo Courtesy ©Mike West*

Just a final note to finish up the story of our memorable trip. I would like to extend a special thank you to Rado Pagac. He took photographs, but more importantly, he spent time with us on Saturday to complete the U.S. export documents on-line, and was very helpful in escorting us back. As first-timers, we didn't know the procedures, and were quite nervous. He helped a lot. Another thank you to Vince

and Kendra Moase and to Grant Rishman. We spent a lot of time socializing with them, and enjoying the show together with them, especially at the Saturday banquet. Since Lynne and I have been showing birds over these last 14 years, Vince has provided us with a wealth of information on birdkeeping, and his congratulations on our U.S. win meant a lot to us. Finally, we met and reconnected with many friends from the bird world from the U.S. and Canada, and really enjoyed the experience and companionship.

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# Breeding the Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*)

by Ray Sherlock

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Speckled Mousebirds are native to South Africa. Their habitat is forest edges and clearings and also parks and gardens in towns. They are rather drab but very entertaining birds. The sexes are alike making buying true pairs difficult. To be sure of a pair, birds should be DNA sexed.

Adults measure 30-36 cm including the tail which can measure 17-24 cm. They have unusual feathers - almost hair like, the tail is long and stiff, and they also have a crest which can be raised or laid flat on the head.

They are fruit eaters and also eat some greenfood and live food in the wild.

Mousebirds are so called because of their habit of scurrying through the undergrowth. They have a pampodactyl foot which means they can point all four toes forward. They aren't very strong fliers, preferring to run along perches and aviary wire. They can perch normally, but prefer to hang from perches with splayed legs. At night they roost together in a tight ball, hanging from a favourite perch with heads up. With feathers fluffed up to keep warm, it's difficult to know how many birds are there.

I bought my birds from the National at the NEC 2002. The dealer didn't know if they were a pair, but they were in very good condition.

The birds were put in an indoor flight measuring 8ft long, 3ft wide and 8ft high. The bird room is heated by an electric, oil filled radiator at 65c. Lights are on from midday until midnight and work on a dimmer.

I have covered the walls and ceilings in the bird room with white plastic cladding and the floors are tiled making cleaning very easy. The floors of the flights are filled with a wood based cat litter as mousebirds are very messy birds. I also keep Lorikeets and cat litter is the best floor covering I've found.

The birds also have access to an outside planted flight measuring 4ft long, 3ft wide and 6ft high. The plants were soon stripped of their leaves. They dislike cold damp weather and will sunbathe at every opportunity, mostly first thing in the morning to get warm.

I placed two open fronted boxes in the inside flight and placed a small amount of hay in each. I never saw the birds go near them so I also placed a ceramic canary nest pan 7ft high on the front wall of the aviary. I supplied more hay, coconut fibre and canary nesting material. I didn't see any nest building or even see the birds carrying any material.

On the first of November, I noticed a twig sticking out from the nest pan. The only way I could inspect the nest was with

a dental mirror. There was a single white egg in the nest. Two more eggs followed - each laid two days apart.

Both parents incubated, taking turns during the day and night. Each time they went back to incubate, they added nesting material around the edge of the nest and each time they left, material would fall out. A small conifer in the outside aviary was stripped bare of all foliage.

One egg was thrown out of the nest and contained a fully formed chick on the verge of hatching. Sadly the chick died.

The first egg hatched on the 15th and the second the following day. The chicks hatch blind and are grey in colour, sparsely covered in grey down. For the first few days they resemble baby mice. The chicks have a very bright yellow tongue which is visible when the chicks gape.

Both parents fed the chicks on a great variety of fruit including sweet apple, pear, banana, grape, paw paw, mango, blackberry, elder, sharon fruit, hawthorn, nectarines, peaches, tangerines, sweet oranges, strawberries, figs (dried and fresh), cotoneaster, pyracantha, honeysuckle, holly and garden peas. Haiths softbill food is eaten in large quantities but all live food is ignored.

The chicks grew rapidly and both left the nest at ten days old. They resemble the parents except for their shorter crest and tail, darker bill and they are approximately half the size of an adult bird. The chicks couldn't fly but ran up and down the aviary wire. Both were back in the nest at night.

The parents continued to brood the chicks for a few nights. The adults were very vocal when I entered the bird room and would fly out into the outside flight, calling the young to join them. The young birds had no problem going through the bob hole into each flight. When the four birds weren't sitting on the nest they would huddle together hanging from a perch in the bird room.

My mousebirds have never bathed in water. They prefer to dust bathe. I provide a shallow bowl filled with a mixture of play sand from a garden centre sold for children's sand pits and peat. They never bathe together - never more than two at a time.

Mousebirds don't have down feathers and dislike wet weather. In the wild mousebirds are frequently found dead hanging from a perch after a downpour. The birds get soaked and die from hypothermia.

Fresh water is provided a couple of times a day as it soon gets soiled with fruit and droppings. Mousebird droppings are loose and end up everywhere. You must be prepared to clean the flights regularly.

In the USA mousebirds are very popular and hand reared birds make excellent pets. They are very playful and love human company.

The next two rounds of eggs were all dead in shell due, I think, to interference by the two youngsters. They have now been moved to another aviary.

The most recent nest contained three eggs; the first was laid on the 27th of February, the second was laid on the 2nd of March and the last on the 3rd of March. Both birds shared incubation again and the first egg hatched on the 9th of March, followed four days later by the second. The first youngster was closed rung on the 13th with a size L ring from the IOA. Both birds left the nest together, but sadly the younger chick couldn't make it back into the nest that night and was found dead on the aviary floor the following morning.

Mousebirds are excellent aviary birds. They are quiet, very interesting, easy to feed and are relatively free breeders.

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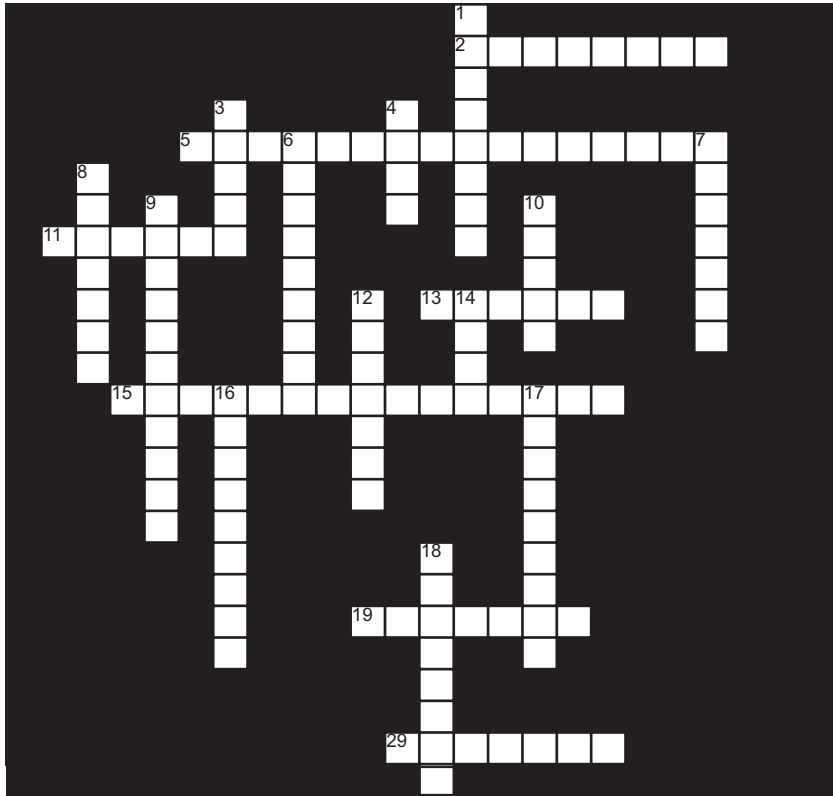
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## Bird Bones

### Across

2. Funny bone associated with the brachium area of the wing.
5. Fused bones of the foot.
11. A slender armbone.
13. Thin bone on the drumstick.
15. Fused bones of the hand.
19. Wishbone.
20. Another name for the upper mandible.

### Down

1. A group of vertebrae where the ribs attach.
3. A group of bones in the hand.

4. Flat surface of the breastbone where flight muscles attach.
6. Fused vertebrae in the pelvic area.
7. A bone that works with the shoulder area.
8. Singular for phalanges.
9. Drumstick.
10. Thigh bone.
12. Another name for the jaw bone.
14. A sturdy, curved armbone.
16. Digit bones.
17. Anchors tail feathers.
18. A group of neck vertebrae.



# Youth and Aviculture

## Answers to Last Issue's Crossword, "Society Finches"

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|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Across</b>      | 17. Monomorphic      | 3. Foster         |
| 4. LonchuraStriata | 18. Clutch           | 5. Bengalese      |
| 6. Eyesquinting    | 19. BeggingPosture   | 7. Nestbox        |
| 9. Pied            | 20. SharpTailedMunia | 8. Display        |
| 11. Chocolate      | <b>Down</b>          | 10. BreedingCycle |
| 14. Asia           | 1. Water             | 12. Longevity     |
| 15. Gregarious     | 2. Incubation        | 13. Eggfood       |
|                    |                      | 16. MilletSpray   |

Check the March/April issue for the answers to this issue's crossword, "Bird Bones"!

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# YOYETTE RETURNS FROM COZUMEL - AND HOW!

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*ZF News Agency, September 25, 2004* **SHE'S BACK!** Not seen for almost two weeks, the coquettish and capricious Yoyette, that vivacious Zebra hen who is the FinchWorld's Sweetheart, has finally returned to her home here in Philadelphia after being spotted by paparazzi in perhaps the most exclusive of Mexican island resort cities, Cozumel.

Yoyette was last seen looking a bit bedraggled and weary, with her luggage in beak. She was not willing to disclose her travel destination. As she was leaving, she was questioned about potential



breach of breeding contract clauses. Yoyette simply meeped that she was still not yet quite prepared for motherhood despite the fact that she's a 2002 season chick. She stated that she "simply needed time to decompress from the pres-

sures of breeding anxiety for a while".

Bluto, her fawn split OB mate, was taken completely by surprise at her sud-



den departure. He was left home alone. Yoyette had even tossed out their eggs, Bluto said, which were held in joint custody, before her hasty withdrawal. "She left no note, no phone message. Nothing. She didn't even take her cell phone," Bluto exclaimed, raising his lower eye lids and shaking his beak in obvious concern. "I have no way to contact her. I'm worried sick about

her. I've beeped for her so much today my throat is raw." Bluto went on to say, "She's used to having her every need attended to. I don't know how she'll get by? Like...where is she getting her egg food from? Is it safe? Are those eggs

organic? What kind of water is she drinking? Is she getting only California-Grown Millet Spray?" Bluto's worries were endless. "The seasons are changing and perhaps she'll catch a chill. She didn't even take a scarf with her," Bluto croaked.

Soon the word was out. Yoyette had not just left the nest, but she had flown the coop entirely! Was it Splitzville for what had previously been thought to be one of ZebbieWood's happiest and stablest of couples? Headlines appeared in 'Meep About Town', 'Taeniopygia Tattler', 'Gusto for Guttata', 'Castanotis Commentator' and even the well reputed 'Zebra Gazette' that Yoyette and Bluto's pair bonding was on the rocks and separation proceedings appeared imminent. Bluto was quoted as saying, "I'd crow in her face if only she'd show it!"

And that wasn't the end of the hub bub. News of the split up went outside of the usual Zebra finch circles, appearing in non-Zebra news sources such as 'The Gould Guild', 'The Star Gazette', 'The Society for Societies', 'Finch Tales', 'The Outback Outlook', 'The Waxbill Watchbird' and 'The Estrildid Intelligencier'. The scandal hit the shelves in 'The Softbilled Busybody' and 'The Passerine Post'. Soon the story was top news throughout the entire avian world when a piece entitled "Scrambled Eggs", which scathingly documented Yoyette's hasty departure, appeared in the 'News from the Nestbox' section of "The Psitticine Scene." Sources close to Bluto divulged him as saying that it wasn't really Yoyette's fault. That he had been "feeling under the weather some, fluffed and lethargic." He was also "unsure how the eggs got tossed from the

nest." He had been experiencing loose droppings just prior to Yoyette's departure. "For all I remember, I might have done it," confided Bluto with an ashamed look on his face, shaking his head. Bluto wistfully reports that he's "feeling much better now. Amazing difference in vitality. If only Yoyette would return to see me..." He demonstrated his vigor with a full male Zebra finch courting display.

Finally, after weeks of worry, news broke regarding Yoyette's whereabouts. Paparazzi spotted Yoyette in Cozumel taking in the sun, sand and sights. She was seen in the poshest hotels, in the spa, on the beach, sailing on yachts, at



poolside swim-up bars and, perhaps most scandalously of all, on a wave runner jet ski with a hunk of milletcake that barely looked old enough to have his chestnut flanking molted in no less a complete breast bar. Needless to say, he still had juvenile wing plumage! Scandal quickly followed suit.

Yoyette was also espied in Cozumel's exclusive shopping district where she was reported to have entered THE upscale jewelry shop "Finch Bling Bling" with an unidentified Black Cheeked zebra bachelor. Sources claim he hails from some of the best breeding lines in the world – a regular Best In Show

Champion. Yoyette reportedly tried on many diamond rings, but left without purchasing anything. She was even spotted in Cozumel's discos mixing it up with the likes of Gouldians, Blue Caps and Black-Browns of all things!!! Beaks began to click, while tails and tongues were wagging indeed. Yoyette was causing quite a stir.

Yoyette paid no mind to all the gossip. She said that, "A girl's got to do what a girl's got to do", and just laughed at all the publicity she was receiving. I asked her what she thought of the attention and she said that it was "all very Shakespearean." I said to her, "As in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?" And she quickly retorted, "No, as in 'Much Adieu About Nothing!'" Yoyette abruptly turned tail, showing off her trademark orange bars and then flitted away.



Yoyette's trip to Mexico wasn't all fun and games though. She also took in some historical sights, climbing all the steps to summit the Mayan Pyramid of Kukulcan and take in the view of the surrounding valley. Why didn't she simply just fly to the top? She replied, "because I wanted to relive the real Mayan experience. When in Mexico..."

Yoyette paid a visit to the Court of the Quetzels

while in Central America. So what does she think about her flashier distantly related Royal cousins? Yoyette's chuckled response was, "So what's in a long tail anyway? Give me a cockbird with orange cheeks ANY day!"

Yoyette also visited an orphanage where she even regurgitated to help feed a species not unlike her own – a Gouldian to be exact. She fussed over this Gouldian for days, mothering him almost as well as his own mother might have, if only Yoyette would have gotten out of the way. Delia, the Gouldian's true mother was quoted as calling Yoyette "a publicity hound." So what was wrong with this blue gould's natal care by his own biological mother? Yoyette exclaimed in shock, "She's a Gouldian for Peter's Twinspot's sake! What does she know about proper regurgitation?"

Tanned from weeks in the Mexican sun, Yoyette was seen entering a spa where she received countless well guarded tropical beauty secrets. What about those spa treatments? Yoyette replied that, "the sun, salt and wind can really play havoc on my sensitive silky silvery feathers. I just went ALL FRIZZY! I simply MUST have deep feather conditioning and



smoothing treatments before I can return home to my mate, Bluto. After all, I am Yoyette. I have a certain image I need to project. My sponsors expect that of me." The image conscious Yoyette opined further, "I simply wouldn't be caught dead with my beak so orange, it must be bleached back to yellow - and look at me! Despite sunblock, my feathers lost all their silver luster. And that tearmark? Heaven's me! It simply will not do! Pluck it, wax it, bleach it! Do something - its so...not Yoyette! "

Feeling well recuperated and pampered, Yoyette wafted away from Cozumel, returning to a shocked but grateful Bluto last week. He had been moping about the flight, terrorizing the Societies because there was nothing better to keep his mind pre-occupied. He had even lost interest in coco fibers. "Chasing bengies keeps my mind off my real worries," a nonstop hopping Bluto confessed, "I couldn't stop asking myself, 'Where is she? Is she OK?' So I took it out on the Bengies." Like Bluto, his emotions were all over the place. "And then Yoyette re-appeared. It was like a dream come true!" a weeping but exuberant Bluto admitted. It was a tearful yet happy reunion said numerous onlookers. "All is forgiven," announced Bluto and Yoyette who immediately performed the Zebra mating dance ritual for all the curious onlookers!

"If you could have seen the joy in Bluto's face," said the Black-Brown Euro Society, "then you'd know what I know. Those two are just made for each other."



Mickey, Blue Capped Cordon Blue, seconded the display of affection. "JaBeep!!! We cordons get so eMOtional over LOVE! It was simply JaBeeping bee-UUU-tiful! JaBeeeeeep!!!"

So what, enquiring minds wanted to know, was, *IF* there was any substance to those rumors about Yoyette's liaisons with strange and foreign cockbirds that she had been spotted with in Cozumel? So I queried Yoyette directly. She smiled and said, "Dahlink, they were all just simply good friends, nice boys to play with. Bluto is the love of my life. He's a big buff hunk of a Fawn/OB cockbird who builds me the most luscious of palatial nests. He allopreens me like no other. His mating dance is in a perfect circle, and its all just for me. I am his hen. I'll always be his hen. I love the way he croons in my face. I wiggle my tail only for him. Enough of these silly rumors!"

Yoyette went on to say that, "My time spent in the orphanage was a pivotal experience for me. It taught me better how to care for tiny fuzzy hatchlings. I now feel so well rested from my tropical vacation, PLUS I have gained the parenting skills necessary to fulfill my breeding contractual obligations." That sounds like a relief to the local establishment. Yoyette further exclaimed, "Bluto and I have many many beautiful chicks planned for the future. Bluto will be building MANY nests Dahlink, and we will be filling each one with love and chicks." Bluto just blushed and said whatever his Yoyette wanted, she got. Obviously they are very smitten with each other.

Yoyette winked, wiggled her tail and hopped up to her newest carton nest box. She let out a little giggle, gave Bluto the high sign and went home.

"It's the newest style in town you know," Yoyette

said pointing to the black nest carton which was stuffed with mulch chips, feathers and coco fibers. "All the girls in town want one. I'm so lucky too that Bluto made this for us while I was away." Bluto looked at me, lifted a brow and then flew into their new love cocoon. The last sounds I heard were cooing. Yoyette's blue Gouldian waif looked in on his adop-

is pretty far behind so far as ova output goes. We're hoping that what Yoyette lacks in egg laying abilities, she will make up for in parenting skills."

Being that the Author prefers to get her story directly from the source, I went to ask Yoyette and Bluto about this latest news. Are the rumors true that the first

egg laid was pee-wee sized? Yoyette tsk-tsked in disgust, "A hen of my quality lays eggs for good genetic material. The size of the egg, dahlink, is immaterial." I asked how many eggs she planned on laying this clutch, and she responded coyly that "A girl's got to have her little secrets". Would all the eggs be fertile? Bluto asserted with virility, "Of course they will ALL be fertile, what kind of a question is that?" Then I made the mistake of asking if all the eggs would be fertilized by Bluto or if perhaps Yoyette might have had more fun in Cozumel than she let on.



tive mother. "No Dahlink," Yoyette said, "you simply must stay outside. This is our own private love nest built just for us two Zebrafinch lovebirds." Blue Gould Juvie still remains curious though and is keeping a vigil on their front perch.

#### **UPDATE : EGG IS LAID!**

Today, through their publicity agent, Yoyette and Bluto are pleased to announce that Yoyette has laid her first egg. "Hopefully there will be many more to come," proclaimed the happy couple. "Yoyette's vacation has already paid off in dividends," a beaming Bluto was reported to have said. Meanwhile, the holders of Yoyette's breeding contract remain skeptical. "One egg is a start, but this little hen

Not a good idea. At that point Bluto shouted, "Ok, I've had enough of this line of questioning. Just what are you inferring? We're a family here – Yoyette, egg and me. Get it? Leave us be. There's no story here anymore." When I hesitated, Bluto's eyes clouded over. "Hey Lady, could we have a little privacy here?," Bluto beeped at me.

Bluto had a really mean look in his eye, or perhaps its just because he has a wide brow and that makes him look angry. I don't know which, but he stared me down. "OK, OK," I said, as I backed away. I figured I'd better lay off with the camera lens too. I didn't want my nose broken. Bluto is from the bird dealer. I don't know his prior history. I mean, for



all I know, Bluto might have once been friends with Sean Penn.

As for their happy small family, a little privacy will go a long way. And only time will tell if Yoyette's little jaunt to Cozumel really paid off or not. You never can tell with these ZebbieWood types. Where does the drama from the silver scene leave off exactly? I wasn't about to leave it to chance though.

On the way out, I passed Blue Gould Juvie still standing sentry on the front perch. "Pssst," I say and get no response. "Wee-wee-wee," I suggest, and a drowsy lower eye lid reluctantly drops open. His eyes are jet black and very hard to read. Expressionless as shark's eyes, I think to myself. "The Euro told me that you were the bird to speak to about what happens in this flight." Blue Gould Juvie just stares at me with his one open eye. I continue. "Well, if there's any change in the domestic situation, you

know – any high pitched chirps or fuzzy wiggly critters in there – I want to be the first to know." Although I get no response, Blue Gould Juvie's eye is still open, so I assume he's listening. But just to hedge bets on my side a bit, I slip him some millet spray secretly. "Here's a little something for you. There's more where that came from kid," I say and chuck him on the shoulder on my way out.

Millet spray. Millet spray will buy you anything in ZebbieTown. You just need to know where to get it from and who to give it to. As I turn back, I see Blue Gould Juvie tuck the millet under his wing before the Blue Caps see it. He gives me a slight head waggle, and I take that as meaning that he's on my payroll now. His eye snaps up and shut. I should definitely get the news of hatchlings before "The Tattler" I tell myself.

Note to Self: Keep millet spray coming for Blue Gould Juvie.

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Upper Photo  
Just-hatched Jacarini Finch baby in a nest built in a Norfolk Pine tree.



Lower Photo  
Another angle toward the nest with a Jacarini parent pecking out to see what's going on.

Congratulations to NFSS Membership Director and FinchShop Manager, Robert Mehl, for this accomplishment as well as our thanks for sharing.

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# 2004 Show News

*Submitted by* **Martha Wigmore,**  
 NFSS 4th Vice President, Judges Panel,  
 Standards, Research

## 2004 Exhibitor Awards

An NFSS exhibitor achieves Champion Exhibitor status when he or she has accumulated 50 points or more during a calendar year.

In 2004 NFSS had two **Champion Exhibitors**:

<b>K.J. Brown</b>	94 points
<b>Lisa Murphy</b>	68 points

K.J. Brown's incredible 94 points in one season were earned at four shows. His successes included 14 point-accumulating birds (13 NFSS closed banded birds from 2004, and one from 2002). Of special note are his pairs of Self Chocolate Societies that earned points at three shows. One of his Societies, common to all three pairs, earned 14 points! Lisa Murphy earned an amazing 68 points at five shows in the southeast U.S.

We also recognize several others who had tremendous success sharing their fine birds with us in 2004: At just **two**

shows, **Ramon Colon** earned 48 points, **Clarence Culwell** earned 44 points at **three** shows, and **Kathleen Clark** accumulated 42 points at several shows. Two others with great show seasons earned NFSS points for the first time - **Doug White** with 30 points and novice **Brianna Morrison** with 29 points. Honorable mention must go out to two exhibitors who were not members, and therefore did not have points recorded in 2004 - "Mr. Exhibitor" himself in the southeast, Billy Cochran was eligible for 45 points, and Dennis Burhans for 35 points.

An exhibitor who accumulates 200 or more points during his or her lifetime achieves NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence status. Approaching this milestone are **K.J. Brown** (185 pts), **Armando Lee** (168 pts), **Clara Gontero** (155 pts), and **Lisa Murphy** (145 pts).

Thank you ALL for sharing so many wonderful birds at our shows!

## The Best Birds at the Shows in 2004

NFSS judges stated that at several shows in 2004, the best bird in the Finch and Softbill Division could have been any one of the top several birds. At other shows, the differences in the overall quality of the birds on exhibit were more evident. But if one wanted to generalize about the birds on exhibit in 2004 based on the winners at the shows, one would

have to say it was a good, strong year for Gouldians, which placed first at 8 out of 42 shows in 2004. This was an increase from 2003, during which five Gouldians won best in division. Zebra Finches also showed an improvement in 2004, winning at seven shows (they won at two shows in 2003).

Society Finches did not fare as well in 2004. Two Societies placed first in 2004, whereas in 2003 they won six shows. Neither winner was a newer, European variety; both were Self Fawns. Which is not to say that the newer variety Societies aren't holding their own; some incredible work is being done with them around the country. Stay tuned! But it was a very good year for Waxbills, which won at 7 NFSS shows in 2004, similar to 2003. Softbills won at 6 shows this past

year, down from 9 in 2003. Rounding out this year's winners were a Button Quail, a Crimson Pileated and two Cuban Melodious wins, a European Goldfinch, 4 Australian finches, and 3 other Africans.

This review of the winners does not begin to touch on the variety of species and mutations brought to our shows! ***Thank you to every one of you who support this glorious outpouring of the fruits of our hobby!***

## NFSS Exhibition - Very Alive and Doing Really, Really Well!

There were MANY familiar names and faces this year on the NFSS show circuit! The show halls were filled with returning new and previous members, along with many long-term, loyal members, all sharing their birds with others in our finch and softbill hobby. *What a great year for seeing the birds!*

Something pretty exciting is still going on at the National Cage Bird Show – NFSS had 23 exhibitors there! This was followed by the remarkably warm Eastside Finch Connection show in Oregon with 17 exhibitors. 15 exhibitors supported the fall show of the Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Este in Puerto Rico. Around the country, we saw 13 exhibitors at Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society in Manchester, NH, at Texas Bird Breeders in Temple, and at NIROC in the Chicago area. Central Alabama Avicultural Society welcomed 12 exhibitors at one of their two shows, as did both the Ft. Worth Bird

Club and the unaffiliated Association des Eleveurs d'Oiseaux de Montreal. What a great job our clubs are doing encouraging the sharing and support of our show experience! *Thank you all!*

Please do remember throughout this coming year that all those working to put on a profitable and enjoyable show can always use YOUR help. Many humble hands make light work of the biggest jobs.

Talk is still the cheapest thing out there in our hobby, but when you're singing shows' praises or better yet, harmonizing along with other local club members a good workin' anthem, nobody's going to stop you from vocalizing, honey!

***Pitch in, and reap THIS years' good fruit!***

Thank you all again – you're the best!

# Top Ten NFSS Shows in 2004

All Points Summaries by **Martha Wigmore**,  
NFSS Points Director

We have received reports from 42 shows judged by NFSS panel judges in 2004, with entries from 186 to 8 cages. There were a total of 2,526 cages of finches and softbills exhibited, making 2004 another year of increase (2003 had entries of 2,423; 2002 had 2,148). The average show size in 2004 was 60 entries, again an increase. The median show entry was 51 cages. 91 different exhibitors placed in point-eligible positions on the top bench. This, of course, is only a portion of our total pool of exhibitors, many of whom did not place in point-eligible positions. Interestingly, as in past years, over one-third of our point-

eligible exhibitors were non-members – including MANY old friends (former NFSS members) returning for the special fun of NFSS shows, several talented novices, and even a couple of members who accidentally let their memberships lapse during the year!

For the third year in a row, the largest NFSS-affiliated show was held in Puerto Rico. Both NFSS judges who had the opportunity to judge our Puerto Rican shows this year said they saw there some of the best birds they have ever seen! Congratulations!

The top ten shows in 2004 were:

**1 – Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Este Inc., Caguas, Puerto Rico**  
**186 entries**

11/06/04; Judge: Sally Huntington  
Best Bird: Self Fawn Society Finch by Hiram Morales

**2 – Texas Bird Breeders – Temple, Texas**  
**151 entries**

11/13/04; Judge: Laura Bewley  
Best Bird: Peters Twinspot by Jan Door

**3 – Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Este Inc., Caguas, Puerto Rico**  
**139 entries**

6/26/04; Judge: Dale Laird  
Best Bird: Silver Zebra Finch by Angel L. Rivera & Nidia L. Rodriguez

**4 (tie) – National Cage Bird Show, Lansing, Michigan**  
**125 entries**

11/19/04; Judge: Armando Lee  
Best Bird: Red-headed Pastel Blue Gouldian by Mike & Lynne West

**Eastside Finch Connection, Gresham, Oregon**  
**125 entries**

11/13/04; Judge: Cecil Gunby  
Best Bird: Plumhead Finch by Bert Spear

**5 – Cascade Canary Breeders Association, Mt. Lake Terrace, Washington  
100 entries**

11/27/04; Judge: Armando Lee  
Best Bird: White Eye Zosterops by K.J. Brown

**6 – Santa Clara Canary & Exotic Bird Club, Santa Clara, California  
88 entries**

12/04/04; Judge: Annette Howard  
Best Bird: Black Cheeked Waxbill by Doug White

**7 – Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Montgomery, Alabama  
84 entries**

9/04/04; Judge: Dennis Lewis  
Best Bird: Green Honeycreeper by Billy Cochran

**8 – Capitol City Bird Society, Roseville, California  
81 entries**

10/23/04; Judge: Julie Duimstra  
Best Bird: Orange-cheeked Waxbill by Doug White

**9 (tie) – Cajun Canary & Finch Club, New Orleans, Louisiana  
77 entries**

12/11/04; Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld  
Best Bird: White Zebra Finch pair by Brianna Morrison

**Association des Eleveurs d'Oiseaux de Montreal  
77 entries**

Unaffiliated show; NFSS Judge: Christine Voronovitch

**10 – Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Montgomery, Alabama  
76 entries**

9/05/04; Judge: Martha Wigmore  
Best Bird: Cuban Melodious by Lisa Murphy

Congratulations to **all** the exhibitors and sponsoring club members who again made this show season possible and so special! We are happy to report that once again, there were no complaints made against any member of the NFSS Judges Panel.

If you find an error in the show results or point totals, please send a written note to NFSS Judges Panel Director Martha Wigmore this spring.

**SHOW SECRETARIES:** Please ask EVERY top-ten exhibitor if they are an NFSS member. If they are a member but

don't know their membership number, please write "Yes" in the member column. Write "No" if they are not a member.

**JUDGES:** *Please* check over each Show Report before you sign off on the information. Exhibitors' last names ARE important, complete bird descriptive information is vital, and your "Judge's Comments" make the show come alive for all of us!

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# National Finch and Softbill Society 2004 Show Results

*Submitted by* Martha Wigmore,  
NFSS Judges Panel Director & Points Director

## 4/25/04 - Finch Society of San Diego - San Diego, CA

Judge: Sally Huntington Exhibitors: 10 Entries: 23

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Clara Gontero	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		3
2	Marilyn Hawley	Parsons Finch		n/m
3	Clara Gontero	Shafttail	NFS-03-C-1135	1
4	Clara Gontero	European Goldfinch		0
5	Carol Whelan	White-eared Bulbul	NFS-02-J-7	0
6	Clara Gontero	Crested Choc & White Society		0
7	Kellan Shanahan	Red-headed Finch Pair	NFS-02-?-6 NFS-02-?-2	0
8	Clara Gontero	Turquoise Tanager	NFS-02-G-211	0
9	Clara Gontero	Sudan Golden Sparrow		0
10	Nancy Belko	Violet-eared Waxbill		0
Unflighted	Kellan Shanahan	Red-headed Finch Pair	NFS-02-?-6 NFS-02-?-2	-
Novice	Marilyn Hawley	Parsons Finch		-
Junior	Kellan Shanahan	Red-headed Finch Pair	NFS-02-?-6 NFS-02-?-2	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Great enthusiasm from club - great diversity in finches & softbills.*

## 5/01/04 - Tennessee Valley Exotic Bird Club - Knoxville, TN

Judge: Cecil Gunby Exhibitors: 11 Entries: 72

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		7
2	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		6
3	Terri Bartow	Honeycreeper		5
4	Lisa Murphy	Gold-breasted Waxbill		4
5	Rich Eicher	Parsons Finch		3
6	Billy Cochran	Blk/Grey Society Finch		n/m
7	Lisa Murphy	Blue-faced Parrot Finch		1
8	Jace Bernette	Normal Grey Java Rice Bird		0
9	Lisa Murphy	Dybowski Twinspot		0
10	Lisa Murphy	Violet-eared Waxbill		0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Fawn Grey Society		-

**6/05/04 - Illini Bird Fanciers - Springfield, IL**

Judge: Dennis Lewis Exhibitors: 3 Entries: 8

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Patte Montgomery	Normal Gouldian		-
2	Judith Davis	Green Bunting		-
3	Patte Montgomery	Owl Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** A small show. 1st & 2nd was hardest decision. Thank you for providing an opportunity for NFSS to have a division. The hard workers know who they are.

**6/12/04 - Peninsula Cage Bird Society - Newport News, VA**

Judge: Miki Sparak Exhibitors: 10 Entries: 35

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Debra Lewis	Red-headed Normal Gould		4
2	Stephanie Lopez	Lightback Zebra Finch		n/m
3	Donna Noel	Gloster Consort	?-03-2-1122	2
4	Mary & Doug Longlott	Powder Blue Breast Gould		n/m
5	Mary & Doug Longlott	Blue-Purple Breast Gould Pair		0
6	Tim & Laura Deitz	Saffron		0
7	Robert Fairchild	Normal Grey		0
8	Donna Noel	Gloster Consort	?-03-N-1121	0
9	Robert Fairchild	Blk-breasted Fawn Zebra	NFS-03-D-264	0
10	Peggy Duval	Green Singing Finch Pair		0

**Judge's Comments:** The birds were good for being so early in the season. This club is in need of responsible NFSS leadership. This was a very troubled show.

**6/26/04 - Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Este Inc. - Caguas, PR**

Judge: Dale Laird Exhibitors: 11 Entries: 139

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Angel L. Rivera & Nidia L. Rodriguez	Silver Zebra Finch	NFS-04-D-2294	10
2	Ramon A. Colon	OH Normal Gould	NFS-03-D-12819	9
3	Ernesto Polidura	Chocolate Society Finch	NFS-04-D-2445	n/m
4	Ramon A. Colon	Red Brown Society Finch	NFS-04-D-600	7
5	David O. Cruz	BH Normal Goudlian	NFS-03-D-10265	n/m
6	Angel L. Rivera & Nidia L. Rodriguez	CFW Zebra Finch		5
7	Hiram Morales	Black Brown Society	NFS-03-D-3704	4
8	Ramon A. Colon	Gray Zebra Finch	NFS-04-D-632	3
9	Javier Hernandez	Ino Society Finch	NFS-04-D-10663	2
10	Roberto & Yira Rosa	Blk-faced LightBk Zebra	NFS-04-D-3113	n/m

**Judge's Comments:** Six of the top ten were 2004 birds. All exceptionally well cage trained. Some of the nicest birds I have seen. If they come to the Nationals in 2005 as planned, watch out!!!!

**6/26/04 - Wisconsin Cage Bird Show - Oshkosh, WI**

**Judge:** Dennis Lewis    **Exhibitors:** 3    **Entries:** 25

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Paul Beilke	Black Cheeked Waxbill		3
2	Marlene Minor	Green Singing Finch		2
3	Paul Beilke	Crested Fawn Society	NFS-04-E-2221	1
4	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
5	Paul Beilke	Cuban Melodious		0
6	Paul Beilke	Great Billed Mannikin		0
7	Paul Beilke	Pied Java Rice Bird		0
8	Paul Beilke	Self Chocolate Society	NFS-04-D-1194	0
9	Marlene Minor	Button Quail		0
10	Marlene Minor	BH Gouldian Finch		0
Unflighted Novice	Paul Beilke	Crested Fawn Society	NFS-04-E-2221	-
	Marlene Minor	Green Singing Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Black Cheeked Waxbill could not be beat - outstanding. Green Singing Finch was immaculate. This is a wonderful show to attend, great hospitality, good fellowship, wonderful prizes, a just good fun show. Please attend next year.*

**8/07/04 - Sun Coast Avian Society - St. Petersburg, FL**

**Judge:** Miki Sparzak    **Exhibitors:** 4    **Entries:** 33

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Bonnie Lewis	Emerald Starling		4
2	Alfred Vivar	Fire Finch		3
3	Alfred Vivar	Pied Java Rice Bird		2
4	Felipe Bonilla	Diamond Dove		1
5	Alfred Vivar	Honeycreeper		0
6	Felipe Bonilla	Green Singing Finch		0
7	Felipe Bonilla	Silver Zebra Finch		0
8	Bonnie Lewis	Yellow Barbet Pair		0
9	Felipe Bonilla	White Zebra Finch		0
10	Felipe Bonilla	Green Singing Finch		0

**Judge's Comments:** *Small entries but a super bunch of birds. Softbills were strong today.*

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**9/04/04 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society - Day 1 - Montgomery, AL**

**Judge:** Dennis Lewis    **Exhibitors:** 12    **Entries:** 84

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Billy Cochran	Green Honeycreeper		n/m
2	Kathleen Clark	Orange-rump Diamond Sparrow		7
3	Billy Cochran	Superb Starling		n/m
4	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra Finch		5
5	Kathleen Clark	Normal Shafttail		4
6	Mary Perez	Pintailed Nonpareil		3
7	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		2
8	Lisa Murphy	Peters Twinspot		1
9	Richard Eichner	RH Gouldian		0
10	Lisa Murphy	Red-headed Parrot Finch		0
Unflighted	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra Finch		-
Novice	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** *What a wonderful show - mark this on your calendar! Hospitality, knowledgeable staff & plain good friendship marks this show. Quality of birds was commendable. Thanks to all, and goodbye, Francis!*

**9/05/04 - Central Alabama Avicultural Society - Day 2 - Montgomery, AL**

**Judge:** Martha Wigmore    **Exhibitors:** 9    **Entries:** 76

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		7
2	Lisa Murphy	Red-headed Parrot Finch		6
3	Chris Eichner	RH Gouldian		5
4	Billy Cochran	Superb Starling		n/m
5	Billy Cochran	Green Honeycreeper		n/m
6	Kathleen Clark	Shafttail		2
7	Mary Perez	Orange Bishop Weaver		1
8	Mary Perez	Button Quail		0
9	Lisa Murphy	Owl Finch		0
10	Marge Morrell			0
Unflighted	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra	NFS-04-C-8334	-
Novice	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra	NFS-04-C-8334	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Wow! What a wonderful, fun show with an outstanding top bench. Great variety of birds! Don't miss this one!*

**9/18/04 - P.E.E.P. - Wichita, KS**

**Judge:** Conrad Meinert    **Exhibitors:** 3    **Entries:** 9

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Chris Gunderson	Blue Gouldian cock		-
2	Chris Gunderson	Yellow Gouldian cock		-
3	Jim Warren	Pied Zebra Finch	NFS-04-?-10004	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Not many birds & poor condition. 1st show in 10 years.*

**9/18/04 - Canary & Finch Society - Houston, TX****Judge:** Jerri Wiesenfeld **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 34

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Jan Door	Normal Star Finch		n/m
2	Debbie Eaton	Kikuyu White Eye		3
3	Alicia Baker	RH Gouldian Pair		2
4	Darrin	Normal Shafttail		1
5	Darrin	Normal Shafttail		0
6	Don Peters	Pied Java Rice Bird		0
7	Debbie Eaton	Pied Zebra Finch		0
8	Debbie Eaton	White Eye Pair		0
9	Jan Door	Purple Grenadier Waxbill Pair		0
10	Linda Beeman	Zebra Finch		0
Novice	Jan Door	Normal Star Finch		-

**9/25/04 - Ft. Worth Bird Show - Grapevine, TX****Judge:** Sally Huntington **Exhibitors:** 12 **Entries:** 73

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Debbie Eaton	Kikuyu White Eye		7
2	Clarence Culwell	Fawn Shafttail		6
3	Clarence Culwell	Black Gray Society Finch		5
4	Clarence Culwell	Parsons Finch		4
5	Jeff Robinson	White Ringneck Dove		n/m
6	Laura Bewley	Pied Zebra Finch Hen		2
7	Clarence Culwell	Red-headed Finch		1
8	Matthew Dingeman	Owl Finch cock		0
9	Clarence Culwell	Red Brown Society		0
10	Jane Cole	European Goldfinch		0
Unflighted	Clarence Culwell	Black Gray Society Finch	NFS-04-?-549	-
Novice	Matthew Dingeman	Owl Finch cock		-
Junior	Matthew Dingeman	Owl Finch cock		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Wonderful selection and discussion of Society Finches. A very friendly, welcoming club.*

**10/02/04 - Great American Bird Show - Day 1 - Tucson, AZ****Judge:** Sally Huntington **Exhibitors:** 3 **Entries:** 14

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Doug White	Normal Shafttail		-
2	Kellan Shanahan	White-eared Bulbul	NFS-04-?-107	-
3	Doug White	Black Gray Society	NFS-02-D-12833	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Small turnout, but birds were in excellent condition.*

**10/02/04 - Mid-America Cage Bird Society - Des Moines, IA**

Judge: Laura Bewley Exhibitors: 6 Entries: 36

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Paul Beilke	Black Cheeked Waxbill		4
2	Dennis Burhans	Owl Finch		n/m
3	Dennis Burhans	Cream Zebra Finch		n/m
4	Paul Beilke	Red-headed Quelea		1
5	Robert Wild	Chaffinch		0
6	Dennis Burhans	Self Chocolate Society Finch		0
7	Dennis Burhans	Self Fawn Society Finch		0
8	Robert Wild	Greenfinch		0
9	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
10	Dennis Burhans	Gray Zebra Finch		0
Unflighted	Robert Wild	Greenfinch		-
Novice	Deb Schwartz	White Breasted Gouldian		-

**Judge's Comments:** Beautiful birds. A very nice variety of birds to see. Exhibitors showed great showmanship by displaying birds in great caging.

**10/02/04 - Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club - Nashville, TN**

Judge: Cecil Gunby Exhibitors: 9 Entries: 57

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Lisa Murphy	Sweet Waxbill		6
2	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		5
3	Rich Eichner	Parsons Finch		4
4	Chris Eichner	RH Normal Gouldian		3
5	Billy Cochran	Superb Starling		n/m
6	Kathleen Clark	Yellow-rump Diamond Sparrow		1
7	Billy Cochran	Black Brown Society		0
8	Kathleen Clark	Gold-breasted Waxbill	NFS-03-?-524	0
9	Billy Cochran	Green Honeycreeper		0
10	Chris Eichner	Fawn & White Society	NFS-00-?-7349	0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Self Fawn Society	NFS-04-?-5483	-
Novice	Rich Eichner	Parsons Finch		-

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**10/03/04 - Great American Bird Show - Day 2 - Tucson, AZ****Judge:** Dr. Al Decoteau    **Exhibitors:** 3    **Entries:** 23

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Sally Huntington	Red-headed Finch cock	NFS-03-?-5	3
2	Douglas White	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		2
3	Douglas White	Normal Shafftail		1
4	Sally Huntington	Fawn Cheeked Zebra	NFS-04-?-5690	0
5	Kellan Shanahan	White-eared Bulbul	NFS-04-?-107	0
6	Sally Huntington	Black Naped Fruit Dove	NFS-04-?-127	0
7	Sally Huntington	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	NFS-03-1729	0
8	Douglas White	Gray Black Society	NFS-02-?-12833	0
9	Sally Huntington	Masked Finchh Pair	NFS-04-C-401	0
			NFS-04-C-402	
10	Sally Huntington	Silver Cheeked Zebra hen	NFS-04-?-5690	0
Unflighted	Sally Huntington	Fawn Cheeked Zebra	NFS-04-?-5690	-
Novice	Douglas White	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		-
Junior	Kellan Shanahan	White-eared Bulbul	NFS-04-?-107	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Quality, not quantity, was the twist at this show. The Red-headed Finch male was a magnificent specimen. The Orange-Cheeked exhibited himself well with great movement. The White-Eared Bulbul and the Black Naped Fruit Dove were very good specimens. A nice little show.*

**10/16/04 - Essex-Kent Cage Bird - Windsor, Ontario, CANADA****Judge:** Cecil Gunby    **Exhibitors:** 6    **Entries:** 41

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Lynne & Mike West	Blue Gouldian	AACC-00-C-20	5
2	Lynne & Mike West	Lavender Finch		4
3	Ernie Laframboise	CFW Zebra Finch cock		n/m
4	Pete Van Erp	CFW Zebra Finch hen		n/m
5	Pete Van Erp	CFW Zebra Finch cock		n/m
6	Ernie Laframboise	Fawn Shafftail		0
7	Lynne & Mike West	OH Normal Gouldian	AACC-04-C-23	0
8	Jayson Brierley	Pied Star Finch		0
9	Lynne & Mike West	BH Normal Gouldian	AACC-04-C-25	0
10	Pete Van Erp	Jameson Fire Finch		0
Unflighted	Pete Van Erp	CFW Zebra Finch hen		-
Junior	Jason Brierley	Pied Star Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Nice show. Quality of Zebras and Goulds well above average.*

**10/16/04 - Baltimore Bird Fanciers - Baltimore, MD****Judge:** Christine Voronovitch **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 31

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Stephanie Lopez	Button Quail		n/m
2	Robert Mehl	Cuban Melodious		3
3	Peggy Duval	Gouldian Finch		2
4	Robert Mehl	Indian Silverbill	NFS-04-?-8554	1
5	Robert Mehl	Star Finch		0
6	Robert Mehl	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		0
7	Tina Gebhart	Zebra Finch		0
8	Elaine Ortman	Red-eared Cordon Bleu		0
9	Robert Mehl	Star Finch		0
10	Debra Perseghin	Self White Society		0
Unflighted	Debra Perseghin	Self White Society		-
Novice	Tina Gebhart	Zebra Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** Nice showing of birds. Spoke to exhibitors about the value of showing with regard to learning about their habits, and showing secrets of the judge.

**10/16/04 - Great Lakes Avicultural Society - Grand Rapids, MI****Judge:** Conrad Meinert **Exhibitors:** 4 **Entries:** 37

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Jim Hefferrman	Silver Zebra		4
2	Angie Pearson	Frosty Ash Pearl Ringneck Dove		n/m
3	Vonda Zwick	Fawn & White Society	SC-99-FB-20	2
4	Jim Hefferrman	Diamond Dove		1
5	Vonda Zwick	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu hen		0
6	Jim Hefferrman	Black Cheeked Zebra	NFS-03-D-244	0
7	Vonda Zwick	Fawn & White Society	SC-99-FB-41	0
8	Jim Hefferrman	Fawn Zebra Finch	NFS-03-D-13730	0
9	Jim Hefferrman	Black Cheeked Zebra	NFS-03-D-13749	0
10	Jim Hefferrman	Silver Zebra	NFS-03-D-277	0
Unflighted	Jim Hefferrman	Crested Fawn Zebra	NFS-04-D-3453	
Novice	Vonda Zwick	Fawn & White Society	SC-99-FB-20	-

**Judge's Comments:** Not the best quality for condition. The Frosty Ash Pearl Dove was outstanding.



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**10/16/04 - Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society - Kansas City, MO**

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau Exhibitors: 6 Entries: 36

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Dennis Burhans	CFW Zebra Finch		n/m
2	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Society		n/m
3	Dennis Burhans	CFW Zebra Finch Pair		n/m
4	Anthony Day	Orange Weaver		n/m
5	Anthony Day	Dove		0
6	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Zebra Finch		0
7	Dennis Burhans	Self Chocolate Society		0
8	Dennis Burhans	Fawn Zebra Finch Pair		0
9	Dennis Burhans	RH Gouldian		0
10	Rachel Kuhns	Orange Weaver		0
Unflighted	Jim Warren	Pied Zebra Finch		-
Novice	Rachel Kuhns	Orange Weaver		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Zebbras & Societies were outstanding. Three Orange Weavers made one class exciting. Doves were strong and well represented. Both pairs were good.*

**10/16/04 - New York Finch & Type Canary Club - Brooklyn, NY**

Judge: Laura Tinker Exhibitors: 9 Entries: 60

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Stan & Barbara Kulak	Red-headed Finch		n/m
2	Ken Rampersaud	Yellow split Gouldian	FCC-03-?-1558	n/m
3	Michael Marcotrigiano	Choc & White Society	NFS-02-?-3250	5
4	Nizam Ali	Mutation Shafttail	FCC-04-?-3313	4
5	Fernando LaSanta	Lightback Zebra Finch	NFS-03-?-11786	3
6	Nizam Ali	Cutthroat Finch	FCC-?-?-180	2
7	Ken Rampersaud	Blue Gouldian Pair		n/m
8	Chris Taylor	Seagreen Parrot Finch	NFS-?-?-2715	0
9	Fernando LaSanta	Gray Zebra Finch	?-02-?-2719	0
10	Michael Marcotrigiano	Fawn Gray Society	NFS-04-?-1221	0
Unflighted	Nizam Ali	Mutation Shafttail	FCC-04-?-3313	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Almost a third of the birds exhibited were Australians (19/60). Best in show went to a spectacular Red-headed Finch who demonstrated exceptional deportment. Exhibitors were reminded to keep their birds' nails trimmed & tidy up their show boxes.*

**10/16/04 - Badger Canary & Finch Club - Oshkosh, WI**

**Judge:** Martha Wigmore    **Exhibitors:** 5    **Entries:** 40

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Charles Anchor	Pied Normal Zebra hen		5
2	Evon Van Ornum	Black Brown Society		n/m
3	Paul Beilke	Self Cream Society		3
4	Paul Beilke	Black-hooded Nun		2
5	Sue Feldstein	Normal Shafttail		1
6	Sam Wavrunek	White Java Rice Bird		0
7	Charles Anchor	Pied Normal Zebra Pair		0
8	Sam Wavrunek	Black-red Button Quail		0
9	Paul Beilke	Black Cheeked Waxbill		0
10	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
Novice	Evon Van Ornum	Black Brown Society		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Such a warm show! Strong showing spread across the Sections. The best Zeeb in the Division took overall Best Bird in Show. Thank you, Badger members for all your hard work!*

**10/23/04 - Capitol City Bird Society - Roseville, CA**

**Judge:** Julie Duimstra    **Exhibitors:** 8    **Entries:** 81

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Doug White	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		8
2	K.J. Brown	European Goldfinch		7
3	K.J. Brown	Normal Shafttail	NFS-04-?-6700	6
4	K.J. Brown	Diamond Sparrow	NFS-04-?-6654	5
5	K.J. Brown	Self Chocolate Society Pr.	NFS-04-?-2542	4
			NFS-04-?-25412	
6	Stephanie Box	Orange Bishop Weaver cock		n/m
7	K.J. Brown	Cuban Melodious	NFS-04-?-186	2
8	Sally Huntington	White Collared Yuhina	NFS-3-G-9	1
9	K.J. Brown	Masked Finch	NFS-04-?-14997	0
10	K.J. Brown	Pearl-headed Amadine	NFS-04-?-2580	0
Unflighted	K.J. Brown	Normal Shafttail	NFS-04-?-6700	-
Novice	Stephanie Box	Orange Bishop Weaver cock		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Many outstanding birds were benched. The Australian & African Sections were particularly strong. I was pleased to observe NFSS close-banded Orange-Cheeked & St. Helena Waxbills, as well as Red-Cheeked Cordon Bleus, Blue-Capped Waxbills, Peter's Twinspots & Pearl-Headed Silverbills. Other species entered included a Black Capped Fruit Dove & a juvenile Grand Mannikin (Lonchura grandis). Blue/Grey Tanager & Cuban Melodious rounded out the well-balanced Australian, Zebra, Indo-Pacific & Pairs Sections. Happy 25th Anniversary CCBS!*

**10/23/04 - Birds of a Feather Show - Manchester, NH**

**Judge:** Dr. Al Decoteau    **Exhibitors:** 13    **Entries:** 47

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Jose Lima	Yellow Bodied WB Gould	NFS-01-?-917	5
2	Michael			
	Marcotrigiano	Chocolate & White Society	NFS-04-E-3250	4
3	Jose Lima	Yellow Bodied WB Gould	NFS-01-?-916	3
4	Dan & Angela			
	Gray	Red-headed Finch		2
5	Fernando LaSanta	Normal Gray Zebra Finch		1
6	Dan & Angela			
	Gray	Pekin Robin		0
7	Michael			
	Marcotrigiano	Society Finch	NFS-04-E-1221	0
8	Hiram			
	Rampersand	Dilute Gouldian		0
9	Dan & Angela			
	Gray	Bunting		0
10	Fernando LaSanta	Lightback Zebra Finch		0
Unflighted	Michael			
	Marcotrigiano	Society Finch	NFS-04-E-1221	-

**Judge's Comments:** *Many outstanding Gouldians in this show, as well as Societies. Perhaps the steadiest Pekin Robin I have seen. There were a few interesting Serins and Buntings in this show.*

**10/23/04 - Southeast Tennessee Avicultural Society - Niota, TN**

*(Two shows in one day)*

**Judge:** Harold Bowles    **Exhibitors:** 8    **Entries:** 60

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Billy Cochran	Honeycreeper		n/m
2	Lisa Murphy	Fawn Shafttail		6
3	Kathleen Clark	Orange-breasted Zebra		5
4	Chris Eichner	RH Gouldian		4
5	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		3
6	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society		2
7	Kathleen Clark	Normal Shafttail Pair		1
8	Kathleen Clark	Mutation Diamond Sparrow		0
9	Kathleen Clark	Lightback Zebra Finch		0
10	Rich Eichner	Parsons Finch		0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society		-
Novice	Susan Murphy	RH White Breast Yellow Bodied Gould		-

**10/23/04 - Southeast Tennessee Avicultural Society - Niota, TN***(Two shows in one day)***Judge:** Clarence Culwell    **Exhibitors:** 8    **Entries:** 61

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Billy Cochran	Green Honeycreeper		n/m
2	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		6
3	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society		5
4	Kathleen Clark	Mutation Diamond Sparrow		4
5	Lisa Murphy	Cuban Melodious		3
6	Sandra Ott	CFW Zebra Finch		2
7	Billy Cochran	RH Gouldian		n/m
8	Kathleen Clark	Normal Shafttail		0
9	Rich Eichner	Self Chocolate Society		0
10	Kathleen Clark	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society		-
Novice	Susan Murphy	RH White Breast Yellow Bodied Gould		-

**10/30/04 - Missouri Cage Bird Association - Eureka, MO****Judge:** Martha Wigmore    **Exhibitors:** 4    **Entries:** 64

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Dennis Burhans	Self Fawn Society		n/m
2	Dennis Burhans	Self Fawn Society		n/m
3	Robert Wild	Chaffinch hen		5
4	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch hen		4
5	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch hen		3
6	Patte Montgomery	RH Normal Gouldian cock		2
7	Dennis Burhans	European Goldfinch		n/m
8	Dennis Burhans	Spice Finch		0
9	Dennis Burhans	YH Normal Gouldian cock		0
10	Dennis Burhans	CFW Zebra Finch Pair		0
Unflighted	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch hen		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Fine quality birds, although not the breadth of varieties we're used to seeing. Great work evident with newer Society mutations! Strong Zebs!*

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**11/06/04 - Rocky Mtn. Society of Aviculture - Day 1 - Denver, CO**

**Judge:** Laura Bewley **Exhibitors:** 5 **Entries:** 35

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Terry Logan	Violet-eared Waxbill		4
2	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Blue Necked Tanager		n/m
3	Dave & Debbie Steele -	Normal Java Rice Bird		2
4	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Fawn Shafttail		n/m
5	Dave & Debbie Steele -	Bronzewing Mannikin		0
6	Terry Bender	BH Normal Gouldian	NFS-03-?-252	0
7	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Red-legged Honeycreeper		0
8	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Purple Grenadier		0
9	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Diamond Sparrow		0
10	Dave & Debbie Steele -	Strawberry Finch		0
Novice	Misty Nadean	Orange Weaver		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Wonderful group of nice condition birds. A pleasure to judge!*

**11/06/04 - Georgia Cage Bird Society - Day 1 - Marietta, GA**

**Judge:** Conrad Meinert **Exhibitors:** 7 **Entries:** 56

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Kathleen Clark	Normal Shafttail		6
2	Billy Cochran	Green Honeycreeper		n/m
3	Chris Eichner	RH Gouldian		4
4	Pat & Jerry Miller	Crimson Pileated		3
5	Kathleen Clark	Fawn Gray Society	NFS-04-E-621	2
6	Sandra Ott	Silver Zebra Finch		1
7	Kathleen Clark	Shafttail Pair		0
8	Kathleen Clark	BH Gouldian		0
9	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		0
10	Chris Eichner	Parsons Finch		0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Fawn Gray Society	NFS-04-E-621	-
Novice	Margie Morrell	Cherry Finch		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Condition wasn't really good, only on a few birds.*



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**11/06/04 - Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club - Arlington Heights, IL****Judge:** Dr. Al Decoteau    **Exhibitors:** 11    **Entries:** 51

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Cathy & David Wiegele	CFW Zebra Finch cock	CDW-03-71	n/m
2	Vonda Zwick	Strawberry Finch cock		5
3	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		4
4	Dennis Burhans	Self Fawn Society		n/m
5	Cathy & David Wiegele	Blk Chk CFW Zebra cock	CDW-04-17	n/m
6	Dennis Burhans	CFW Zebra Finch Pair		n/m
7	Paul Beilke	Forbes Parrot Finch		0
8	Steve Hopman	Pied Star Finch Pair	NFS-01-C-217 NFS-03-C-602	0
9	Paul Beilke	Pearl-headed Amadine		0
10	Robert Wild	Chaffinch	JS-01-13	0
Unflighted	Cathy & David Wiegele	Blk Chk CFW Zebra cock	CDW-04-17	-
Novice	Vonda Zwick	Strawberry Finch cock		

**Judge's Comments:** *Almost every Section had birds exhibited. It was a thrill to see Greenfinches & Chaffinches, as well as Cuban Melodious. Zebras were good as were Africans and some of the Societies.*

**11/06/04 - Astoria Bird Club - Brooklyn, NY****Judge:** Dennis Lewis    **Exhibitors:** 7    **Entries:** 28

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Roland Stoute	European Greenfinch	NFS-03-G-247	3
2	John Begonja	Cutthroat	ABC-03-486	n/m
3	Fernando LaSanta	Fawn Shafttail	NFS-04-C-527	1
4	Jose Lima	OH Wht Bst Yellow Gould	NF-01-D-916	0
5	Edo Srilla	Blk headed Greenfinch	UIO-03-G-1865	0
6	John Begonja	Cutthroat	FCC-02-35	0
7	Fernando LaSanta	Zebra Finch		0
8	Edo Srilla	Blk headed Greenfinch	UIO-03-?-472	0
9	John Begonja	European Siskin	ABC-03-971	0
10	John Begonja	European Goldfinch		0
Unflighted	Fernando LaSanta	Fawn Shafttail	NFS-04-C-527	-

**Judge's Comments:** *The Greenfinch was the best conformed bird. Cutthroat was very nice. 4th Gouldian nice conformation. Black-Headed Greenfinches were very nice, also.*

## 11/06/04 - Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Este Inc. - Caguas, PR

**Judge:** Sally Huntington    **Exhibitors:** 15    **Entries:** 186

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Hiram Morales	Self Fawn Society Finch	NFS-04-D-027	12
2	Ramon Colon	Cremino Society Finch	NFS-04-D-726	11
3	Roberto & Yira Rosa	CFW Zebra Finch cock	NFS-04-D-3521	n/m
4	Orlando Rivera	OH Dilute Gouldian	NFS-04-D-3286	n/m
5	Ramon Colon	Fawn Gray Dilute Society	NFS-04-D-501	8
6	Papo Lopez	Silver Black-faced Zebra	NFS-04-D-3507	n/m
7	Ramon Colon	Cutthroat	NFS-04-D-527	6
8	Angel L. Rivera & Nidia Rodriguez	RH Gouldian	NFS-04-D-3579	5
9	Ramon Colon	Normal Gray Zebra cock	NFS-04-D-632	4
10	Jay Perez	CFW Zebra Finch hen	NFS-04-D-3937	n/m
Unflighted	Hiram Morales	Self Fawn Society Finch	NFS-04-D-027	-
Novice	Yashminelly	CFW Zebra Finch cock	NFS-03-D-10234	-
Junior	Yashminelly	CFW Zebra Finch cock	NFS-03-D-10234	-

**Judge's Comments:** *The show had the finest Societies & Zebras I have ever seen. Another very cordial group of aviculturists who make NFSS proud & take notice!*

## 11/07/04 - Rocky Mtn. Society of Aviculture - Day 2 - Denver, CO

**Judge:** Annette Howard    **Exhibitors:** 3    **Entries:** 30

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Terry Bender	BH Gouldian		n/m
2	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Blue Neck Tanager		n/m
3	Dave & Debbie Steele	Normal Gray Java Rice Bird		2
4	Dave & Debbie Steele	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		1
5	Terry Bender	BH Wht Brst Gouldian		0
6	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Diamond Sparrow		0
7	Dave & Debbie Steele	Pied Java Rice Bird		0
8	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Red-legged Honeycreeper		0
9	Dave & Debbie Steele	Bronzewing Mannikin		0
10	Aspen Leaf Aviary	Black Cheeked Waxbill		0

**Judge's Comments:** *Gorgeous round-headed gouldian group here. Nice new exhibiting group.*

**11/07/04 - Georgia Cage Bird Society - Day 2 - Marietta, GA**

Judge: Cecil Gunby Exhibitors: 5 Entries: 50

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Pat & Jerry Miller	Crimson Pileated		6
2	Lisa Murphy	Swee Waxbill		5
3	Margie Morrell	Combassou		n/m
4	Kathleen Clark	Shafttail		3
5	Chirs Eichner	Parsons Finch		2
6	Pat & Jerry Miller	Crimson Pileated		1
7	Chirs Eichner	Parsons Finch		0
8	Kathleen Clark	Gold-breasted Waxbill		0
9	Kathleen Clark	Rufous Backed Mannikin		0
10	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society	NFS-04-E-621	0
Unflighted	Kathleen Clark	Gray Fawn Society	NFS-04-E-621	-
Novice	Margie Morrell	Combassou		-

**11/13/04 - Eastside Finch Connection - Gresham, OR**

Judge: Cecil Gunby Exhibitors: 17 Entries: 125

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Band #</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Bert Spear	Plumhead Finch	NFS-04-D-14304	10
2	Katie Kramer	Black Brown Society Finch		9
3	K.J. Brown	Siberian Goldfinch		8
4	K.J. Brown	Green Singing Finch	NFS-04-D-775	7
5	Paula Hansen	Red Siskin	NFS-04-C-1672	6
6	Raspberry	Timor Zebra Finch Pair	NFS-04-B-432	5
			NFS-04-B-439	
7	K.J. Brown	Melba Finch	NFS-04-D-14520	4
8	K.J. Brown	Owl Finch	NFS-04-B-771	3
9	K.J. Brown	Masked Finch	NFS-04-D-14497	2
10	K.J. Brown	White Eye		1
Unflighted	Bert Spear	Plumhead Finch	NFS-04-D-14304	-
Novice	Bert Spear	Plumhead Finch	NFS-04-D-14304	-
Junior	Terah Lewis	RH Gouldian		

**Judge's Comments:** Nice show! Wonderful participation by exhibitors.

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**11/13/04 - Texas Bird Breeder - Temple, TX****Judge:** Laura Bewley    **Exhibitors:** 13    **Entries:** 151

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Jan Door	Peters Twinspot cock		n/m
2	Jace Burnette	Java Rice Bird		n/m
3	Clarence Culwell	Self Chocolate Society		9
4	Clarence Culwell	Normal Gray Zebra		8
5	Clint Harris	RH Gouldian		7
6	Clint Harris	Red-eared Waxbill		6
7	Clarence Culwell	Black Brown Society		5
8	Clint Harris	Gold-breasted Waxbill		4
9	Clarence Culwell	Pied Zebra Finch		3
10	Brianna Morrison	White Zebra Finch		2
Unflighted	Clint Harris	RH Gouldian		-
Novice	Jan Door	Peters Twinspot cock		-

**Judge's Comments:** *Super selection of birds! Exhibitors showed great care in showing. Nice to see a lot of banded birds.*

**NFSS Annual National Show**

**11/19/04 - National Cage Bird Show - Lansing, MI**  
**hosted by Society of Canary & Finch Breeders**

**Judge:** Armando Lee    **Exhibitors:** 23    **Entries:** 125

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Michael & Lynne West	RH Pastel Blue Gouldian	AACC-MW-00-20	10
2	Robert Mehl	Gold-breasted Waxbill		9
3	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		8
4	Rickie Gaskin	CFW Zebra Finch	BFB-04-D-138	n/m
5	Patrick Vance	Cuban Melodious		6
6	Cecil Gunby	Grant's Bluebill hen		5
7	Cecil Gunby	Timor Sparrow		4
8	Dennis Burhans	Black Brown Society		n/m
9	Clarence Culwell	Gray Pied Zebra cock	NFS-04-?-518	2
10	Clarence Culwell	Self Chocolate Society	NFS-04-?-549	1
Unflighted	Rickie Gaskin	CFW Zebra Finch	BFB-04-D-138	-

### 11/27/04 - National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries - Arlington Heights, IL

Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld Exhibitors: 13 Entries: 48

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch hen		5
2	Vlad Swiderski	Chaffinch		n/m
3	Darla Dandre & Mark Phelps	Persa Touraco		3
4	Charles Anchor	White Zebra Finch		2
5	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch		1
6	Fumi Takeda	RH Normal Gouldian	SCFB-04-21	0
7	Fumi Takeda	Rufous Backed Mannikin	SCFB-04-06	0
8	Paul & Janelle Beilke	Blue-capped Waxbill		0
9	Vonda Zwick	Strawberry Finch		0
10	Sergio Marrero	Cuban Melodious pair		0
Unflighted	Charles Anchor	Pied Zebra Finch hen		-
Novice	Vonda Zwick	Strawberry Finch		-

### 11/27/04 - Cascade Canary Breeders - Mt. Lake Terrace, WA

Judge: Armando Lee Exhibitors: 9 Entries: 100

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	K.J. & Linda Brown	White Eye		9
2	Raspberry	Lightback Zebra Finch	NFS-03-E-2148	8
3	Doug White	Star Finch		7
4	K.J. & Linda Brown	Black Brown Society	NFS-04-?-2545	6
5	K.J. & Linda Brown	Fawn Zebra Finch cock	NFS-02-?-5385	5
6	K.J. & Linda Brown	Society Finch pair	NFS-04-?-2540 NFS-04-?-2541	4
7	K.J. & Linda Brown	Red Siskin	NFS-04-?-9162	3
8	K.J. & Linda Brown	Pearl-headed Amadine	NFS-04-?-2530	2
9	K.J. & Linda Brown	European Goldfinch		1
10	K.J. & Linda Brown	Pied Zebra Finch	NFS-04-?-3706	0
Unflighted	K.J. & Linda Brown	Black Brown Society	NFS-04-?-2545	-
Novice	Raspberry	Lightback Zebra Finch	NFS-03-E-2148	-

## 12/04/04 - Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Show - Santa Clara, CA

**Judge:** Annette Howard    **Exhibitors:** 7    **Entries:** 88

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Doug White	Black Cheeked Waxbill		8
2	Roy Beckham	Tricolor Nun		n/m
3	K.J. Brown	Self Chocolate Society Pr.	NFS-04-E-2542	6
			NFS-04-E-2541	
4	K.J. Brown	Black-headed Siskin	NFS-04-D-9162	5
5	Doug White	Orange-cheeked Waxbill		4
6	K.J. Brown	Siberian Goldfinch		3
7	Roy Beckham	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin		n/m
8	K.J. Brown	Fawn Zebra Finch cock		1
9	Marion Cochran	BH Normal Gould cock		0
10	Clara Gontero	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu		0
Unflighted	Roy Beckham	Tricolor Nun		-

**Judge's Comments:** *What a beautiful group of finches! The gallery and I had an interactive pack of questions that were a joy to be a part of.*

## 12/11/04 - Cajun Canary & Finch Club - New Orleans, LA

**Judge:** Jerri Wiesenfeld    **Exhibitors:** 7    **Entries:** 77

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Brianna Morrison	White Zebra Finch pair		7
2	Brianna Morrison	Normal Zebra Finch cock		6
3	Mary & Todd			
	Perez	Pintailed Nonpareil		5
4	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra cock	NFS-04-D-8338	4
5	Brianna Morrison	Crested Choc & Wht Society		3
6	Brianna Morrison	Fawn & White Society pair		2
7	Carlos Ambrogio	Saffron		n/m
8	Mary & Todd			
	Perez	Pied Penguin Zebra Finch		0
9	Mary & Todd			
	Perez	Swee Waxbill		0
10	Mary & Todd			
	Perez	Dybowski's Twinspot		0
Unflighted	Brianna Morrison	Florida Fancy Zebra cock	NFS-04-D-8338	
Novice	Brianna Morrison	White Zebra Finch pair		

**Judge's Comments:** *Very nice group of finches. Many varieties. 28 Zebras. Some of the best pairs I've seen on the the show circuit.*

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CANADA
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COLORADO
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture (Denver)</b></p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Anna Sinclair (719) 634-6404</p> <p><u>Meetings:</u> 2nd Fri of each month, Lakeside Mall, 44th &amp; Harlan, Denver</p> <p><u>Club E-Mail:</u> birds@rmsa-birds.org</p> <p><u>Website:</u> www.rmsa-birds.org</p>
FLORIDA
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aviary &amp; Cage Bird Society of South Florida (Ft. Lauderdale)</b></p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Marcia David (954) 321-9229 marbilld@comcast.net</p> <p><u>Meetings:</u> 2nd Sun of ea. month, 2 pm Flamingo Gardens Gallery, Davie, FL</p> <p><u>Website:</u> www.feathers.org</p>

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## Exotic Bird Club of Florida (Palm Bay)

Contact: Ginny Heptig (321) 952-9780  
yngathrtt@aol.com  
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Palm Bay Senior Ctr. 1275 Culver Dr.  
Club E-Mail: ywweir@aol.com  
Website: www.homestead.com/  
exoticbirdclubofflorida

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Contact: Jim Dunn (772) 344-8374  
jdunn3@adelphia.net  
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Pt. Salerno Town Hall

## Suncoast Avian Society (Pinellas Park)

Contact: Joe Ventimiglia (727) 392-9391  
whoward7@tampabay.rr.com  
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Leisure World Mobile Home Park

## GEORGIA

### Georgia Cage Bird Society (Atlanta)

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jandpmiller@mindspring.com  
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Smyrna Community Center

## ILLINOIS

### Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club (Chicago)

Contact: Diana Federl (630) 325-4414  
dianafederl@yahoo.com  
Meetings: 3rd Fri. of ea. month, American  
Legion Hall, 310 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst  
Club E-Mail: secretary@gccbc.org  
Website: www.gccbc.org

### Illini Bird Fanciers (Springfield)

Contact: Patte Montgomery (217) 787-0399  
illinibirdfanciers@yahoo.com  
Meetings: 4th Sun of ea. month, Var. Locations  
Club E-Mail: illinibirdfanciers@yahoo.com

## National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries

Contact: Stephan V. Hopman (815) 469-8425  
birdhop@aol.com  
Meetings: 1st Fri. of ea. month except Nov.

## IOWA

### Mid America Cage Bird Society (Des Moines)

Contact: John Thielking (515) 278-9159  
Meetings: 4th Sun of ea. month, 2 pm  
Des Moines Botanical Ctr.  
909 E. River Drive, Des Moines

## KANSAS

### PEEP - Parrot Education & Entertainment People (Wichita)

Contact: Jo Ann Faleo, 316-529-3374,  
JFALEO1@sbcglobal.net

## MARYLAND

### Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Inc.

Contact: Barbara Shannon (410) 356-5850  
Meetings: 3rd Sun. of ea. mo. - Towson Library  
Club E-Mail: drhaynesesq@yahoo.com

## MICHIGAN

### Great Lakes Avicultural Society (Grand Rapids)

Contact: Diana Hugo (616) 842-0163  
pdhugo@charter.net  
Meetings: 2nd Mon. of each month - UAW  
Hall, 4269 Alpine, Grand Rapids  
Website: www.angelfire.com/mi4/glas

### Motor City Bird Breeders (Detroit)

Contact: Pat Piekarz (586) 296-2957  
dpiekarz1@comcast.net  
Meetings: 1st weekend of each month at  
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### Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society (Kansas City)

Contact: Anthony Day (816) 356-9533  
sterryday@aol.com

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Contact: Doug Willis (417) 358-7248  
dwillis71@cox-internet.com

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society (Manchester)

Contact: Ray Schwartz (603) 362-6106  
prismsdad@aol.com

Meetings: 2nd Mon. of each month  
Villa Crest, Manchester, NH

Website: www.boaf.com

## NEW YORK

### Astoria Bird Club (New York City)

Contact: Dan Griffin (718) 994-1614  
dgriffi11@online.net

Meetings: 3rd Sun. of each month  
23-18 29th St. Astoria, NY

Club E-Mail: AstoriaBirdClub@aol.com

### New York Finch and Type Canary Club (New York City)

Contact: Stan Kulak (718) 967-6899  
barstand@aaahawk.com

Meetings: 2nd Sun. of each month except  
Jul. & Aug. 1:00 p.m.  
Averill Blvd. Pk. Elmont

Website: www.newyorkfinch.com

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Raleigh-Durham Cage Bird Society (Raleigh)

Contact: April Blazich (919) 851-8079  
aprilb@bellsouth.net

Meetings: 3rd Sun of ea. month, Glen Eden Pilot Park, Glen Eden Dr., Raleigh

Website: www.rdcbs.org

## OREGON

### Eastside Finch Connection (Portland)

Contact: Mary Smith (503) 634-2233  
smithwm@open.org

Meetings: 1st Mon. of ea. month - 7 pm,  
Clackamas Comm. Hall, Clackamas

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society (Pittsburgh)

Contact: Jim Felix (412) 462-0969  
justuff1@comcast.net

Club E-Mail: mjonnet@katz.pitt.edu

## PUERTO RICO

### Asociation De Criadores de Finches Del Este

Contact: Victor Cordero 893-7723

## TENNESSEE

### Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club (Nashville)

Contact: Lisa Mellies (615) 890-6906  
tnma2@comcast.net

Meetings: 3rd Sun. of each month 1 pm  
Donelson Senior Ctr.  
108 Donelson Park - Donelson, TN

### Southeast TN Avicultural Society (Niota)

Contact: Janet Burrell (423) 472-1306  
jgb2202@aol.com

Meetings: 2nd Sun. of each month 2 pm  
Niota Elementary School



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## Tennessee Valley Exotic Bird Club

(Knoxville)

Contact: Terri Bartow (865) 548-1966

Meetings: 1st Tue. of each month - Church of the Good Samaritan

Club E-Mail: bggrass@hotmail.com

Club Website: tvebc@kornet.org

## TEXAS

### Alamo Exhibition Bird Club Inc.

(San Antonio)

Contact: Nathan Durbin (210) 433-1840

tak@stic.net

Website: www.aebc.org

### Canary & Finch Society (Pasadena)

Contact: Helen Jones (281) 324-4100

Meetings: 2nd Sun of each month -

Pasadena Town Square Mall

### Fort Worth Bird Club (Fort Worth)

Contact: Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568

COculwell@myfam.com

Meetings: 2nd Sun of each month - Fort

Worth Botanical Garden - Azalea Room

Club E-Mail: circlm@swbell.net

Club Website: www.fwbc.org

### Texas Bird Breeders (Temple)

Contact: Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568

COculwell@myfam.com

Meetings: Feb and Aug on 3rd Weekend

## VIRGINIA

### Peninsula Cage Bird Society, Inc.

(Hampton)

Contact: Bea Rogers (757) 484-6001

Meetings: 3rd Sun. of each month at 2 pm

Website: www.vapeninsulacagedbirdclub.org

Events: Bird Marts - Spring & Fall, 2004  
Annual Bird Clubs of Virginia Convention

## WASHINGTON

### Cascade Canary Breeders Association

(Seattle)

Contact: Janel C. Johnson (425) 226-8899

katbird57@aol.com

Meetings: 3rd Sun. of each month at 2 pm,

Kepler's Feed - 16442 SE

Renton-Issaquah Rd. - Renton

## WISCONSIN

### Badger Canary & Finch Club

(Milwaukee)

Contact: Sue Feldstein (262) 965-5367

Meetings: 3rd Sat. of each month - No

meetings in Dec. or Jan.

Club E-Mail: devanornum@aol.com

Club Website:

www.badgercanaryandfinchclub.org

### Wisconsin Cage Bird Club (Oshkosh)

Contact: Dave Bluma (920) 428-4595

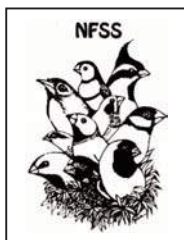
Daviddbluma@aol.com

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NFSS Affiliations & Awards Manager  
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