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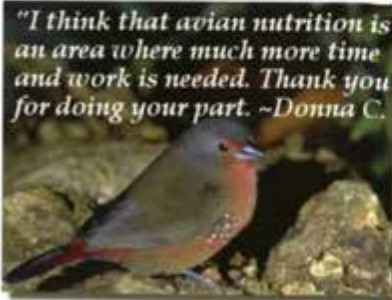




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# President's Message



## Thank You San Diego!

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**T**wo days of wonderful Aviary tours, a solid program hosted by the Finch Society of San Diego with support from the West Coast Zebra Society Finch Show folks was the 2010 answer to "Where is the NFSS National show?" Vince Moose educated and entertained while professionally judging. Sally and Vince Huntington reprised their performance as the hosts extraordinaire, welcoming all comers to the show and opening their suite for bird talk, wine and "That Cake!" Three days of seeing old friends, meeting those we've known online but never met in person, and making new friends who share our passion for finches. It's a reminder of the important role shows and, in particular, a National Show play for our community.

Many of us attend several local shows and some regularly travel significant distances to attend shows that are less than local. But a National is another animal. It calls to all of us from every state to "get together." We need to emphasize the "National" in National Finch and Softbill Society and, when possible, plan, pack our bags and birds, and go to the NATIONAL. Of course it's easier when the show is close to home, but it's always a long trip for some of those who attend. I'm saying to those who couldn't shift plans and gears to make it to San Diego on short notice, that "We missed you!" and to all of you who were in San Diego and those who couldn't make it, "We're looking forward to seeing you in Kansas City, Missouri."

While considering that November 17 through 19, 2011 Kansas City vacation next year, please take a stroll through the Census in this issue and follow up by making contacts to strengthen your existing bloodlines or add something new to the bird room. The Census is easily the best tool available for finding new bloodlines and locating breeders. Combine the Census with the FSS Species Groups for species-specific support, advice, and a place to share your experiences with other breeders. A history of success isn't required and I'm not alone in believing we often learn more from the failures than the successes. Also in this issue is an article on Gray Singers,

a species targeted in one of our FSS species groups (the NFSS FSS Serinus group) which includes Green Singers, Lemon Breasted Canaries and closely related species. Request a subscription at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NFSS-FSS-Serinus-group>. Tell Bob Peers I sent you.

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# The Blue Dacnis

by Grant Rishman

Reprinted from the *Canadian Finch and Softbill Society Newsletter*, Vol. 1, Issue 2 (2007)

**T**anagers occur exclusively in the 'New World' with their range extending from Canada in the north down to Argentina in the south. Over 200 species and 600 subspecies are currently recognized. Some species are found high up in the Andes and prove to be exceptionally hardy, while others are found in tropical rain forests and require supplementary heat in all but the warmest of summer months.

A distant branch of the Tanager family contains the 30 honeycreepers. These beautiful birds are further subdivided into two main groups: the typical honeycreepers belong to the genus *Cyanerpes* and are characterized by their long curved bills. Nectar is an essential part of their diet. The short-billed honeycreepers include the *Iridophanes*, *Coereba* and *Dacnis* species, and it is a member of this last genus that we will take a look at today.

The Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*, is also known by the names of Blue Sugarbird, Turquoise or Black-throated Honeycreeper. They are a very graceful little bird found extensively in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Although this bird is often considered to be one of the more delicate species, it is fortunately not too difficult to keep—if it can be obtained in the first place. Their diet should include finely diced fruits and small berries, soaked small pellets (I use Pretty Bird Softbill pellets),

and live food. I do not feed them a nectar mix but I do sprinkle the dry nectar powder on their food. I provide the nectar in this manner because if it is offered as a solution the honeycreepers will take the nectar to the exclusion of all other foods and their health soon starts to deteriorate. I have had Blue Dacnis live for over a dozen years so it would appear they do not suffer too much by not having a nectar mix to drink.

Whenever an aviculturist is fortunate enough to obtain a bird that is totally unafraid it quickly becomes one of their favorites. It is for this very reason that the Blue Dacnis is probably my favourite of all the birds I have ever kept, well over 100 species over my 45-year "career". (Altho' I do have a male Yellow-legged Honeycreeper that is pushing him as a close second).

If I enter the Dacnis aviary and hold my hand out the male will fly directly onto my hand to see if I have brought him a treat. If I am doing any work which involves having the aviary door open he will hop in and out trying to find some mischief to get into. He always voluntarily returns to his aviary.

Dacnis should always be considered quite delicate and even when acclimated should not be subjected to temperatures below 15 degrees C for any prolonged period of time. Once they are properly acclimatized they adapt readily to aviculture and will often live for 10 or more years if cared for correctly.



Blue Dacnis cock. Photo by Tom Keegan

The male can often be seen sitting on a perch with his tail stretched out on one side and his head stretched out on the other side, singing his little heart out. By the effort he puts into his song it is obvious that he thinks he is a great songster—to the human ear it sounds like two pieces of sandpaper being grated together!!

If they are housed in a large cage it is necessary to keep the cage area very clean. Because the floor covering should be changed every second day most fanciers housing them in this fashion use paper on the cage floor. Soft natural perches are always advantageous to wooden dowelling. The birds clean their bills by wiping them on the perch so perches should be washed every week and replaced every month.

Of course it goes without saying that the birds are more suited to life in a planted aviary where their personality will soon charm even the most cynical visitor. I have always found male honeycreepers to be a little quarrelsome so their aviary cohabitants must be chosen carefully. Inclusion of other honeycreepers is not advised as the male Dacnis has been known to murder his smaller cousins. I had a very aggressive male Grenadier Waxbill a few years ago and was looking for a place to put him for a couple of weeks. As I could find no spare cage I decided to put him in with the Dacnis. After all, it was only for two weeks, what could possibly go wrong? Well, as soon as I released him the male Dacnis attacked and I was very lucky to get the Grenadier out alive. I have housed Dacnis successfully with Australian finches and Parrot-finches. With

other softbills they are best housed with Pekin Robins and other similar sized birds as they usually exert their authority a little too much on Zosterops and other birds their own size.

If successful breeding results are desired the pair should be housed separately in a well-planted aviary or conservatory. The male brings rootlets and similar material to the nest site and the hen builds the small nest. Two eggs form the normal clutch and incubation, usually done solely by the hen, takes 12 days. Once incubation is underway it is necessary to supply large amounts of

fruit flies, aphids, pinhead crickets and other small live food—and free-flowing nectar. These are the only foods given to the chicks for the first few days of their lives. Once the chicks are about a week old the parents may start feeding some soft fruits. When the young are independent they must be removed from the breeding aviary to allow the parents to continue with a second brood.

In conclusion, despite their delicate appearance, *Dacnis* are not difficult to keep. They require winter heat and may live happily for many years if given the correct care and attention.

*Blue Dacnis hen. Photo by Tom Keegan*





# Grey Singer (*Serinus leucopygius*)

by Huub Vervest, Etten-Leur, Netherlands

Chanteur d'Afrique, Cantore d'Africa—singer of Africa—that's what they call him in France and Italy. The Dutch, Belgians and Germans call them "Edelzanger" and "Edelsänger."

A small grayish bird with a white rump. Already in the early days there was a desire to breed good singing canary hybrids by crossing the Grey Singer cock bird with a canary hen. That was not so easy. The problem was that the imported Grey singer cock birds mostly were not in breeding condition at the same time as the canary hens. The little Grey Singers mostly sang on top of their lungs when the canary hens were molting and past their breeding condition.

Grey singers are related to canaries, as they belong to the same genus—*Serinus*. In continental Africa, where they live in the wild, there is another breeding rhythm than the one our cultivated canaries are used to. That is why it mostly did not click in the crossbreeding of Grey singer cock birds and canary hens. Another fact is that we need to breed these Grey Singers purebred, that is if we wish to keep this *Serinus* species available to aviculture. On the site [www.serinus-society.eu](http://www.serinus-society.eu) you can find an overview of the *Serinus* species known to us, including the Grey Singer.

## Genus *Serinus*

Dr. Ian Newton of the Nature Conservancy in Edinburgh, Scotland describes the genus *Serinus* in Grzimek's Tierleben as a genus rich in species. The birds included therein are mostly small and green, grey,

and yellow in color, often with stripes on the back. The beak is small and strong and the tail mostly forked. The behavior pattern of these *Serinus* species is often similar. The pairs are monogamous during the breeding season; the cock birds sing and chase strongly and, during mating time, he flaps his wings.

The beaks are short and cone shaped, although there are also species of which the beak is less cone shaped.

## Origins Mainly in Africa

Most species of the genus *Serinus* are found in Africa where they are widespread and many subspecies are found. Some thirty bird species of this genus are known. In the Southwest of Europe, only two *Serinus* species are found: the European canary (*Serinus serinus*) and the Citril finch (*Serinus citrinella*). The Grey singer (*Serinus leucopygius*) was not always ranked under this genus. Sometimes these birds are found—in older publications—under the name *Polioptila leucopygius*.

Birds of the genus *Serinus* are classed under the finch family (Fringillidae). There one finds two sub-families: the true finches (Fringillinae) and the Goldfinch and Siskin family, the Carduelinae. This sub family is further reclassified in for instance genus *Serinus*, Goldfinches and Siskins (under *Carduelis*), scarlet rosefinch (*Carpodacus*), Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula*), Crossbills (*Loxia*), etc. The earlier practice (more so than present) of crossings with, amongst others, canary hens, was based on their relatedness

and—sometimes—led to rearing hybrids of the Grey Singer. Another Belgian and Dutch name for *Serinus* species is “cini’s.”

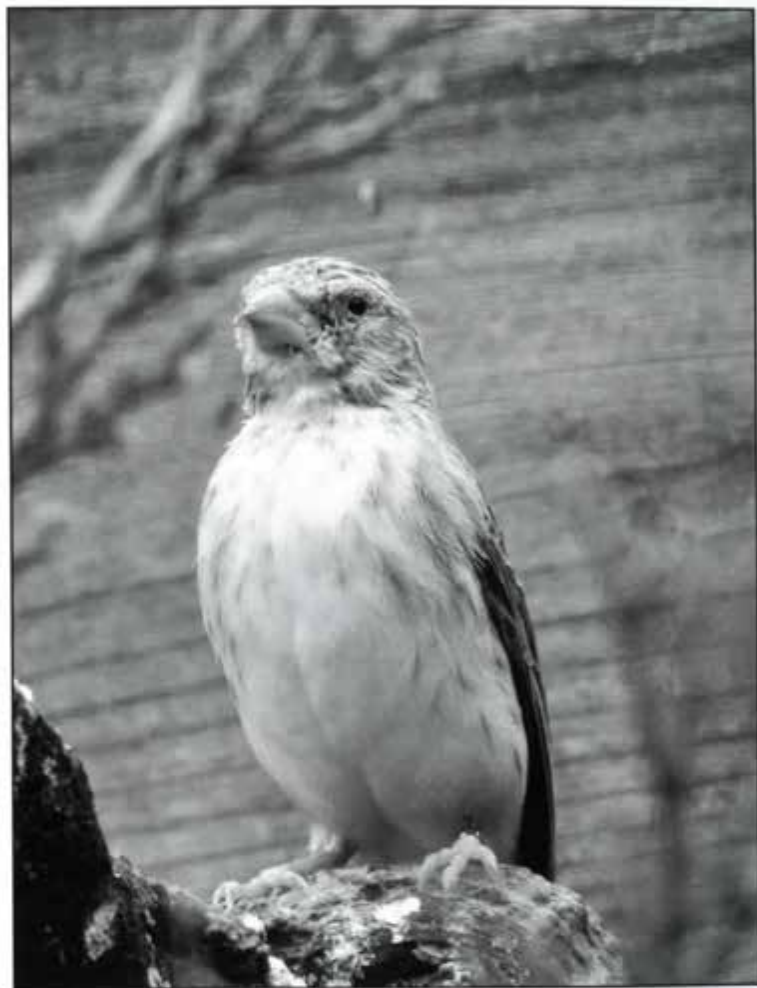
### Mixed Aviary?

There are probably still many Grey Singers in Belgian and Dutch ownership, and they maybe fly around in outside aviaries. Often they are acquired with the idea that they are peaceful birds (unless housed with related birds this is the case), because the cock bird has a nice song and Grey Singers fit in well with

other more colorful birds. Unfortunately these Grey singers are not bred very often in these mixed outside aviaries. Firstly because imported birds are not ready to breed until autumn. All being well, the nesting boxes and materials have disappeared from the outside aviary at that time of the year. The Western European climate is in fact too cold, too wet, for breeding Grey Singers in an outside aviary. The ideal would be to bring the Grey Singer inside at the end of July/beginning of August and to put the breeding pair in a comfortable breeding cage.

*Two Young Grey Singers in cage for young. Photo courtesy European Society of Serinus Breeders.*





*Grey Singer in outside aviary. Photo courtesy European Society of Serinus Breeders.*

Chances of a good breeding result are greatly enhanced.

### Ready to Breed?

Keep an eye on the Grey Singers. A Grey Singer cock bird ready for breeding is heard with his song. With hanging wings he chases the hen. Cock and hen birds chase each other in a "butterfly like" manner. To build a nest they prefer to use a small barred basked or barred nest box. The nest itself has an inside

diameter of only 4 centimeters and you can save the Grey Singer a lot of unnecessary work by pre-forming a nest in an oversized canary nesting box.

If your (unheated) interior breeding space has a reasonable temperature, and if you manage to breed Grey Singers in September, October or November, then you have a second chance in February, March and April. Grey Singers do not have any special requirements for food.



*Grey Singer in profile. Photo courtesy European Society of Serinus Breeders.*



*Grey Singer nestling. Photo courtesy European Society of Serinus Breeders.*



Give them an "enriched" tropical mixture. With enriched we mean a tropical finch mix (mostly several types of millets) complemented with species of grass seed, lettuce seed, some plain canary, niger, perilla. Green feed and egg food are regarded as standard. With this simple food it is quite possible to breed these Grey Singers and other cini's. A bath several times a week guarantees to keep the Grey singers in good condition.

Fourteen hours light per day does not stretch the lighting in your interior breeding quarters. The breeding of Cini's, like the Grey Singer, is a good combination for breeders who use their breeding cages in spring and summer for the breeding of canaries or European species. These same breeding cages can be utilized in autumn and early spring for species of the genus *Serinus* who originate in Africa.

## Cock – Hen Bird

Often one looks for points to establish visually if the bird is a cock bird or a hen. If the birds are bred from the same family, from the same parentage, and if they are

*The nest of *Serinus leucopygius* is small, some 4 cm in inside diameter. They do not lay more than three eggs in general. Photo courtesy European Society of Serinus Breeders.*



kept under the same conditions, then perhaps one could see that the cock bird is somewhat whiter in color around the throat area and on the stomach. The hen is a more dirty white and a little more striped in these areas. For this, one has to have good knowledge, eye and feel of the breed. A better way is to use split coloured rings and, as soon as one sees the bird sing, put on a split ring and note the number of the closed ring. Sometimes one does not hear the bird sing for months. If you relocate them, place another Grey Singer with them, or place them in a cage by itself one can find that they can still sing. Suddenly they can display their strong song! Got ya! Split ring on! With Grey Singers who have not sung after several relocations or several days in solitary confinement one can assume that they are hen birds. They too need a ring mark as it is better to be sure.

Young independent Grey Singers are best kept for several days in, for instance, an exhibition cage. Already some six

weeks after birth the young cock birds start their practice.

If you have these birds in your aviary or you are successful in breeding them please visit the website [www.serinus-society.eu](http://www.serinus-society.eu)

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# 2010 NFSS Annual Census

The 2010 online census will be open from Jan 1 – February 28, 2011. I want to encourage everyone with the means to participate in the Census online to do so. The online system takes only a few moments to complete, the data is collected and tallied immediately, and you can log in at any time to change your data as long as the Census is open. You will also be able to view the overall totals as they come in. Your personal information is not disclosed unless you choose to share contact information with other fanciers.

While online participation is encouraged, mail-in Census forms will also be accepted for those without Internet access.

The Census is an important function of the NFSS. The data collected will help us assess the state of aviculture in the US and Canada, as well as analyze trends over time. Everyone's participation is encouraged no matter how many birds you keep, whether you breed or just enjoy, whether you are an NFSS member or not. The more data we get, the better we can understand our hobby.

In previous years, the Census was held in November and December. This is a busy time of year for many, with the show season peaking, the National being held in November, and the holiday season looming. To make participation easier, this year we have moved the Census period to January and February, when things have quieted down a bit and there is more time to tally our birds and submit totals. Because this is the 2010 Census, please try not to include birds that were purchased/hatched after December 31, 2010 in your counts.

## 2010 Census Instructions

To participate in the Census online (preferred), simply visit [www.nfss-fss.org/Census](http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census) between January 1st and February 28th, and follow the instructions to create an account, log in, and submit your data. Returning participants may choose to log in with their previous account information or create a new account.

To participate in the Census via mail, fill out the form included in this journal and mail it to me at the address below.

Tracking mutation data is not a goal of the Census. Limited mutation data is collected only to help connect breeders. Mutation combinations are not supported, so you must choose which mutation to enter such birds under. You are free to enter all your birds as Normal (or Other) rather than enter them by mutation to keep the process simple.

## Supported mutations are as follows:

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**Star Finch:** Normal, Isabelle (Any Head Color), Pied (Any Body/Head Color), Yellow-faced.

**Zebra Finch:** Normal Grey, Black-breasted, Black-cheeked, Black-faced, Chestnut-flanked White, Cream, Crested, Dominant Silver, Eumo, Fawn, Fawn-cheeked, Florida Fancy, Lightback, Orange-breasted, Other, Penguin, Pied, Recessive Silver, White.

The Census is open to both NFSS members and non-members in order to get the most accurate portrait of the birds we are keeping in the fancy. Please help to contribute to the success of the program by participating and spreading the word!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the Census.

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<u>Species Name</u>	<u>Cocks</u>	<u>Hens</u>	<u>Unsexed</u>	<u>Breeding</u> (Y or N)
<b>FINCHES</b>				
<u>African Citril (Serinus citrinelloides)</u>				
<u>African Silverbill (Lonchura cantans)</u>				
<u>Black And White Mannikin (Lonchura bicolor)</u>				
<u>Black And White Seedeater (Sporophila luctuosa)</u>				
<u>Black Siskin (Carduelis atrata)</u>				
<u>Black-bellied Firefinch (Lagonosticta rara)</u>				
<u>Black-cheeked Waxbill (Estrilda erythronotos)</u>				
<u>Black-crowned Waxbill (Estrilda nonnula)</u>				
<u>Black-faced Firefinch (Lagonosticta larvata)</u>				
<u>Black-headed Nun (Lonchura malacca atricapilla)</u>				
<u>Black-headed Siskin (Carduelis notata)</u>				
<u>Black-rumped Waxbill (Estrilda troglodytes)</u>				
<u>Black-winged Bishop (Euplectes hordeaceo)</u>				
<u>Blue-billed (African) Firefinch (Lagonosticta rubricata)</u>				
<u>Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu (Uraeginthus angolensis)</u>				
<u>Blue-capped Cordon-bleu</u> <u>(Uraeginthus cyanocephalus)</u>				
<u>Blue-faced Parrotfinch (Erythrura trichroa)</u>				



Species Name	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y or N)
Brimstone Canary ( <i>Serinus sulphuratus</i> )				
Bronze-winged Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura cucullata</i> )				
Brown Twinspot ( <i>Clytospiza monteiri</i> )				
Canary ( <i>Serinus canaria</i> )				
Chaffinch ( <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> )				
Cherry Finch ( <i>Neochmia modesta</i> )				
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i> )				
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i> )				
Chinese Grosbeak ( <i>Eophona migratoria</i> )				
Combassou ( <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> )				
Crimson-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia phoenicoptera</i> )				
Cuban Melodious Finch ( <i>Tiaras canora</i> )				
Cutthroat Finch ( <i>Amadina fasciata</i> )				
Diamond Firetail ( <i>Stagonopleura guttata</i> )				
European Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )				
European Greenfinch ( <i>Carduelis chloris</i> )				
European Serin ( <i>Serinus serinus</i> )				
European Siskin ( <i>Carduelis spinus</i> )				
Five-colored Munia ( <i>Lonchura quinticolor</i> )				
Goldbreasted Waxbill ( <i>Amandava subflava</i> )				
Golden Song Sparrow ( <i>Passer luteus</i> )				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Normal Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Blue Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Dilute Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Pastel Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Silver Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Yellow Body</i>				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) <i>Mutation: Other Body Color</i>				
Grand Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura grandis</i> )				
Green Singer ( <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> )				
Green-backed Twinspot ( <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> )				
Green-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia melba</i> )				
Grey Singer ( <i>Serinus leucopygius</i> )				
Grey-crowned Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura nevermanni</i> )				
Grey-headed Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura caniceps</i> )				
Grey-headed Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura griseicapilla</i> )				
Heck's Shaffail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda hecki</i> )				
Indian Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura malabarica</i> )				
Jacarini Finch ( <i>Volatinia jacarini</i> )				

<b>Species Name</b>	<b>Cocks</b>	<b>Hens</b>	<b>Unsexed</b>	<b>Breeding (Y or N)</b>
Rosy-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> )				
Saffron Finch ( <i>Sicalis flaveola</i> )				
Scaly-crowned Weaver ( <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> )				
Shafttail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda</i> )				
Siberian Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis major</i> )				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: All White</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Chestnut and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Chestnut Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Chocolate and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Chocolate Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Crested (Any Body Color)</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Euro Black Brown</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Euro Grey</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Euro Red Brown</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Fawn and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Fawn Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Pearl</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Other</i>				
Spice Finch ( <i>Lonchura punctulata</i> )				
St. Helena Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda astrild</i> )				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Normal (Red-faced)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Isabelle (Any Head Color)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Pied (Any Body/Head Color)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> )				
<i>Mutation: Yellow-faced</i>				
Straw-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua fischeri</i> )				
Strawberry Finch ( <i>Amandava amandava</i> )				
Sweet Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melanotis</i> )				
Timor Zebra ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i> )				
Tri-colored Nun ( <i>Lonchura malacca</i> )				
Tri-colored Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura tricolor</i> )				

<u>Species Name</u>	<u>Cocks</u>	<u>Hens</u>	<u>Unsexed</u>	<u>Breeding</u> (Y or N)
<u>Jameson's Firefinch (Lagonosticta rhodopareia)</u>				
<u>Japanese Grosbeak (Eophona personata)</u>				
<u>Java Rice Finch (Padda oryzivora)</u>				
<u>Lavender Finch (Estrilda caeruleus)</u>				
<u>Lemon-breasted Canary (Serinus citrinipectus)</u>				
<u>Linnet (Carduelis cannabina)</u>				
<u>Madagascar Mannikin (Lonchura nana)</u>				
<u>Maggie Mannikin (Lonchura fringilloides)</u>				
<u>Masked Grassfinch (Poephila personata)</u>				
<u>Napoleon Weaver (Euplectes afra)</u>				
<u>Orange Bishop (Euplectes orix franciscana)</u>				
<u>Orange-cheeked Waxbill (Estrilda melpoda)</u>				
<u>Orange-winged Pytilia (Pytilia afra)</u>				
<u>Owl Finch (Taeniopygia bichenovii)</u>				
<u>Owl Finch - Black Rumped (Taeniopygia bichenovii annulosa)</u>				
<u>Painted Firetail (Emblema picta)</u>				
<u>Paradise Whydah (Vidua paradisaea)</u>				
<u>Parson Finch (Poephila cincta)</u>				
<u>Peales Parrotfinch (Erythrura pealii)</u>				
<u>Peruvian Meadowlark (Sturnella bellicosa)</u>				
<u>Peters' Twin-spot (Hypargos niveoguttatus)</u>				
<u>Pin-tailed Nonpareil (Erythrura prasina)</u>				
<u>Pin-tailed Whydah (Vidua macroura)</u>				
<u>Purple Grenadier (Uraeginthus ianthinogaster)</u>				
<u>Quail Finch (Ortygospiza atricollis)</u>				
<u>Red Siskin (Carduelis cucullata)</u>				
<u>Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch (Lagonosticta senegalae)</u>				
<u>Red-billed Firefinch (Lagonosticta senegalae ruberrima)</u>				
<u>Red-capped Cardinal (Paroaria gularis)</u>				
<u>Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (Uraeginthus bengalus)</u>				
<u>Red-collard Whydah (Euplectes ardens)</u>				
<u>Red-crested Cardinal (Paroaria coronata)</u>				
<u>Red-crested Finch (Coryphospingus cullatus)</u>				
<u>Red-faced Crimson-wing (Cryptospiza reichenovii)</u>				
<u>Red-faced Pytilia (Pytilia hypogrammica)</u>				
<u>Red-headed Finch (Amadina erythrocephala)</u>				
<u>Red-headed Parrotfinch (Erythrura cyaneovirens)</u>				
<u>Red-headed Quelea (Quelea erythrops)</u>				
<u>Red-throated Parrotfinch (Erythrura psittacea)</u>				
<u>Mutation: Normal</u>				
<u>Red-throated Parrotfinch (Erythrura psittacea)</u>				
<u>Mutation: Pied</u>				
<u>Red-throated Parrotfinch (Erythrura psittacea)</u>				
<u>Mutation: Seagreen</u>				
<u>Rosy Twin-spot (Hypargos margaritatus)</u>				

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Saffron Finch ( <i>Sicalis flaveola</i> )				
Scaly-crowned Weaver ( <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> )				
Shafttail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda</i> )				
Siberian Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis major</i> )				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: All White</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Chestnut and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Chestnut Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Chocolate and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Chocolate Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Crested (Any Body Color)</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Euro Black Brown</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Euro Grey</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Euro Red Brown</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Fawn and White Pied</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Fawn Self</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Pearl</i>				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) <i>Mutation: Other</i>				
Spice Finch ( <i>Lonchura punctulata</i> )				
St. Helena Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda astrild</i> )				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) <i>Mutation: Normal (Red-faced)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) <i>Mutation: Isabelle (Any Head Color)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) <i>Mutation: Pied (Any Body/Head Color)</i>				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) <i>Mutation: Yellow-faced</i>				
Straw-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua fischeri</i> )				
Strawberry Finch ( <i>Amandava amandava</i> )				
Swee Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melanotis</i> )				
Timor Zebra ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i> )				
Tri-colored Nun ( <i>Lonchura malacca</i> )				
Tri-colored Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura tricolor</i> )				



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Violet-eared Waxbill ( <i>Uraeginthus granatina</i> )				
Western Bluebill ( <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> )				
White-bellied Canary ( <i>Serinus dorsostriatus</i> )				
White-headed Nun ( <i>Lonchura maja</i> )				
Yellow-rumped Seedeater ( <i>Serinus atrogularis reichenowi</i> )				
Zanzibar Red Bishop ( <i>Euplectes nigroventris</i> )				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Normal Grey</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Black-breasted</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Black-cheeked</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Black-faced</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Chestnut-flanked White</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Cream</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Crested</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Dominant Silver</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Eumo</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Fawn</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Fawn-cheeked</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Florida Fancy</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Lightback</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Orange-breasted</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Other</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Penguin</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Pied</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Recessive Silver</i>				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) <i>Mutation: White</i>				
Other Finch (specify):				
Other Finch (specify):				

Species Name	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y or N)
Other Finch (specify):				
Other Finch (specify):				
<b>SOFTBILLS</b>				
African Black Crake ( <i>Porzana flavirostra</i> )				
African Yellow White Eye ( <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> )				
Allen's Gallinule ( <i>Porphyrio alleni</i> )				
Amethyst Starling ( <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> )				
Bali Mynah ( <i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i> )				
Bananaquit ( <i>Coereba flaveola</i> )				
Barbary Shrike ( <i>Laniarius barbarus</i> )				
Bearded Barbet ( <i>Lybius dubius</i> )				
Black-faced Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis lineata</i> )				
Black-spotted Barbet ( <i>Capito niger</i> )				
Black-throated Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax chinensis</i> )				
Blacksmith Plover ( <i>Vanellus armatus</i> )				
Blue Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis cayana</i> )				
Blue Tit ( <i>Parus caeruleus</i> )				
Blue-gray Tanager ( <i>Thraupis episcopus</i> )				
Blue-naped Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> )				
Blyth's Hornbill ( <i>Aceros plicatus</i> )				
Burnished-buff Tanager ( <i>Tangara cayana</i> )				
Chestnut-eared Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i> )				
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan ( <i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i> )				
Cissa ( <i>Cissa chinensis</i> )				
Collared Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i> )				
Collies Magpie Jay ( <i>Calocitta colliei</i> )				
Common Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> )				
Crimson-rumped Toucanet ( <i>Aulacorhynchus haematopygus</i> )				
Double-toothed Barbet ( <i>Lybius bidentatus</i> )				
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> )				
Emerald Starling ( <i>Coccycolius iris</i> )				
European Blackbird ( <i>Turdus merula</i> )				
European Roller ( <i>Coracias garrulus</i> )				
European Song Thrush ( <i>Turdus philomelos</i> )				
European Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )				
Garden/black Eye Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> )				
Golden Tanager ( <i>Tangara arthus</i> )				

Species Name	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y or N)
Green & Gold Tanager ( <i>Tangara schrankii</i> )				
Green Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus viridis</i> )				
Green Honeycreeper ( <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i> )				
Guianan Toucanette ( <i>Selenidera piperivora</i> )				
Guinea Turaco ( <i>Tauraco persa</i> )				
Hartlaub Turaco ( <i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i> )				
Hwamei ( <i>Garrulax canorus</i> )				
Indian Hill Mynah ( <i>Gracula religiosa</i> )				
Jackson's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni jacksoni</i> )				
Japanese White Eye ( <i>Zosterops japonica</i> )				
Kikuyu White Eye ( <i>Zosterops poliogaster kikuyuensis</i> )				
Laughing Kookabura ( <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> )				
Livingstone's Turaco ( <i>Tauraco livingstonii</i> )				
Oriental Pied Hornbill ( <i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i> )				
Paradise Tanager ( <i>Tangara chilensis</i> )				
Pekin Robin ( <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> )				
Piping Hornbill ( <i>Bycanistes fistulator</i> )				
Plush-crested Jay ( <i>Cyanocorax chrysops</i> )				
Purple Glossy Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i> )				
Purple Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i> )				
Purplish Back Jay ( <i>Cyanocorax beecheii</i> )				
Red And Yellow Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> )				
Red-billed Blue Magpie ( <i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i> )				
Red-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> )				
Red-crested Turaco ( <i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i> )				
Red-faced Liocichla ( <i>Liocichla phoenicea</i> )				
Red-faced Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius indicus</i> )				
Red-legged Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i> )				
Red-tailed Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax milnei</i> )				
Red-vented Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> )				
Red-winged Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax formosus</i> )				
Ross' Turaco ( <i>Musophaga rossae</i> )				
Royal Starling ( <i>Cosmopsarus regius</i> )				
Silver-eared Mesia ( <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> )				
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna brevis</i> )				
Southern Ground Hornbill ( <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i> )				
Speckled Mousebird ( <i>Colius striatus</i> )				
Spotted Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i> )				
Spur-winged Plover ( <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> )				

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Trumpeter Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i> )				
Turquoise Tanager ( <i>Tangara mexicana</i> )				
Viellot's Barbet ( <i>Lybius vielloti</i> )				
Violaceous Euphonia ( <i>Euphonia violacea</i> )				
Violaceous Turaco ( <i>Musophaga violacea</i> )				
Von Der Decken's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni</i> )				
White Head Black Bulbul ( <i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i> )				
White-backed Mousebird ( <i>Colius colius</i> )				
White-cheeked Turaco ( <i>Tauraco leucotis</i> )				
White-collared Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres albocinctus</i> )				
White-collared Yuhina ( <i>Yuhina diademata</i> )				
White-crested Thrush ( <i>Garrulax leucolophus</i> )				
White-eared Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i> )				
White-headed Mousebird ( <i>Colius leucocephalus</i> )				
White-rumped Shama ( <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> )				
White-throated Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax albogularis</i> )				
Yellow-breasted Cissa ( <i>Cissa hypoleuca</i> )				
Yellow-hooded Blackbird ( <i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i> )				
Yellow-rumped Cacique ( <i>Cacicus cela</i> )				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
<b>DOVES &amp; QUAIL</b>				
Bare-faced Ground Dove ( <i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i> )				
Barred Cuckoo Dove ( <i>Macropygia unchall</i> )				
Bartlett's Bleeding Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba criniger</i> )				
Black-naped Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus melanospila</i> )				
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Normal</i>				
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Silver</i>				
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) <i>Mutation: White</i>				



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Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) <i>Mutation: Other</i>				
Cape Dove ( <i>Oena capensis</i> )				
Diamond Dove ( <i>Geopelia cuneata</i> )				
Emerald Dove ( <i>Chalcophaps indica</i> )				
Golden Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba rufigula</i> )				
Island Collared Dove ( <i>Streptopelia bitorquata</i> )				
Luzon Bleeding Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i> )				
Peruvian Ground Dove ( <i>Columbina cruziana</i> )				
Pink-headed Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus porphyrea</i> )				
Ringneck Dove ( <i>Streptopelia risoria</i> )				
Roul-roul Partridge ( <i>Rollulus rouloul</i> )				
Stephan's Dove ( <i>Chalcophaps stephani</i> )				
Sulawesi Quail Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba tristigmata</i> )				
Tambourine Dove ( <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> )				
Victoria Crowned Pigeon ( <i>Goura victoria</i> )				
Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus occipitalis</i> )				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				

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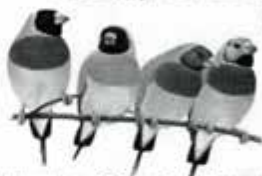
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# National Finch and Softbill Society 2010 National Show

by Bill Parlee, NFSS President Emeritus



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These are the winning entries at the show held in November in San Diego, California. Pictured standing with the winning show bench is the NFSS Judge from Canada, Vince Moase, and show manager Sally Huntington. As most of you probably know, the National Cage Bird Show was to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, but a last minute problem with the show venue caused the show to be cancelled as the National Cage Bird Show (NCBS) could not orchestrate a show change in time to make all the necessary arrangements. Many NFSS board members thought it would be a shame not to have a show for our finches and softbills this year, and the call went out to local clubs around the country to

see if anyone could help us put on our annual show.

Sally Huntington, a past NFSS President, and her Finch Society of San Diego stepped up to the plate and offered to put on the show with the help of the West Coast Zebra/Society Show. The show was held November 18-21 at the Town and Country Hotel and Resort in San Diego, California. The show itself was actually held on Saturday, November 20, with Vince Moase from Canada as our NFSS Judge. However, to add to the festivities of the show, Sally planned several events of interest to the show days. These included aviary tours, a member meeting, and Afternoon of Aviculture that is usually





*Victoria Crowned Pigeon at Hal Vokaty's aviary. Photo by Nancy Belko.*

held at the NCBS, and a photobox demonstration for those that could attend on Sunday. All this was enjoyed by mostly local members but also by some from around the country that could make the trip and wanted to take part in all the festivities.

Judge Vince Moase presented plaques and awards to the top three placements at the show. First place was awarded to Sally Huntington for a beautiful White-eared Bulbul, 2nd Best was a colorful Red-headed Normal Gouldian owned by Janet Edmonds, and 3rd Best went to a Normal Grey Zebra owned by Sally Huntington. Others who placed on the top bench in addition to Sally and Janet included Lee Mize. Best Zebra Mutation was won by Roy Beckham's Penguin and the Judge's Special award went to a Lutino Blue-faced Parrot Finch owned by Antonio Rodriguez. Judge Moase commented that he was presented with a very nice selection of different species. He

offered that he had a great day with the exhibitors and enjoyed the discussions of the species shown. Full results are printed at the end of this article.

On Thursday the events started taking place with Aviary tours, the first was in Temecula at the Aviaries of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Vokaty. Their aviary is a high desert aviary featuring a large collection of birds from around the world, including finches, softbills and doves. After lunch, a tour of the Hidden Forest Aviaries of Mr. and Mrs. Gamini Ratnavir. Theirs is a suburban aviary with outdoor flights, housing tanagers, waxbills, and some other very exotic birds. He has a huge glass aviary where he houses species that he featured in his very detailed paintings. After returning to the hotel in the evening a "Talk Birds" wine and cheese event was hosted by Sally and the Finch Society of San Diego. The highlight of the evening was a beautiful avian cake with a true and accurate chocolate Society finch topping it!



*Greenhouse Housing Dove Flights at Hal Vokaty aviary. Photo by Nancy Beika.*

The next morning it was on the road again, this time to the aviaries of Jim Litchman in San Diego. This was an aviary in a quiet San Diego neighborhood featuring outdoor flights containing Goudians, Painted Finches and rare parrot finches. The afternoon was taken up by the Afternoon of Aviculture, an event that NFSS has put on for several years at the NCBS. Speakers included John Wilson, on Gouldian genetics. John focused on mutations and how to achieve them, using a Power Point presentation to show all the mutations. A talk by Michal Prochazaka, MD, President of Pet DNA Services of AZ on "DNA Testing in

Aviculture" focused on the DNA of many birds kept by NFSS members and their uniqueness. Laura Bewley, NFSS 4th Vice President, spoke on research and NFSS Judges clinics. She presented the accomplishments of the different standards committees.

The speakers were followed by an NFSS Board of Directors meeting where the NFSS 2011 proposed budget was presented and a discussion was held regarding the new standards committees for the Orange Cheeked Waxbill, Cuban Melodious, and the European Goldfinch. The meeting was to be concluded in

the normal online fashion. An annual membership meeting was conducted with 14 members present. There were discussions complimenting our Journal, interest in a member survey, and announcement of the availability of the NFSS 2011 leg bands. Members were invited to attend both meetings. This busy day was followed by an evening of leisure for both the members and show committee.

The big show day followed on Saturday with all the usual show events, including the actual exhibition and judging, vendors tables, raffles, auction, all followed by the annual awards banquet. The show also added two sections for pet birds. Best Pet and Best Display, both were won by Maureen Shanahan. For those that could stay until Sunday, the Finch Society of San Diego hosted a photobox demonstration. Although attendance at the show was not what it would have been had it been an actual NCBS event, a wonderful time was had by all, and the NFSS carried on its tradition of hosting an annual show for its members when other organizations had to cancel theirs.

## 2010 NFSS National Show Results

**Judge:** Vince Moase  
**Secretary:** Sally Huntington  
**No. exhibitors:** 11  
**No. entries:** 79

### Top Bench

Placing	Bird	Exhibitor
1st	White-eared Bulbul	Sally Huntington
2nd	Red-headed Normal Gouldian	Janet Edmonds
3rd	Normal Gray Zebra	Sally Huntington
4th	Light-backed Zebra	Sally Huntington
5th	Plum-headed Finch	Lee Mize
6th	Chocolate Pied Society	Sally Huntington
7th	Yellow-faced Star Finch	Lee Mize
8th	Lavender Finch	Sally Huntington
9th	Black-crested Finch	Sally Huntington
10th	Black-naped Fruit Dove	Sally Huntington
Best Novice	Red-headed Normal Gouldian	Janet Edmonds
Best Unflighted	Red-headed Normal Gouldian	Janet Edmonds
Special Awards		
2nd Best Novice	Plum-headed Finch	Lee Mize
Best Zebra Mutation	Penguin	Roy Beckham
Judge's Award	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	Antonio Rodriguez
Judge's Observations: This was a very nice selection of different species. Had a great day with the exhibitors in discussion of some of the species, showing condition and colors.		



*European Rollers and Blue-crowned Motmots at Gamini Ratnavira's Aviary. Photo by Nancy Belko.*



*A juvenile Roller at Gamini Ratnavira's. Photo by Nancy Belko.*





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## California

**Central California Cage Bird Club**, Modesto, [www.myccbc.org](http://www.myccbc.org) Event: Canary and Finch Show and Mart, October 30, SOS Club, Modesto. Contact: Janna Place, [naturesplaces@bcgglobal.net](mailto:naturesplaces@bcgglobal.net).

**Finch Society of San Diego County**, San Diego, [www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com](http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com), [spitechar@yahoo.com](mailto:spitechar@yahoo.com). Nation's largest all finch/softbill club.

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**RAZ**. Event: Orlando Show, Dec. 4 [2 ACS shows] & 5 [2 NFSS and 2 NAPS shows]. Judges: Cecil and Ken Gunby. Contact: Annette Howard (JH), 330-337-7654, [howardaj78@yahoo.com](mailto:howardaj78@yahoo.com).

**Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club Inc.**, Stuart, [texoticbirdclub.com](http://www.texoticbirdclub.com) Event: South East Regional Finch Show and Bird Expo, March 21, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2612 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart. Contact: Kathy Dwyer, [jim.dwyer@netzero.net](mailto:jim.dwyer@netzero.net).

**Tri-State Avian Society**, Tallahassee, [webmaster@tristateaviansociety.org](mailto:webmaster@tristateaviansociety.org), [www.tristateaviansociety.org](http://www.tristateaviansociety.org) Event: Spring Bird Fair, May 15-16, North Fl Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee. Contact: Barry Laster, [barryl7523@comcast.net](mailto:barryl7523@comcast.net).

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**The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland (TASC)**, Lombard/St. Charles, 630-336-0197, [TASCCHICAGO@aol.com](mailto:TASCCHICAGO@aol.com), [www.tasc-chicago.org](http://www.tasc-chicago.org) Event: Midwest Bird Expo 2010, May 22, 9:30-4:00, Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 South Randall Road, St. Charles. Huge event with vendors, speakers, education stations, wild animal shows, and so much more, [www.midwestbirdexpo.com](http://www.midwestbirdexpo.com). Contact: Jason Crean, [tascchicago@aol.com](mailto:tascchicago@aol.com), 630-985-8146.

**Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club**, Clarendon Hills, 708-258-0682, [secretary@gccbc.org](mailto:secretary@gccbc.org), [www.gccbc.org](http://www.gccbc.org) Event: Bird Show, Oct 30, Du Page Expo, 4050 E Main St, St. Charles. Contact Shar: Toby, [Sharlant2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Sharlant2000@yahoo.com).

**Heart of Illinois Bird Club**, Peoria, hoibc@yahoo.com. Events: Bird Fair, Feb 28; Bird Show & Fair; Bird Fair, Oct 24. All events at Grand Hotel (Ramada Inn), 4400 Brandywine Dr, Peoria. Contact: Jody Lewis balu716@yahoo.com, 309-645-7773.

**Mid West Bird Breeders & Exhibitors**, [www.midwestbirdbreederexhibitor.info](http://www.midwestbirdbreederexhibitor.info). Lawrenceville Events: Show, March 20, Lawrenceville. Contact Lisa Grimes, lgtiels@yahoo.com. Judge: Annette Howard. NFSS show in conjunction with the Gateway Parrot Club's Parrot Festival, Sunday, Aug 29. Judge: Annette Howard. See Gateway's listing (MO) for location details.

**Finch and Softbill Breeders and Exhibitors Club**, Palatine, [www.fsbec.finchfiles.com](http://www.fsbec.finchfiles.com) Event: TBA.

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**Maryland All Canary Club**, Baltimore MD, 410-875-9417, mrdrought@yahoo.com, [mdallcanary.org](http://mdallcanary.org). Event: Annual Canary and Finch Show, Nov 20, 9:00 - 4:00 pm, Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, MD. Judge: Laura Tinker. Contact: Elaine Ortman, eortman@comcast.net.

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**Massachusetts Cage Bird Assoc**, Foxboro, 781-335-3927, [www.masscagebird.org](http://www.masscagebird.org). Event: Annual Bird Show, Oct. 16, Lowell Elks Lodge, 40 Old Ferry Rd, Lowell 01854. Contact: Tom Keegan, 781-335-3927, nfs.pubs@gmail.com.

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**Great Lakes Zebra and Society Specialty Show**. Event: Bird Show, Aug 21, Maplewood Community Center (Detroit Area), 31735 Maplewood, Garden City 48135. Hall open for entries on Friday, 8/20, 4-8 PM and Sat 7-9 AM. Judge: Vince Moose. Contact: Rebecca Mikel spkennel@aol.com or Jim Helferman tielmore@aol.com, 313-247-5900.

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**Gateway Parrot Club**, St. Louis, 636-343-8097, President@GatewayParrotClub.org, [www.gatewayparrotclub.org](http://www.gatewayparrotclub.org). Event: All American Hookbill Fair & Seminar, Aug 28-29, Doors open at 10:00 AM, Machinists' Hall Dist. 9 Building, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton. Scheduled speakers: Jean Pattison & Michelle Karras. Contact: Christine Kinkade, 636-343-8097.

**Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society**, 1807 NE Colbern Rd, Lee's Summit, 816-252-1120, dayforthebirds@aol.com, [www.GKCAS.org](http://www.GKCAS.org). Events: SPRING BIRD FAIR, April 24, Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E Jackson Dr, Independence and Annual All Bird Show, Oct 16, Coronation of Our lady Church, 13000 Bennington, Grandview. Contact: Anthony Day Phone: 816-252-1120.

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## New York

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**New York Finch & Type Canary Club**, NYC, [barstand@verizon.net](mailto:barstand@verizon.net) Events: Feather Show June 27, Averill Blvd Park (Meeting Hall), Elmont. Contact: Stan Kulak, [barstand@verizon.net](mailto:barstand@verizon.net); Annual Show, Sept 25, St. Jude Church (Gyne Hall), 1677 Canarsie Rd, Brooklyn.

## Oklahoma

**Oklahoma Cage Bird Society**, Tulsa, 918-446-3999, [lbewley@yahoo.com](mailto:lbewley@yahoo.com). Event: Oklahoma Cage Bird Show, Oct 23, Econolodge, Tulsa. Contact: Laura Bewley, 918-446-3999, [lbewley@yahoo.com](mailto:lbewley@yahoo.com). Judge: Alfredo Bruguetas.

## Oregon

**Columbia Canary Club**, Portland, [jeeperspeepes55@aol.com](mailto:jeeperspeepes55@aol.com), 503-266-7606 Event: TBA.

## Pennsylvania

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**Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club**, Gurabo, [przfc@yahoo.com](mailto:przfc@yahoo.com), [www.przfc.com](http://www.przfc.com) Event: Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Fall Show, Sept 10-12, Centro Comunal Santa Juana, Caguas. Contact: Jorge Mojica, [przfc@yahoo.com](mailto:przfc@yahoo.com), 787-550-3163. Judge: TBA.

## Tennessee

**Heart of Tennessee Aviculture Society**, Murfreesboro, [www.heartofnaviculturesociety.com](http://www.heartofnaviculturesociety.com) Event: Exotic Bird Fair and Show, Sept. 11 (9-5) & 12 (10-4). Show (NAPS, NFSS) Sat only, MTSU TN Livestock Ctr, Murfreesboro 37130. Contact: Wilma 615-396-8440, [trina2@comcast.net](mailto:trina2@comcast.net). Hotel: Americas Best Value Inn, 1954 S. Church St, Murfreesboro 37130, 615-896-6030 (Block # 55042).

## Texas

**Canary & Finch Society**, Houston, 281-324-4100, [Lisasepholmes@verizon.net](mailto:Lisasepholmes@verizon.net). Event: Canary & Finch Annual Show, Oct 9, Baymont Inn & Suites, 502 N Sam Houston Pkwy East, Houston. Contact: Helen Jones, [Lisasepholmes@verizon.net](mailto:Lisasepholmes@verizon.net). Judge: TBA.

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**Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association**, Temple, [coculwell@verizon.com](mailto:coculwell@verizon.com) Event: Texas Bird Breeders Show, Nov 6, Mayborn Convention Center, Temple. Contact: Clarence Culwell, [coculwell@verizon.com](mailto:coculwell@verizon.com).

## Virginia

**Peninsula Caged Bird Society**, Newport News, [finchbreeder@earthlink.net](mailto:finchbreeder@earthlink.net),

[www.vapeninsulacagedbirdsociety.org](http://www.vapeninsulacagedbirdsociety.org) Events: Spring & Fall Marts & Shows, Columbian Center. Dates TBA. Contact: Deb Wilson, [dwilson786@aol.com](mailto:dwilson786@aol.com).

## Washington

Cascade Canary Breeders Assn., Seattle, sue@sealeyaalliance.com, [www.cascadecanary.com](http://www.cascadecanary.com) Event: CCBA 42nd Annual Show, October 23-24, Monroe. Contact: Coleen Anderson, coleen.anderson@gmail.com.

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Central Wisconsin Cage & Wild Bird Connection, Pittsville, mminor@tds.net, [www.cwwcbc.us/bc/](http://www.cwwcbc.us/bc/) Event: Annual Bird & Garden Fair, Saturday, May 15, 2010.

## Regional / National

The American Dove Association, 205-995-8612, secretary@doveline.com, [www.Doveline.com](http://www.Doveline.com) Event: National Young Bird Show (and annual meeting), Oct. 30, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville KY 40209.

The Avicultural Society of America, [www.asabirds.org/home.html](http://www.asabirds.org/home.html) Steve Duncan PO Box 3161, San Dimas, CA 91773. The oldest aviculture society in the US, founded in 1927.

The National Animal Interest Alliance, [www.noiaonline.org](http://www.noiaonline.org) Dedicated to promoting animal welfare, supporting responsible animal use and strengthening the bond between humans and animals.

Northeast Bird Group, New England/NY/NJ/PA, 781-335-3927, thomkeegan@aol.com, [www.northeastbirdgroup.com](http://www.northeastbirdgroup.com) Event: Summer Bird Fair, June 26, 4097 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI. (Show is Cockatiel [NCS] and parrot [SPBE] only this year).

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show, Sacramento, CA, [www.efinch.com/show](http://www.efinch.com/show) Event: Fifth Annual Show, July 30, Sacramento, Contact: Jami Arndt, jamiarndt@comcast.net.

## Foreign

Canadian Finch & Softbill Society, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, 905-723-1978, vmoase@rogers.com. Event: Show Nov 13-14, Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Rd. Judge: John Harris (England). Contact: Vince Moase, 905-723-1978, vmoase@rogers.com.

Durham Avicultural Society, Ontario, Canada, [www.birdclub.ca](http://www.birdclub.ca) secretary@birdclub.ca, 416-282-5997 (Jocquie). Event: Annual Bird Show, Sep 18 - 19, Ajax Community Centre.

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 519-948-6398, julianne@mnsi.net, [www.essexkentcbs.com](http://www.essexkentcbs.com) Event: 35th Annual Show, Sept 25/26, 2010, Fogolar Furlan Club, Udine. Judge: Armando Lee. Contact: Julianne, julianne@mnsi.net.

Ottawa Bird Fanciers Society, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 905-723-1978, vmoase@rogers.com, [www.ottawabirdfanciersociety.org](http://www.ottawabirdfanciersociety.org) Event: Show Oct 2-3, St Ignatius Martyr Church, 518 Donald Street, Ottawa, ON K1K 1L7, Judge: Laura Tinker. Contact: Mario Gauci, 613-244-1678, mariogauciobfs@gmail.com.



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