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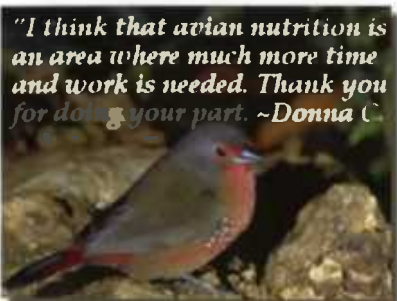
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# President's Message



## Diversity

As I read the NFSS Census I'm reminded of a diversity that's slipping away.

For example, the Painted Firetail (*Emblema picta*). Gene Fetter produced them reliably for many years. I know the last time I saw them was a year ago, on an aviary tour in San Diego arranged by the Finch Society of San Diego County for those attending last year's National. The aviary's owner spoke of others breeding Painted Finches. Line #81 in the Census shows five breeders reporting 56 birds. There's not much depth here. Even presuming a strong undercount, the numbers give pause.

Forming communities of breeders who share an interest in a species or group of species is a necessary prerequisite to establishing self-sustaining domestic populations. That's why Vonda Zwick's tireless efforts to build a foundation for the Finch and Softbill Save program, in Breeding Records, and the Census are so valued by the NFSS board of directors. I encourage all of you to make more than a casual review. How well represented are the species you keep? Does the number of breeders reporting approximate your expectations? More importantly, how many of the breeders do you know? Are the breeders in contact? If we share our experiences, particularly those things that went poorly, we may as a community avoid some pitfalls discovered by our members.

We can cooperate in managing bloodlines and protecting genetic diversity. But first we must talk. There are seven existing Species Groups and they could use some leading questions and breeding season results to date to kick-start a conversation. If you're a breeder of a covered species, please consider joining the group. If your species doesn't have a group, just ask and we'll solicit interested breeders.

These are the existing NFSS Finch & Softbill Save program species groups to date:

Red siskin

European softbills

*Uraeginthus* (blue & purple waxbills)

*Coliidae* (mousebirds)

*Pynonotus* (bulbuls)

*Erythrura* (parrot finches)

*Serinus* (serins)

I breed Diamond Sparrows in outdoor flights in colonies. I'd like to trade information that might improve my results or locate unrelated stock. Anyone interested?

How many of you are planning on attending the "National" (The National Cage Bird Show) this year? Location for 2011 is Kansas City Missouri, November 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

After you've reviewed the census please take a few moments to review and submit the ballot enclosed.

*Respectfully,*

John Wilson  
President

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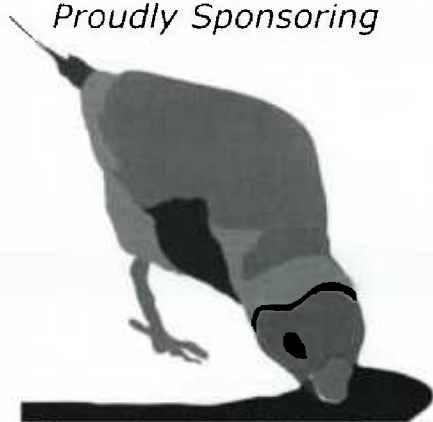
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# 2010 Census Results

The 2010 Census is now over. We ran the Census this year in January and February with the hope that we would get better participation after the busy holiday season. Unfortunately, numbers were down a bit from last year.

Thank you to everyone who participated. As always, we still have a lot of work to do to reach many of the hobbyists out there, but we will keep pushing in that direction. All help spreading the word about the Census to members and non-members alike is greatly appreciated.

We had a total of 9,318 birds entered in the 2010 Census, with 81 people participating and 205 species being represented. Included in this journal are the total counts by species and mutation. For more detailed statistics and contact information from hobbyists who chose to share that information, please visit the Census results online at <http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census>.

Thank you for participating!

Vonda Zwick, FSS Director

<u>Species Name</u>	<u>Cocks</u>	<u>Hens</u>	<u>Unsexed</u>	<u>Total Birds</u>	<u>Participants</u>
<b>FINCHES</b>					
African Citril ( <i>Serinus citrinelloides</i> )	4	4	0	8	2
African Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura cantans</i> )	1	2	0	3	2
African Yellow Canary ( <i>Serinus flaviventris</i> )	5	5	0	10	2
Black And White Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura bicolor</i> )	19	18	2	39	5
Black And White Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila luctuosa</i> )	4	2	0	6	1
Black Siskin ( <i>Carduelis atrata</i> )	10	10	0	20	1
Black-bellied Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rara</i> )	9	10	0	19	4
Black-crested Finch ( <i>Lophospingus pusillus</i> )	3	1	0	4	1
Black-crowned Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda nana</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Black-faced Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta larvata</i> )	10	8	0	18	6
Black-headed Nun ( <i>Lonchura malacca atricapilla</i> )	2	1	0	3	1
Black-headed Siskin ( <i>Carduelis notata</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Black-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i> )	12	13	0	25	3
Black-winged Bishop ( <i>Euplectes hordeaceo</i> )	1	5	0	6	1
Blue-billed (African) Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> )	5	5	0	10	1
Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i> )	12	17	0	29	5
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i> )	90	75	7	172	17
Blue-faced Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura trichroa</i> )	69	79	73	221	6
Bronze-winged Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura cucullata</i> )	4	3	0	7	4
Bull Finch ( <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> )	6	6	0	12	1
Canary ( <i>Serinus canario</i> )	67	94	32	193	9

Species Name	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Total Birds	Participants
Cherry Finch ( <i>Neochmia modesta</i> )	21	20	0	41	9
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i> )	12	12	0	24	2
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i> )	24	14	15	53	5
Chestnut-throated Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila telasco</i> )	6	4	0	10	2
Chinese Grosbeak ( <i>Eophona migratoria</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Collared Warbling Finch ( <i>Poospiza hispaniolensis</i> )	4	4	0	8	1
Combassou ( <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> )	4	3	0	7	1
Crimson Seed Cracker ( <i>Pyrenestes sanguineus</i> )	5	6	0	11	2
Crimson-breasted Finch ( <i>Rhodospingus cruentus</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Crimson-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia phoenicoptera</i> )	4	4	0	8	1
Cuban Melodious Finch ( <i>Tiaras canora</i> )	52	56	15	123	7
Cutthroat Finch ( <i>Amadina fasciata</i> )	23	25	0	48	8
Desert Finch ( <i>Carduelis obsoletus</i> )	2	1	0	3	1
Diamond Firetail ( <i>Stagonopleura guttata</i> )	21	15	29	65	6
Dybowski's Twinspot ( <i>Euschistospiza dybowskii</i> )	6	5	2	13	3
European Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )	11	9	2	22	5
European Serin ( <i>Serinus serinus</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Firefinch, Senegal ( <i>Lagonostica senegala</i> )	27	23	0	50	7
Goldbreasted Waxbill ( <i>Amandava subflava</i> )	96	89	21	206	23
Golden-billed Saltator ( <i>Saltator aurantirostris</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Blue Body	49	53	16	118	15
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Dilute Body	58	1	10	69	11
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Normal	408	400	550	1358	34
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Other (Body Color)	10	12	15	37	2
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Pastel Body	28	1	0	29	7
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Silver Body	38	22	10	70	7
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) Yellow Body	117	83	89	289	17
Greater Seed Finch ( <i>Oryzoborus maximiliani</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Green Singer ( <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> )	46	50	10	106	17
Green-backed Twinspot ( <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> )	11	10	0	21	4
Green-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia melba</i> )	2	1	0	3	2
Grey Singer ( <i>Serinus leucopygius</i> )	10	12	6	28	4
Heck's Shaffail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda heckii</i> )	45	41	58	144	10
Himalayan Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis caniceps</i> )	4	4	0	8	2
Himalayan Greenfinch ( <i>Carduelis spinoides</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Hooded Siskin ( <i>Carduelis magellanicus</i> )	7	7	0	14	1
Indian Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura malabarica</i> )	1	0	5	6	2
Jacarini ( <i>Volatinia jacarini</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Jacarini Finch ( <i>Volatinia jacarini</i> )	4	4	0	8	1
Japanese Grosbeak ( <i>Eophona personata</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Java Rice Finch ( <i>Lonchura oryzivora</i> )	47	50	40	137	6
Lavender Finch ( <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i> )	25	26	4	55	10
Lemon-breasted Canary ( <i>Serinus citrinpectus</i> )	11	9	0	20	3
Lesser Seed Finch ( <i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Linnet ( <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> )	2	2	0	4	1

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Little Green Singer ( <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> )	10	12	0	22	1
Madagascar Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura nano</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Maggie Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura tringilloides</i> )	0	0	4	4	2
Masked Grassfinch ( <i>Poephila personata</i> )	33	30	53	116	9
Napoleon Weaver ( <i>Euplectes afra</i> )	5	9	0	14	3
Orange Bishop ( <i>Euplectes orix franciscana</i> )	10	14	3	27	4
Orange-cheeked Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> )	29	30	8	67	10
Owl Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i> )	127	121	100	348	23
Owl Finch - Black Rumped ( <i>Taeniopygia bichenovii annulosa</i> )	14	17	8	39	3
Painted Firetail ( <i>Emblema picta</i> )	22	22	12	56	5
Paradise Whydah ( <i>Vidua paradisaea</i> )	5	6	2	13	3
Parson Finch ( <i>Poephila cincta</i> )	27	31	30	88	6
Peales Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura pealii</i> )	33	43	27	103	2
Peters' Twinspot ( <i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i> )	4	4	0	8	2
Pin-tailed Nonpareil ( <i>Erythrura prasina</i> )	3	4	0	7	1
Pin-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua macroura</i> )	6	5	0	11	4
Purple Grenadier ( <i>Uraeginthus anthinogaster</i> )	15	21	0	36	5
Quail Finch ( <i>Ortyospiza atricollis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Red Billed Fire Finch ( <i>Loganosticta senegala</i> )	8	8	0	16	2
Red Bishop ( <i>Euplectes orix</i> )	3	4	0	7	1
Red Siskin ( <i>Carduelis cucullata</i> )	43	45	8	96	3
Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch ( <i>Loganosticta senegala</i> )	6	8	3	17	2
Red-billed Firefinch ( <i>Loganosticta senegala ruberrima</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Red-capped Cardinal ( <i>Paroaria gularis</i> )	2	2	4	8	1
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> )	43	42	3	88	11
Red-collard Whydah ( <i>Euplectes ardens</i> )	1	2	0	3	2
Red-crested Cardinal ( <i>Paroaria coronata</i> )	3	3	0	6	1
Red-crested Finch ( <i>Coryphospingus collatus</i> )	5	5	0	10	3
Red-faced Crimson-wing ( <i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i> )	9	9	0	18	4
Red-faced Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia hypogrammica</i> )	3	4	0	7	2
Red-headed Finch ( <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i> )	28	30	0	58	3
Red-headed Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i> )	53	64	38	155	7
Red-throated Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura psittacea</i> ) Normal	37	36	42	115	6
Red-throated Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura psittacea</i> ) Pied	11	7	7	25	4
Red-throated Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura psittacea</i> ) Seagreen	8	12	6	26	4
Roller Canaries ( <i>Serinus canaria</i> )	13	12	0	25	2
Rosy Twinspot ( <i>Hypargos margaritatus</i> )	3	3	1	7	2
Rosy-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> )	29	17	17	63	3
Ruddy Breasted Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila minuta</i> )	4	4	0	8	1
Saffron Finch ( <i>Sicalis flaveola</i> )	16	17	13	46	6
Scaly-crowned Weaver ( <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Shaftail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda</i> )	69	60	65	194	8
Siberian Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis major</i> )	30	39	0	69	3
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) All White	218	168	103	489	15
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Chestnut and White Pied	51	28	15	94	9

Species Name	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Total Birds	Participants
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Chestnut Self	5	5	2	12	2
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Chocolate and White Pied	117	52	69	238	12
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Chocolate Self	29	24	27	80	9
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Crested (Any Body Color)	42	39	31	112	8
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Euro Black Brown	13	8	10	31	3
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Euro Grey	1	1	4	6	2
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Euro Red Brown	0	1	0	1	1
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Fawn and White Pied	39	30	12	81	11
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Fawn Self	4	8	10	22	8
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Other	17	20	11	48	7
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> ) Pearl	21	25	30	76	6
Spice Finch ( <i>Lonchura punctulata</i> )	16	10	25	51	10
St. Helena Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda astrild</i> )	18	15	19	52	8
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) Isabelle (Any Head Color)	0	1	0	1	1
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) Normal (Red-faced)	53	30	15	98	10
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) Pied (Any Body/Head Color)	4	4	0	8	1
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> ) Yellow-faced	1	1	0	2	2
Straw-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua fischeri</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Strawberry Finch ( <i>Amandava amandava</i> )	47	37	2	86	10
Sweet Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melanotis</i> )	6	6	0	12	3
Timar Zebra ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i> )	3	4	0	7	1
Tricolored Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura tricolor</i> )	14	17	1	32	6
Vinaceous Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta larvata vinacea</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Violet-eared Waxbill ( <i>Uraeginthus granatina</i> )	7	9	0	16	1
Western Bluebill ( <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> )	3	3	0	6	2
White-bellied Canary ( <i>Serinus dorsostriatus</i> )	3	3	0	6	2
White-headed Nun ( <i>Lonchura maja</i> )	3	2	0	5	2
Yellow-crowned Canary ( <i>Serinus canicollis</i> )	1	2	0	3	1
Yellow-rumped Seedeater ( <i>Serinus atrogaularis</i> )	8	8	3	19	2
Zanzibar Red Bishop ( <i>Euplectes nigroventris</i> )	3	5	0	8	1
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Black-breasted	8	6	3	17	1
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Black-cheeked	2	1	0	3	1
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Black-faced	5	4	6	15	3
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Chestnut-flanked White	31	52	25	108	5
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Cream	1	7	0	8	2
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Crested	5	3	0	8	3
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Dominant Silver	10	10	0	20	3
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Fawn	11	15	0	26	8
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Fawn-cheeked	2	2	0	4	1
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Florida Fancy	17	17	6	40	3
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Grey-cheeked	2	0	0	2	1
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Lightback	2	1	0	3	2
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Normal Grey	216	153	105	474	21
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Orange-breasted	16	15	0	31	3
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Other	10	15	0	25	1

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Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Penguin	16	11	0	27	4
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Pied	10	14	0	24	7
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Recessive Silver	1	3	0	4	2
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) Silver Isabelle	7	5	0	12	2
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> ) White	11	11	0	22	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3497</b>	<b>3165</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>8661</b>	<b>74</b>

## SOFTBILLS

Allen's Gallinule ( <i>Porphyrio alleni</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Amethyst Starling ( <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> )	5	6	0	11	3
Bali Mynah ( <i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i> )	5	5	0	10	2
Barbery Shrike ( <i>Laniarius barbarus</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Bearded Barbet ( <i>Lybius dubius</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Bearded Reedling ( <i>Ponurus biarmicus</i> )	4	4	0	8	3
Black-faced Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis lineata</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
Black-spotted Barbet ( <i>Capito niger</i> )	6	6	0	12	2
Blacksmith Plover ( <i>Vanellos armatus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Blue Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis cayana</i> )	1	2	0	3	2
Blue-gray Tanager ( <i>Thraupis episcopus</i> )	8	3	2	13	3
Blue-naped Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> )	9	9	3	21	2
Blue-necked Tanager ( <i>Tangara cyanicollis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Cissa ( <i>Cissa chinensis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Collared Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
Collies Magpie Jay ( <i>Colocitta colliei</i> )	1	2	0	3	1
Common Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> )	3	4	0	7	1
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Emerald Starling ( <i>Coccycolius iris</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
European Robin ( <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
European Song Thrush ( <i>Turdus philomelos</i> )	2	2	0	4	1
European Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )	1	1	1	3	1
Garden/black Eye Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Golden Bellied Grosbeak ( <i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Golden Tanager ( <i>Tangara arthus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Green Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus viridis</i> )	6	6	0	12	2
Guianan Toucanette ( <i>Selenidera piperivora</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Hwamei ( <i>Garrulax canorus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Indian Hill Mynah ( <i>Gracula religiosa</i> )	5	5	0	10	2
Jackson's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni jacksoni</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Japanese White Eye ( <i>Zosterops japonica</i> )	1	2	4	7	2
Kikuyu White Eye ( <i>Zosterops polioaster kikuyuensis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Laughing Kookabura ( <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> )	3	2	0	5	2
Long-tailed Hornbill ( <i>Tropicranus albocristatus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Long-tailed Mockingbird ( <i>Mimus longicaudatus</i> )	0	0	2	2	1
Mantane White Eye ( <i>Zosterops polioaster</i> )	0	0	3	3	1
Oriental Pied Hornbill ( <i>Antracoceros albirostris</i> )	1	1	0	2	1

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Paradise Tanager ( <i>Tangara chilensis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Pekin Robin ( <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> )	11	13	0	24	6
Purple Glossy Starling ( <i>Lamprolaima purpureus</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
Purple Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i> )	3	4	0	7	4
Purplish Back Jay ( <i>Cyanocorax beecheii</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Red And Yellow Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Red-billed Blue Magpie ( <i>Urucissa erythrorhyncha</i> )	3	3	0	6	1
Red-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> )	10	7	2	19	4
Red-crested Turaco ( <i>Tauraco erythrophus</i> )	9	11	2	22	4
Red-faced Liocichla ( <i>Liocichla phoenicea</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Red-faced Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius indicus</i> )	3	1	0	4	2
Red-legged Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Red-vented Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> )	2	4	0	6	2
Ross' Turaco ( <i>Mysophaga rossae</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
Silver-eared Mesia ( <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> )	7	5	0	12	3
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna brevis</i> )	2	1	0	3	1
Southern Ground Hornbill ( <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i> )	2	1	0	3	1
Speckled Mousebird ( <i>Colius striatus</i> )	5	4	0	9	3
Spotted Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
Spotted Tanager ( <i>Tangara punctata</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Spur-winged Plover ( <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> )	3	1	0	4	2
Taiwan Yuhina ( <i>Yuhina brunneiceps</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Tinker Bird ( <i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
Tropical Icterid ( <i>Icterus icterus</i> )	3	3	1	7	1
Trumpeter Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i> )	4	4	0	8	3
Violaceous Euphonia ( <i>Euphonia violacea</i> )	2	0	0	2	1
Violaceous Turaco ( <i>Mysophaga violacea</i> )	4	8	0	12	3
Von Der Decken's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni</i> )	3	3	0	6	2
White Head Black Bulbul ( <i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i> )	2	3	0	5	1
White-backed Mousebird ( <i>Colius colius</i> )	17	20	8	45	3
White-cheeked Turaco ( <i>Tauraco leucotis</i> )	6	6	2	14	1
White-collared Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres albocinctus</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
White-collared Yuhina ( <i>Yuhina diademata</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
White-crested Thrush ( <i>Garrulax leucolophus</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
White-eared Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i> )	6	5	8	19	3
White-headed Mousebird ( <i>Colius leucocephalus</i> )	4	3	1	8	1
White-necked Raven ( <i>Corvus albicollis</i> )	1	1	0	2	1
White-rumped Shama ( <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> )	5	5	0	10	1
White-rumped Shama (ssp. <i>indicus</i> ) ( <i>Copsychus malabaricus indicus</i> )	3	4	0	7	2
White-throated Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax albigularis</i> )	0	1	0	1	1
Yellow-breasted Cissa ( <i>Cissa hypoleuca</i> )	4	6	1	11	1
Yellow-hooded Blackbird ( <i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i> )	3	3	0	6	2
Yellow-rumped Cacique ( <i>Cacicus cela</i> )	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>18</b>



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## DOVES &amp; QUAIL

Black-naped Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus melanospila</i> )	3	2	3	8	1
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) Normal	17	7	0	24	3
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> ) Other	0	0	35	35	1
Diamond Dove ( <i>Geopelia cuneata</i> )	32	40	31	103	7
Ringneck Dove ( <i>Streptopelia risoria</i> )	0	2	2	4	2
Roul-roul Partridge ( <i>Rallulus rouloul</i> )	3	3	0	6	2
Zebra Dove ( <i>Geopelia striata</i> )	3	3	1	7	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>11</b>

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# NFSS 2012-2013 Election Candidate Bios

## Voting for NFSS Officers, 2012-2013

2011 is a General Election year for the NFSS. As members of the NFSS, you will be voting to elect those officers who will be serving on the Board of Directors for the next two years (2012 & 2013). A copy of the ballot is included below; there are also copies of the Candidate Bios for all who are running for an elected position. Your completed ballot must be post-marked by November 1, 2011. Ballots received with a post-mark later than that date will not be valid. You **MUST** include your membership number on the ballot - ballots received without membership numbers will not be valid. Make **SURE** your membership remains current (dues paid up) also, as membership numbers will be checked during the ballot counting process. New and existing members who renew their membership **BEFORE** 10/15/11 will be provided a ballot, but it will be their responsibility to make sure it is post-marked by November 1, 2011 in order to be valid. Both members in a dual membership household will each have one (1) vote and are allowed to copy their ballot. If you are interested in running for one of the positions on the ballot, you may include your name in the line provided beside "Write-in Candidate" - and you may "campaign" for votes via word-of-mouth and the NFSS on-line forum. Election Results will be announced at the 2011 National Cage Bird Show in November.

Rebecca Mikel  
NFSS Executive Secretary

## JOHN WILSON, President

I've been honored to serve this my first term as NFSS President and served as 1st Vice President on the 2008/2009 BOD. I've moderated the NFSS Finch Softbill Forum since its establishment in Dec. 1998. In my time on the BOD I've served on numerous committees including the recent bi-law revision committee. It has been my good fortune this term to preside over a group of dedicated BOD members whose service has built and maintained a solid financial position and continued to improve our exposure to both the general public and the avicultural community. The challenge going forward is to build the NFSS brand and membership numbers while encouraging a new generation to participate in the management of the NFSS thru service on the board.

My background in aviculture spans nearly fifty years including racing pigeons, ornamental pheasants, gamebirds small hookbills and yes finches. I reside in San Francisco California with my wife who tolerates my passion for brightly colored birds. My interests include plant propagation primarily platycerium (staghorn ferns) and Clivia. I'm a self employed garage door contractor.

**BOB PEERS, 1st V.P. (Education)**

I have served on the Board of Directors for nearly six years as President, 1st VP, region VP, and Awards manager and I am now a judge on the NFSS judges panel. I have helped the board strengthen the Society by becoming financially strong even in these trying economic times, improving our visibility with a dynamic website and helping NFSS become a prominent organization in American aviculture. With your vote I will continue to work hard to improve NFSS and keep it the preeminent Society you have come to know.

**TOM KEEGAN, 2nd VP (Publications, Journal, Website)**

I have been keeping finches since I was a teenager (several years ago), and have recently been bitten by the softbill bug. I am currently taking in all the stray honeycreepers, dacnis, and small tanagers that come knocking on my door. I live in the Boston area with my partner Jim, and I work as a research lab director in a large medical school in the area. I am currently the president of the Massachusetts Cage Bird Association and an officer in the Northeast Bird Group. I am active in the show committees of both of these clubs.

I have been in charge of publications for NFSS since the fall of 2008, after serving as a regional VP for several years. I thoroughly enjoy this work and hope that members appreciate the high quality publication we have. I would love to hear any suggestions for improving the Journal, and I'm always looking for new, original material to print. I'd love to take credit for the web site too, but we are very fortunate to have Barbara Jaquez running the site with little input from me. I hope you agree it is top notch, but let us know if you have any ideas for our site.

Keeping the Journal schedule on track has been my biggest challenge lately, as life has interfered with getting my volunteer work done. I hope to improve this in the coming term and appreciate the member support I have received. If you're interested in the vacant Assistant Editor position, I'd love to hear from you!

**VONDA ZWICK – 3rd VP (FSS Director)**

I have been keeping finches since 2000. I currently work with orange-cheeked waxbills, rosy-rumped waxbills, and blue-capped waxbills and have successfully parent-raised all three species. I am also active in NFSS exhibition in order to learn more about ensuring the birds we produce meet the wild-type standard. Conservation is my primary focus. With the future of imports being bleak, it is important that our breeding programs become established before we lose our access to wild bloodlines.

I have a background in software engineering which has been useful in the development of the Finch and Softbill Save program. The Finch and Softbill Save program has launched for those in the species groups and will become available to the membership shortly. The NFSS Census has been live online for four years now and has run smoothly. I will continue to work on advancing these programs, either as FSS Director or as a software/database administrator under the direction of a new director, should someone else be elected.

**LAURA BEWLEY, 4th VP (Judges Panel, Standards, Research)**

I have been a member of National Finch and Softbill Society since the mid 80's and a NFSS judge since the late 80's, I am currently serving as 4th V.P, Judges Panel Director, Standards and Research. for the NFSS. I love finches! They are fun to watch, exciting to raise and interesting to show. I grew up having finches and started raising and showing finches after college. My local bird club is Oklahoma Cage Bird Society. Our club has hosted a show for 31 years. It supported the 2009 NCBS in Tulsa and will again have the NCBS in 2013, come and show with us! I am running for the office of NFSS Fourth VP. I have completed the revision of the NFSS Judges Panel Handbook and set up 4 committees working on standards. We have 3 new standards in progress, the European Goldfinch, the Orange Cheeked Waxbill and the Cuban Melidious. We have a committee just starting work revising the Gouldian Finch standard. I have had the privilege of being on the judges panel for several years and director for the past few years. I have enjoyed working with the judges and the membership. My personal goals were to provide easy access to the judges handbook and standards and continue adding to our standards. I have made progress on both of those goals. You may view the handbook on the NFSS website or order a copy from the Finch Shop. I still want to continue working for the members of NFSS to provide educational opportunities for judges on trends & colors, support our judges by keeping materials updated & available, create new procedures for reporting show information, and report the ways our judges are helping, supporting & lobbying for NFSS. Simply put this is a job to support our judges, encourage exhibitors and react in a timely manor to the needs of our show clubs. I look forward to seeing many of you at the local shows this year. I encourage finch enthusiast to gather at local shows to discuss the hobby, local issues and any NFSS concerns hobbyist have. I have had the privilege of judging many shows across the U.S. the Canadian National and the National Cage Bird Show. Everywhere I go I find interesting people with great birds, super ideas and fascinating stories. I can't wait to meet you and your "tails" also. If I should be elected again to the office of 4th VP, I hope you will feel free to contact me with your concerns, questions and advice. I promise to respond timely and work productively. Thank you for your vote.

**LISA MURPHY, Treasurer**

As your Treasurer for the past five years (2006) I have worked with the NFSS Board of Directors to improve the organization's record keeping and overall financial status. I have also served on several committees to improve the organization for all including the Department Back Up, By Law Revision, Polices and Procedures, & General Election Nominating Committee.

I am originally from Texas but moved to Tennessee in 1993 due to my husbands job. We are currently remodeling a 100 year home in Etowah, which is in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains. We call this home and share our home with our 19 year old grandson. Our two children live less than two hours away, so we share many happy times together on weekends. I have been raising/breeding/showing birds since 2001 and a member of NFSS since 2001. I hope you will continue your support and vote in the upcoming NFSS Election.

**REBECCA MIKEL, Executive Secretary**

I have served as the Executive Secretary for NFSS since December of 2006. As such I have been responsible for compiling and posting agendas and minutes for all meetings, served on various BOD committees, conducted audits of the financial records of the Society, served as General Electoin Chairperson for 2 elections, and assisted with several other clerical level responsibilities for the Society.

My husband and I live in SW Michigan and own/operate Lakeside Aviaries where we keep several species of Finches, Softbills, and Hookbills. We have participated as exhibitors in NFSS shows at the local and national level.

My other hobbies include flower gardening & horseback riding. I have a Bachelor's Degrees in Human Resources and Business Administration and am currently employed as Operations Manager of AI Manufacturing, a Division of Elkhart Supply, in Elkhart, Indiana.

**PAULA HANSEN, Band Manager**

I am a native New Yorker, but have been residing in Oregon the past 27 yrs. My work experience includes Medical Records, Telecommunications, Purchasing, Warehouse Inventory, Forms Design, Printing, and Archiving. Software: MS Word, Excel, Basic HTML, PageMaker (Mac and PC), In Design (Mac and PC), Word Perfect, Photo Shop, Professional Adobe Acrobat.

A brief overview of my history in the hobby includes the following: 1991-Starting with the basics, Zebra and Society finch and moving over to Red factor and Gloster Canary. 1994- Interests turned to breeding Shaftails, Button & Coturnix Quail. 1996- I shifted to BH/RH Gouldian, Cordon Bleu and Gold-breasted waxbills and AFA's Red Siskin Project. Presently focusing on Finch Save and continue breeding Red Siskin.

Since 1991 I have worked with several unofficial and 11 official bird shows and marts, Served as club president of the Finch Connection Bird club for 9 years. I continue to support present bird clubs as Show Secretary. In 1996 I became involved with American Federation Aviculture's Red Siskin Project (RSP) and in 2002 Chaired the RSP. I Served as AFA's Oregon State Coordinator from 2003-2005 and NW Regional Director and Board member in 2005. Since 1992 I have been a member of the National Finch and Softbill Society (NFSS). I have held the position of Band Secretary since 2002 as an elected officer of the NFSS Board of Directors. I am a current member of the Columbia Canary in Oregon and Cascade Canary Club in Washington.

**TIFFANY PARK, Membership Director**

My name is Tiffany Park and I am the current Membership Director for the NFSS BOD. I have served in the position for a little over 1 year now. I reside in Maryland and have kept Gouldian Finches since I was a child. My other hobbies/pets/interests include a pretentious Chihuahua and a ragdoll. I work as an Information & Decision Support Coordinator at the Society for Neuroscience.

**JODY LEWIS, Liaison/Awards Director**

My work experience includes working as an office manager, customer service, collections, intake, scheduling. I am currently working with Close to My Heart scrapbook supplies which I enjoy. I have approximately 75 various types of Finches, Canaries, and Diamond Doves and have had birds since I was a child. I am not an avid breeder, and love the songs of all birds.

I am a former member of Illini Bird Fanciers for 20 years where I served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fair/Show Manager, and also was responsible for creation of newsletters. In 2005 I moved away from Springfield to the Peoria area – traveling back and forth for several years. I was in the middle of 2 great clubs – Chicago and Springfield – so decided to start one in the middle! In 2009 a friend of mine and I started Heart of Illinois Bird Club. We now have over 50 members – 20 of which are regularly active, and we're working on our second show. Our members have come a long way and there are many bird lovers in this area.

I have also been a vendor since 2003 at fairs in the Springfield, Peoria, and Quad Cities. As a Show Manager and President of a club, I understand the importance of being affiliated with the National Club (NFSS) and the importance of showing birds.

I would appreciate your vote for Affiliations/Awards Manager in the upcoming NFSS General Election.

**SHARON DVORAK, Finch Shop Manager**

My name is Sharon Dvorak and I am the current Finch Shop Manager. I have worked to change some procedures which enables every member can purchase quality NFSS merchandise at a reasonable price. I have been a member of the Raleigh Bird Club for 13 years – serving as Secretary for 4 years and now serving as Treasurer for the past 5 yrs. I am currently the Interim SE Regional Director for AFA. I have been a finch/canary breeder for 5 years and also exhibit at NFSS shows. My husband and I reside in North Carolina. I was raised to take my responsibilities seriously, be honest, work hard, and do my best even if things don't come out perfectly every time. I would appreciate your vote for Finch Shop Manager.

**VINCE MOASE, Region 1 VP (Northeast)**

Hi, I'm Vince Moase, and I have been involved with birds and aviculture most of my life. My work experience was with a waterfowl research station, and as a zoo-keeper at the Toronto Zoo, specializing there with many different bird species. In my own collection, I currently keep 7 species of finches, 2 species of softbills, and 1 species of partridge.

Besides my NFSS affiliation, I am a member of the Zebra Finch Society of England, and maintain memberships in 5 Ontario bird clubs. Over the last 30 years I have held positions on the executive of two of those clubs. At one time or another I have held the position of president, show manager, secretary, treasurer, membership and rings, and bulletin editor of The Durham Aviculture Society, or the Canadian Finch And Softbill



Society. So I am very familiar with a lot of the problems which commonly occur within bird club organizations.

I have been judging finches and softbills at bird shows across Canada for the past 30 years, including 2 Canadian National Shows, and I am currently an N.F.S.S. Panel Judge. I am currently the NFSS Region 8 VP (Canada). My wife and I enjoy regularly showing birds and attending the National Cage Bird Show.

Over the years, I have developed contacts across Canada and throughout the U.S. with aviculturists I've met while judging or showing birds. Because of my background, I feel I have a lot to offer the N.F.S.S. members in Region 1, and would like to be your V.P. in the new term.

#### **MICHAEL GRAVELY, Region 2 VP (Southeast)**

My name is Michael Gravelly and I am running for the position of Region 2 VP. I am a current member of the BOD and have served on the BOD for the past 4 years in the position of Region 2 VP. While serving in the position of Region 2 VP on the NFSS Board, I have also been involved with the yearly audit of NFSS's financial records. I have been involved with aviculture for many years and have kept mostly Australian finch species and small softbills. I am most proud of my success with the captive breeding of red-legged honeycreepers. My avicultural interests are mostly in the realm of conservation of species through captive breeding and maintenance of viable flocks of birds through breeder cooperation and record keeping. I am also involved in the captive propagation of coral species with the hope of reducing/eliminating wild collection and depletion of coral reefs. I reside in Atlanta, GA with my wife and three children and currently teach fourth grade gifted students for Gwinnett County Public Schools.

#### **JASON CREAN, Region 3 Vice-President (Mid-Central)**

I have served in the position of Region 3 V.P. for the past two years. I have been a high school biology instructor for 15 years and am currently a faculty member at Lyons Township High School. I received the 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Teaching (PAEMST) an award presented to me personally by President Obama. Additionally, I received the "Making a Difference" Award from National Science Teachers Association, two National Association of Biology Teachers awards and was the winner of the Illinois Association of Biology Teachers "Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year Award." I was recently awarded the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Science Teacher of the Year. I also teach biology at Saint Xavier University and am adjunct faculty for Aurora University and Illinois Benedictine University. I am a curriculum designer and instructor in the Education Department at Brookfield Zoo. My love of birds has led me to be a breeder of softbilled birds, in particular, green aracaris and whitebacked mousebirds. I use these birds in educational programs to increase the public interest in avian life.

#### **CHERYL BURNS, Region 4 VP (Midwest/Mountain)**

I have been a pet bird owner and hobby breeder for 20 years & active in bird clubs

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# Using Genetics to Understand and Conserve the Red Siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*)

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*The following article is an update on a project that was first reported on in "2001 Discovery in Guyana," written by Mark Robbins, Mike Braun, and Davis Finch. For the past few years since that article, I've been sending Mike Braun Red Siskin specimens whenever a bird in my flock dies. The initial results you are about to read compare DNA from the birds discovered in Guyana, with captive birds (my flock, which we assume descend from past importations of Venezuelan stock).*

*What does this mean for Red Siskins? It means so far that at least some genetic variation is present, which is great because it can continue to be detected and analyzed, and compared against other isolated flocks in the wild and your flock in your bird room. But it also means that they don't know yet how much genetic variation is really present. As you will read, the DNA comparisons are still only preliminary, because they had only 8 captive birds to work with, which is not enough to represent all US captive birds. What they really need is at least a few birds from each captive flock.*

*What does this mean for Red Siskin breeders? It means these scientists need your help! We need other Red Siskin breeders to join us in order to expand this study, to learn about genetic variation in US captive birds, and to help conserve wild ones. You just have to be willing to invest a bit of time and energy to participate, by sending them samples. It is not hard to do, and you will get a peek at what the genetic variation is in your flock. If they can expand this study, they may one day be able to tell you how pure your flock is too!*

Paula Hansen, NFSS Band Secretary & Red Siskin Recovery Project Leader

## INTRODUCTION

The Red Siskin is one of Venezuela's most endangered birds because of illegal trapping for the pet trade. Ex situ conservation of this species is an important safeguard against extinction while this threat is brought under control. However, for captive birds to be useful to a formal conservation breeding

program, they need to: 1) represent the natural variation of the species; 2) not be highly inbred; and 3) not be hybrids or have ancestors who were hybrids with Canaries or other *Serinus* or *Carduelis* species. This project aims to develop and use molecular genetic tools to address these concerns.





*A zoo in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, has already begun a captive breeding and education program and needs our help.*



In the past, there was great interest in creating unusual hybrids between red siskins and other species, such as those pictured below. But now the major bird societies and shows encourage breeders to focus on maintaining pure species.

*Eurasian Siskin*



*Domestic Canary*



## OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the distribution of genetic variation in wild Red Siskins to compare with captives, using existing molecular markers (mitochondrial genes and AFLP, or Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphisms).
2. Develop new, highly variable molecular markers (microsatellites and SINEs, or Short INterspersed repeated Elements).
3. Characterize the captive bird population using all markers, to assess inbreeding and hybridization.

## RESULTS TO DATE AND IMPLICATIONS

- A small survey of 5 wild Red Siskins from Guyana and 8 captive birds of presumably "Venezuelan" origin, at 2 mitochondrial genes and 228 AFLP loci, revealed moderate divergence between the two countries, and variation within each (see Figure 1, Table 1). The presence of differences between "countries" and of variation within them, in a very small sample size, is encouraging. It suggests that real patterns may become clearer when more birds are analyzed.
- Five additional captive birds of "Venezuelan" origin are presently being analyzed.
- All major US natural history collections with Red Siskin museum specimens have granted us genetic samples of wild individuals, which will greatly increase our ability to characterize wild populations.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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Figure 1: Phylogenetic tree generated using DNA sequence data from 2,541 base pairs of two mitochondrial genes (cytochrome B and the control region) showing that birds caught in the wild in Guyana group apart from captive birds (of presumably Venezuelan origin), and that there is variation within the "Venezuelan" birds. Numbers on branches are bootstrap support values.

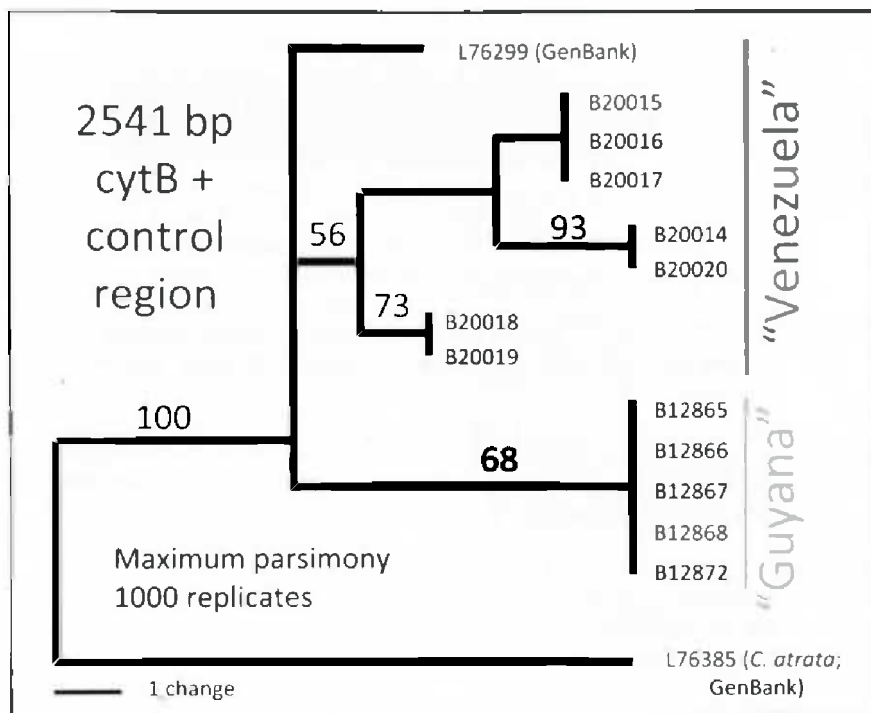


Table 1: Band presence (1) or absence (0) for 14 AFLP loci selected at random from a total set of 228 AFLP loci scored in 13 Red Siskin individuals. One locus varies in frequency (13\_248, circled in blue) and one has a fixed difference (13\_322, circled in red). Of the 228 AFLP loci evaluated (data not shown), 21 diverged in frequency and two had fixed differences between "Venezuela" and Guyana, with 62 and 36 polymorphic loci in each, respectively.

	A	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
17	Sample Name	13_94	13_128	13_133	13_145	13_161	13_170	13_216	13_235	13_242	13_248	13_250	13_254	13_268
18	B20014_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	B20015_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20	B20016_05_13	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
21	B20017_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	B20018_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23	B20019_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	B20020_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25	B20021_05_13	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26	B12865_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	B12866_05_13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28	B12867_05_13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29	B12868_05_13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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# BREEDING THE AFRICAN CITRIL

(*Serinus citrinelloides*, *S. frontalis*  
and *S. hypostictus*)

by John Santegeods, Lierop, Netherlands and  
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## Introduction

In the *Journal of Ornithology*, Fry and Keith report about their field observations of a canary-like bird described in "Finches and Sparrows" (Clement, 1999, p. 181) with the English name African Citril and the scientific name *Serinus citrinelloides*. In the update of *Birds of the World* dated 15 July 2004, a checklist by James F. Clement is concluded with keeping the genus name *Serinus*, and the subspecies split into:

**African citril:** *Serinus citrinelloides* with the subspecies *kikuyensis*

**Western citril:** *Serinus frontalis*, without subspecies

**Southern citril:** *Serinus hypostictus* with the subspecies *brittoni*.

The African citril under this system remains under the species *Serinus*. In some other countries, the species *Dendrospiza* is used.

The European Society of *Serinus* Breeders (ESSB, [www.serinus-society.eu](http://www.serinus-society.eu)) strives for more emphasis on the breeding of *Serinus* species, such as the African Citril.

## Field observations

Fry and Keith report in "*Journal of Ornithology*" about their field observations with African Citrils and also reported



African Citril hen, recognizable by the lighter chest color, the coarser stripes and the less intensive mask than the cock bird.



African Citril cock, a darker mask and less striping on the yellow breast.





*African Citrils have a pointy beak, well adapted to eat fresh weed seed in a siskin-like manner.*

on a breeding cycle with these birds in captivity. African Citrils are observed by them in the Kivu highlands of the Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire). The birds there frequent areas of low vegetation where they use their fine, pointy beak to forage for composite food. The seeds of these plants are used to feed their young. In Africa, the season in which these birds have young runs from approximately January to July. This is after the rainy season, a time when trees and plants spring to life. According to Fry and Keith, the behavior of the African citril is not unlike birds belonging to the species *Carduelis*. In the breeding season the hen bird dominates the cock bird. The moult is slow and does not appear to relate to any particular season. Birds in moult are observed in the area the whole year through. It is remarkable that the two to three young of the African citrils have purple blue globules on each side of the gape. These globules are also found in finches that breed in cavities. In the keeping and breeding of African Citrils in breeding cages, the same observations were made.

### Cock or hen bird?

In some *Serinus* species like the Grey Singer for instance, it cannot be established from plumage which bird is the cock or hen bird. In the African citrils

there are differences in the sexes of adult birds. The cock birds clearly have a more accentuated black to black/grey mask than the hen bird. This is subject to the subspecies, and hence the region of origin. In the *Serinus hypostictus* and the subspecies *brittoni*, one sees the least pronounced masks, and the hen birds are greyer. When in doubt, one handles the birds. In adult African Citrils, one can see that in the hen bird the fine stripes on the chest run to nearly under the beak. The mask of the cock bird is more intense in color and runs through to the beak. Hen birds are a less intense yellow on the chest. A mix-up in names is common in *Serinus* species. Sometimes these birds are called African "siskins."

African Citrils communicate with each other through multi-tone whistles. The cock bird sings like a genuine cini or Grey Singer, pleasant to the ear. Hen birds ready to breed also have some melodious song.

### Breeding condition and breeding period in European aviaries

It is important to observe if the birds are in breeding condition, as clear rules as to breeding season in Europe don't apply. This particularly applies to birds bred here and acclimatized. African citrils mostly are ready to breed here from late autumn to early spring. That is the period that it is autumn, winter and spring in Europe. The birds getting into breeding condition can be observed through behavior and song. The cock and hen bird continuously call each other in high pitch tones and the cock bird finds a location for his singing. For serins in general, the rule is that the cock bird sings and chases the hen bird as proof that the birds are in top condition and want to copulate. If the *Serinus*



*African citril hen on the nest in breeding cage. The breeding of Serinus species is propagated at an international level by the ESSB to preserve the future of Serinus species for European aviculture.*

species are kept in an outside aviary over winter or in an inside aviary that is too cold, breeding is mostly unsuccessful. It is – in general – a misconception that these African birds breed in the period that it is summer here. This is probably also the reason why there is (still) too little breeding success with these birds.

### Breeding experiences

The African citril cock bird prefers to nest with (white) nesting material and brings this to a basket or nest box with bars; just like the Goldfinch. It is the hen bird however who finishes the nest. Another comparison with Goldfinches: small food containers hanging from the wire are not left alone by the cock bird until they rest on the cage floor. If you are using pre-molded, coconut fiber nests, secure them to the nesting box. Cock birds sometimes continuously remove them from the nesting box. As the breeding mostly takes place during our colder period, the temperature in the breeding facility needs our attention. Good breeding results are being obtained at temperatures around 10<sup>o</sup> Celsius (50<sup>o</sup> F).

The African citril has no specific demands. Best is to keep the breeding pair in a comfortable breeding cage. As they are real canary-like birds, they mostly choose a nesting place similar to the ones offered to canaries: barred nesting baskets or boxes. A little artificial greenery around the nesting box is not required but does make it more attractive for the birds to find a suitable nesting place. Even the nesting material they used is not out of the ordinary, a mix of white and brown materials. It is remarkable – this was also established by Fry and Keith in the African studies – that as soon as there is a nest, the hen bird calls the tune. The cock bird feeds the hen on the nest, but she “wears the trousers.” She also rules the cock birds when there are eggs or young.

Nests mostly contain three eggs. The young are fed from the crop with egg food, a small amount of green feed, some mealworms or maggots. This starts from the day they are hatched. From about the sixth day onwards the droppings of the young are no longer removed from the edge of the nest, and one can see that the parent birds change to crop feeding.

From that moment on the young mostly have full crops, and African Citrils are birds that live mostly on vegetarian food. Young African Citrils differ from other Serinus species in that they have purple-blue globules on each side of the gape (see photograph). Yellow edges around the beak is something we also see with, for instance, the Grey singer and Green Singer.

### Feeding

“African citrils are tropical seed eaters and therefore I give a tropical seed mix.” Most of the time that’s the answer



White or yellow edges of beaks we see mostly in young of the Serinus species. African Citril young also have purple-blue throat markings.

when you ask a citril owner what the staple diet is. It is remarkable that, for instance, in Germany and Switzerland, where the interest in "Giriltzen" is greater from way back, that there are several seed mixes available for the Serinus species. Blattner Heimtierfutter ([www.blattner-heimtierfutter.de](http://www.blattner-heimtierfutter.de)) from Germany supplies at least 4 different seed mixes for the various Serinus species. Five different mixes of "Giriltzfutter" are offered by the company Aeschlimann ([www.kleintierfutter.ch](http://www.kleintierfutter.ch)) for canaries like the Green Singer and Grey Singer, for Black-headed Canary, for Yellow Canary, Yellow-bellied Canary, for Black-eared Seedeaters and for, for instance, European serins, Red-fronted Serins and Serinus species with a long, thin beak like the African Citril.

Most seed mixes for these Serinus species contain grass seed, lettuce seed and Japanese millet. For the Black-headed Canaries, it also contains Turnip, Perilla, Chicory and of coarse Niger and plain Canary seeds. For the African Citril, the seed mix can also contain some smaller sunflower seeds.

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Santa Clara Bird Club, Santa Clara, [www.santaclarabirdclub.org](http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org). Club Meeting: Sundays at noon- 3/13, 4/10, 5/15, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6. Event: 50th Annual Cage Bird Show See website for more info. Date: 12/3/11 Location: San Jose, CA. Contact: Cecile Aguilera Email: [showinfo@santaclarabirdclub.org](mailto:showinfo@santaclarabirdclub.org) (2011)

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Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club, Stuart, [www.tcxoticbirdclub.com](http://www.tcxoticbirdclub.com). Contact: 772-380-9882 or [lm50er@yahoo.com](mailto:lm50er@yahoo.com). Event: Exotic Bird Expo 2011, March 20, Martin County Fairgrounds.

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Finch & Softbill Breeders & Exhibitors Club, Chicagoland [www.fsbec.finchfiles.com](http://www.fsbec.finchfiles.com), 847-963-1926 [gailsgoldians@comcast.net](mailto:gailsgoldians@comcast.net). Event: TBA

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Mid America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines, [www.MACBS.org](http://www.MACBS.org). Events: Bird Fairs March 27th, June 5th, August 28, Des Moines Botanical Center. Contact: John Thielking, [Thielking@lowalink.com](mailto:Thielking@lowalink.com)

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Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Baltimore [www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org](http://www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org). Club meets 3rd Sun of month, 2:00, Towson Library. Contact: [info@baltimorebirdfanciers.org](mailto:info@baltimorebirdfanciers.org) Events: Spring Bird Mart, May 21. Tall Cedars Hall, 250 Putty Hill Ave, Baltimore 21234. Contact George at: [amazon\\_parrot@comcast.net](mailto:amazon_parrot@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 15, Lowell Elks lodge, 40 Old Ferry Rd, Lowell 01854 Contact: Tom Keegan, 781-335-3927, [nfss.pubs@gmail.com](mailto:nfss.pubs@gmail.com).

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**Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society**, Grandview, [www.gkcas.org](http://www.gkcas.org). Contact: dayforthebirds@aol.com or GKCAS.org@aol.com, 816-252-1120. Event: BIRD FAIR Aug 5, 6 & 7, Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E Jackson Dr, Independence 64055. Contact: Maria, maria-michel@live.com

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**Asociacion De Criadores de Fincas Inc.** Contact: finchespr@yahoo.com / 787-479-7405. Meetings Every Tuesday @7:00 PM, Las Catalinas Mall Food Court Area. Club Officer & Show Contact: Juan Alicea 787-479-7405 or juanalicea@yahoo.com. Events: Summer Show June 3-5, 2011 Judge: Laura Tinker. Winter Show November 4-6, 2001 Judge: Annette Howard. Both Shows at Centro Comunal, Alturas de Villas del Rey, Caguas PR. Note: Only the following finch species are allowed for the competition: Zebra, Society, Lady Gouldian, Cuthroat, Cordon Bleu, Green Singer, and Brazilian Crested Cardinal.

**Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club**, Gurabo [www.przfc.com](http://www.przfc.com). Contact: przfc@yahoo.com. Events: (1) PRZFC Summer Show, 15-17 July 2011, Judge Bob Peers, Hotel El Guajataca, CARR #2 #6301 KM 103 8 BARRIO TERRANOVA QUEBRADILLAS 00678 (<http://hotelguajataca.com>) Show contact: Jorge Mojica: puchasbirds@yahoo.com, 787-550-3163 Division: Zebra Finches (2) PRZFC Christmas Show, 2-4 Dec. 2011, Judge Alfredo Bruguera, Centro Comunal Santa Juana 2, Caguas. Show Manager: Nydia Rodriguez, 787 746 7141, finch4u@gmail.com. Division: Zebra Finches.

## Tennessee

**Heart of Tennessee Aviculture Society**, [www.heartofmaviculturesociety.com](http://www.heartofmaviculturesociety.com). Contact: Lisa Murphy, wl Murphy@usit.net. Event: Fall Show and Fair, 10 September, Middle Tennessee State University, 1720 Greenland Dr. Murfreesboro, TN 37130, Judge: TBA. Show Contact: Wilma Crawford, 615-396-8440 tma2@comcast.net

## Texas

Fort Worth Bird Club, Fort Worth, [www.fwbc.org](http://www.fwbc.org). Contact: coculwell@wccs.net or 817-220-5568.

Alamos Exhibition Bird Club, San Antonio. More info TBA.

## Virginia

**Peninsula Caged Bird Society**, Newport News. Contact: Peggy Duval, finchbreeder@earthlink.net or 757-623-4786. Events: Spring & Fall Marts & Shows, Columbian Center. Contact Deb Wilson, dwilson786@aol.com

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**Central Wisconsin Cage & Wild Bird Connection**, Monthly meetings-usually members homes  
Annual Bird & Garden Fair held in May in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Contact: Marlene Minor, mminor@tds.net  
715-884-2659

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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

**Northeast Bird Group**: Northeast Regional Club (New England, NY, NJ, PA), [www.northeastbirdgroup.com](http://www.northeastbirdgroup.com) Contact: Tom Keegan at [thomkeegan@gmail.com](mailto:thomkeegan@gmail.com) or Donna Rosciti at [donnaRosciti@aol.com](mailto:donnaRosciti@aol.com). Club meets quarterly and has several events per year. Events: Summer Bird Fair, June 26, Fall River Elks Club, 4500 N Main St, Fall River, MA. Divisions: SPBE, NCS, NFSS.

**West Coast Zebra & Society Finch Show**, Sacramento (Regional Show) [www.efinch.com/show](http://www.efinch.com/show). Event: 6th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show, July 30, La Quinta Inn Downtown Sacramento. Contact [jamiarndt@comcast.net](mailto:jamiarndt@comcast.net)

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**Canadian Finch & Softbill Society**, Ontario. Contact: Vince Moose, [vmoose@rogers.com](mailto:vmoose@rogers.com). Event: Show November 12-13, Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Rd, Brampton State: Ontario L6T 3S1, Judge: Bob Peers (NFSS). Show Contact: Vince Moose, 905-723-1978 or [vmoose@rogers.com](mailto:vmoose@rogers.com) Other Divisions: Coloured Canary, Hamilton Roller Canary, American Singer Canary, Small Parrot

**Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society**, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 519-948-6398, [julianne@mnsi.net](mailto:julianne@mnsi.net), [www.essexkentcbs.com](http://www.essexkentcbs.com) Event: TBA

**Ottawa Bird Fanciers Society**, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, [www.ottawabirdfanciersociety.org](http://www.ottawabirdfanciersociety.org) Contact: Mario Gauci, [mariogauciobls@gmail.com](mailto:mariogauciobls@gmail.com) or 613-244-1678 Meets 2nd Thurs of month, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Church, 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa.



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