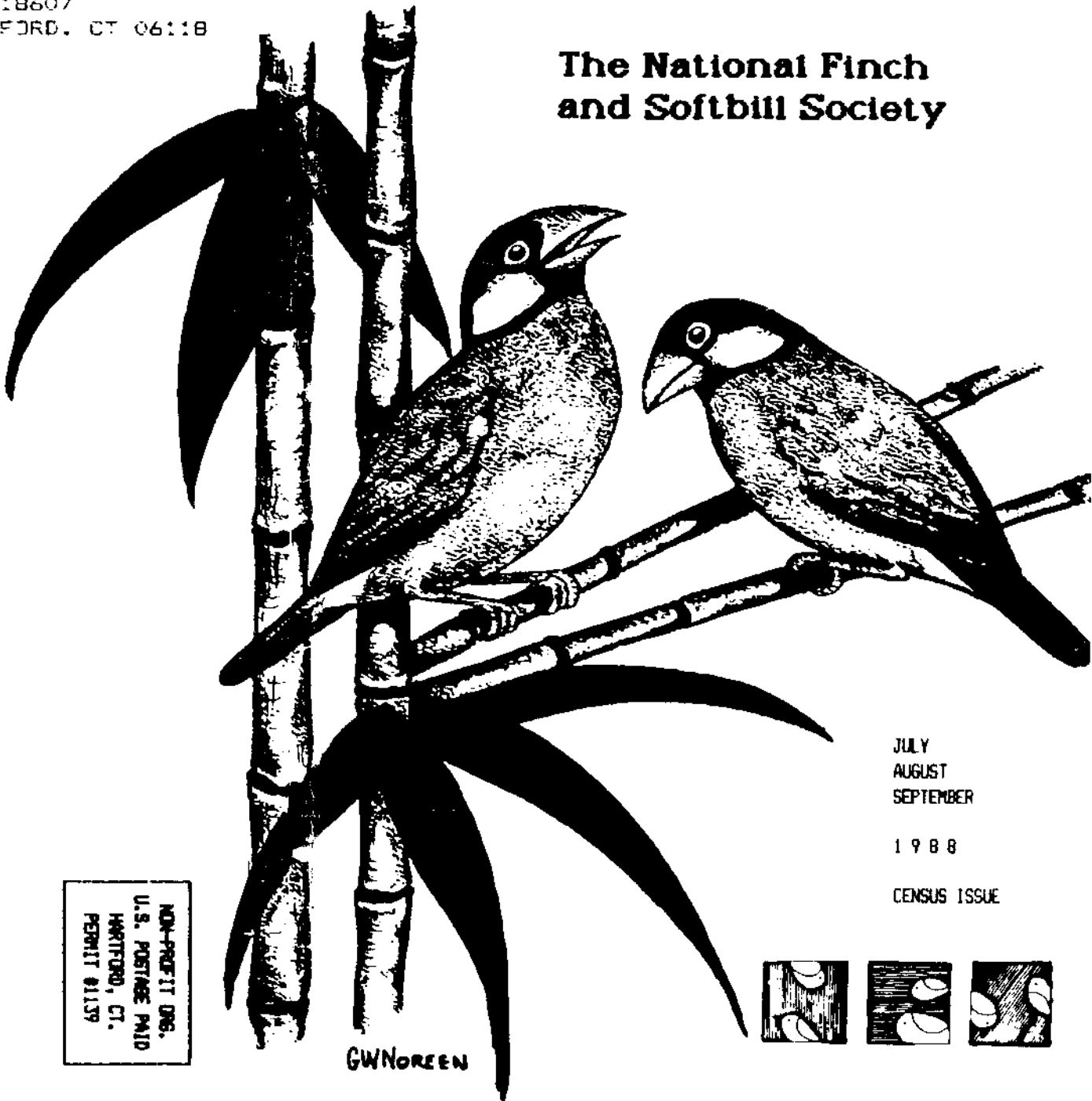


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The NFS Bulletin has indeed suffered schedule-wise this past six months, for which I must take full responsibility. The reasons are many and of little interest to you, I'm sure. Steps have been taken to correct the situation. Starting with the Jan/Feb 1989 issue we have a new Editor for the Bulletin, Brenda Geesey of York, Pennsylvania. Brenda brings with her many years of Avicultural expertise and bulletin preparation experience. I am sure she will continue and improve upon the quality of our Journal.

Please attend and participate in our National show and Annual Meeting to be held November 17-20, 1988 at the Princess Resort in San Diego. Dr. Val Clear or Anderson, Indiana will be our judge for the National. Our Annual meeting will be held Saturday morning. Championship Exhibitor and Excellence Awards will be awarded at that meeting. See you there!

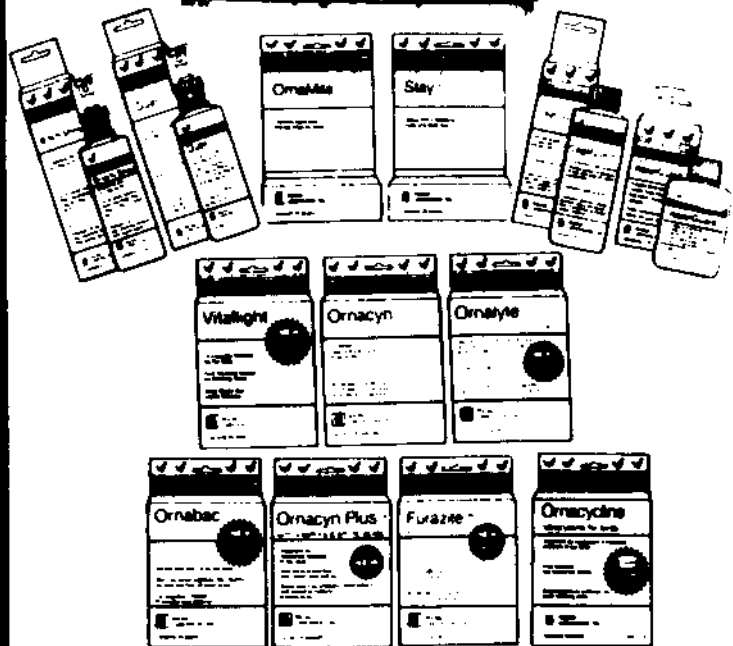
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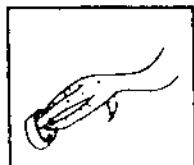
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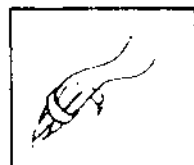
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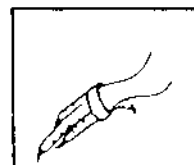
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The most important thing to remember when you begin to band a finch is to do it over a counter or table in case the chick makes a sudden move, it will not fall to the floor.



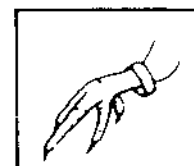
The age of the bird to be banded varies with the species. Generally it will be between five and six days old. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come together) and the size of the band.



The band is generally placed on the right leg of the bird. Banding just before the nightly roost will help prevent picking of the band by the parents. By the next morning the birds will have forgotten about the band.



Have the band ready with a toothpick (or other blunt instrument) and a lubricant. Hold the chick firmly but in a way not to cut off the air supply or to hurt the bird.



Put a little bit of lubricant on the bird's foot and slide the band over the front three toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The band is now in the proper location between the ankle and elbow joints.

It is best to check on the chick after a few days to make sure the band has not slipped off. Before banding, make sure the band is right side up so that it can be easily read.

NFS CENSUS RESULTS

The 1988 Finch and Softbill census is more successful than the census taken last year. It is encouraging to see the number of new participants in this years effort. Considering the efforts put forth by other organizations to complete a census and the failures they have experienced, your efforts as NFS members are to be commended.

This year along with the many more participants we have many more species covered within the census. Last year we had 38 members answering the census, this year that number was 63. Last years' census covered 81 species or mutations; this year 122 were reported.

The information in this census is of great avicultural significance. Many breeders will be able to swap information on their successes and failures. Much will be learned. You may be able to find the mate to your single bird and started long awaited breeding efforts. Whatever you gain from the census we hope you will return the effort it has taken us and the participants to collect it, by participant again or for the first time next year. The more breeders and species covered the more valuable the project becomes.

Here are the census results and instructions on how to use it. Please before you pick up the phone to call anyone on the census, remember, we have four time zones in the continental United States. If your in California and it's 9:30 p.m. it's 12:30 a.m. in North Carolina, or if it's 9 a.m. in New York it's only 6 a.m. in Oregon. Be considerate, don't expect someone to return your long-distance call. If you reach an answering machine ask the party to call you back collect! You are the one who wants the information.

The first two letters of the code below indicate the state the party resides in, their membership number and whether chicks are available. Just because "NA" is after the number, it does not mean the person may not have odd birds available. The census is taken over a six month period, some who say chicks are available may not have any, and some that say they don't, may.

As census director for the past four years I would like to thank all you brave and caring people who have responded. You have made our NFS census the most successful bird census in the U.S. today. It is my hope as I leave this position that you give next year's director, Tom Rood of Illinois the same cooperation you have bestowed upon me. THANK YOU!

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1988 Sept/Oct Show Results

Report on the "National" 1988.

Tips on Gouldians, Terry Dunham.

1989 Leg Band Order Form.

How to qualify your bird for Champion Points.

The Starfinch (*Neochmia ruficanda*)

Understanding the Life of Birds, William Parlee.

Barbecuing Finches, Martha Wigmore.

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IT'S NO JOKE! by Val Clear

One of the prices one pays for a sense of humor and a reputation for practical jokes is that when you become serious, no one believes you.

At the two recent National shows I entered as European finches an English (House) Sparrow and a common Starling. The first had been hand-reared by a friend from its first week, and the latter had come down another friend's chimney and I had nursed it through its first molt. Both birds were male, both in superior condition, and the startled judges placed them first in class. I expected some banter from the audience and the judges, but not a word was uttered aloud. I think no one could trust his eyes; surely, no one would enter a backyard bird in a national show.

But I am quite serious about this. The two species I mention (Passer domesticus and Sturnus vulgaris) are beautiful species in their own right. If they appeared on the Bellbird price list as imported birds at \$100 per pair, they would sell out quickly. I would compare either species for beauty with most of the African and Australian birds that are currently popular.

Have you ever looked carefully at a mature male House Sparrow? He is a gorgeous pattern of black, white, gray and rich maroon. His alert jet-black eye transfixes you. He behaves as cleverly as any bird in captivity and is resourceful in outsmarting the Aviculturist.

One of the great attractions among exotic finches has been mutations. Already in nature there are sparrow piers, white-flights, whites and fawns. Gino Abbate tells me he has seen a lutino in an Italian aviary. It seems likely that within a few years of serious breeding there would be a range of mutations. Would you get in line to pay \$150. for a split albino? Since there is red in the plumage, what about red-factor shades? Can you picture a sparrow with a red breast spot (like the Orange-breasted Zebra)?

I have not heard of as many color mutations among Starlings as among House Sparrows, but it seems likely that with popularity, that would develop. But even if not, the normal Starling in full color is a breath-taking picture. A basic blue-black, each breast feather has a small polka-dot. In the Diamond Sparrow and Diamond Dove we see much less of the diamond pattern than occurs in a male Starling in breeding plumage. Add the bright yellow beak and legs, and note the characteristic starling eyes, and the bird can be a show-stopper.

I have not yet bred the Starling but I am in about the fourth generation of House Sparrows. It took ten years to figure out how to get them to reproduce, but now they go on like clockwork. They have never seen

sunlight and they get all the food and water they need entirely on their own initiative. There lies a story.

Four about four years I tried isolated pairs and trios, and colony flights without an egg. One day they got out and I have about a dozen sparrows at liberty in the bird room. I was too busy to catch them, so I just ignored them for several weeks. One day as I was cleaning the room, I heard babies where there just could not be babies.

I had placed the bottom half of a turkey roaster high on a shelf and into it I tossed miscellaneous items too good to throw away and not good enough to keep: clothespins, pencil stubs, finger dishes. To protect them from feather dust I had tossed a newspaper over it, and this provided a welcome nest site for the sparrows. They continued to nest therein until I remodeled the room.

I now have budgie boxes hung about the room and they work nicely. I never disturb the sparrows, even to check a nest of babies. the first time I enter the room after the babies have left the nest, I band them. This results in a few unbanded birds but it seems to be working well; I can still band some of the birds when I catch those that were missed.

I am not prepared to assert that House Sparrows must be bred by the colony method, but it worked best for me. Old timers will recall the discussion of whether only one pair of budgies in a room would breed, or if you had to have the visual and auditory stimulation of another pair. Sparrows may need that- - we'll have to test the idea.

My sparrows are at liberty in a room that was set up for Red Siskins. It has no natural light and is on a year-round schedule of fourteen-hours of twisted Duro-lites (480 watts in a room 10'x12'). I do not provide special feed or water for the sparrows. They get seed from binds and water from corners of the caged-birds' drinkers. I do put out grit for them, but rarely supply greens (they pick it through the wire floors of the siskin cages) and keep mealworms cleaned up from the cracks and crevices. With a lot of softbills around, there are always meandering mealworms. Really, I just ignore the sparrows; they seem to thrive on that treatment.

So far my attempts at breeding Starlings have been absolute failures. I do not have another room where I want to turn Starlings loose, and putting them in flights has not been "reproductive". I plan to keep trying. At the moment, I do have a lovely, reasonably tame one in immature plumage. If all goes well he may be on the show benches in the fall.

I recommend anyone who wants to start with House Sparrows or Starlings that as soon as the birds are trapped (and this is not easy- -their IQ is high) they be offered as varied a menu as you can arrange. I find whole wheat bread or crumbled monkey chow soaked in hummingbird nectar to be the

first item cleaned up; they love it. In the absence of nectar I would use milk or weak sugar water (1 part sugar to 10 parts water). Greens and fruit probably will be eaten somewhat. Seeds should be offered but not only seeds. Over several generations my Sparrows have evolved into seeds-only consumers, but this would not be the palate of newly-caught birds.

In Great Britain laws provide that under carefully controlled conditions, indigenous species may be kept and bred by aviculturists. Present legislation in North America makes this totally illegal except for a very small handful of birds, and the House Sparrows and the common Starling are among the exempted.

I intend to continue exploring this underdeveloped part of the fancy. In recent years the Best-in-Show at the British national show has been one of these indigenous species. It takes more faith than I can muster at the moment to think that in 1989 an immaculate Fasser domesticus would edge out a good European Goldfinch for Best European Finch, but down the line, who knows? Perhaps in time, Best-in-Show!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Val Clear is a well known writer having written for A.C.B.M. Magazine for at least 100 years. He is a NFS Panel Judge and a respected aviculturist residing in Anderson, Indiana. He has written many articles in the past for NFS, see your annual article index for more articles.

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June 12, 1988. The June Board Meeting was held in York, Pennsylvania, at the home of Brenda Geesey. Present were Brenda, Dr. Decoteau, Russ Armitage, Bill Parlee, Roger O'Connell, Chris Voronovitch, Bruce Evanick, and Denise Capazzi.

A vote was taken and approved at this meeting that all panel judges will be required to serve on a Standard Committee at least one in a three year period.

Dr. Decoteau also asked for volunteers for the Diamond Sparrow committee.

The Lavender Finch Standard is nearing completion. It was noted by Conrad Meinert that Lavenders should be faulted for their melanistic tendencies.

The Society Finch Standard update is well on its way to completion and should be ready for vote at our annual meeting in San Diego. Martha Wigmore heads the committee with Hal Koontz and Bill Parlee serving. The new revision will state Standards for Chestnut and Dilute forms of the Society Finch.

Input is being received on the Zebra Finch revision. That committee will begin to formulate the revisions early in 1989. Bill Parlee, chairs the committee with Brian Binns, Karl Kline, and Charles Anchor participating.

Publishing: The problems with delays in the bulletin were discussed. Brenda Geesey will be taking over as Editor with the Jan/Feb issue. Five hundred copies of the Handbook will be published at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

Finchsave: The Finchsave program is operating at least than expected participation. There are two dozen participants with many more completing their requirements. The Board spend much time discussing ways to increase the participation in the program. The Board has received many requests that the requirements in numbers of pairs necessary be reduced.

Leg Bands: As of June we had sold 7,310 bands with 4,600 on hand. The Board received a complaint the "e" size is too large for Society Finches. We have not received other complaints on this item. Let's hear from you!

Membership: It was reported that we have 605 paid members and 57 affiliated clubs.

Classifications: Our new classifications for 1988 were applauded. The Board voted to send them to Lindsay Clack of the Pittsburg Zoo for Ornithological "clean-up". It was voted that local shows shall enforce the legality of birds entered in their shows as Panel Judges may not be aware of each state's laws.

The Board voted that our classifications include the following statement:
Note: Local show officials must not allow the exhibition of Federally or Locally illegal entries.

The pointing of individual winning birds was again discussed. It was felt that to give the bird the same number of points that the owner received for the placement in show would be the easiest to administer for the Points director. Input should be sent to Brenda Geesey

The Board voted to purchase a hard disc drive for the Membership chairperson for permanent installation in his computer.

Other votes: The Board approved the election results. The 1988 classifications were approved. Increase of Regional V.P.'s budget from \$50 to \$100 per year was approved.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Voronovitch.

Note: These minutes were condensed by the editor because of space considerations. All votes taken were included.

August 10, 1988. The August Board meeting was held at the AFA convention in Tampa, Florida. In attendance was Cecil Gunby, Bill Parlee, Al Decoteau, Laura Bewley, Roger O'Connell, Brenda Geesey, Russ Armitage, Dr. Val Clear, Lindsay Clack, Richard Bewley, Ken Gunby, Larry Brandt and other guests.

Reports were given on Membership and affiliations. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were accepted.

The following votes were taken: Forms for completion by Finchsav participants on their yearly report should be made available to the Board and members.

Having completed her apprenticeship program the the name of Laura Bewley was brought before the Board for approval to the Judges Panel. She was approved as a Panel judge.

It was voted that the club hosting the National shall note have to pay an affiliation fee for that year.

Letters are to be sent to Reg. V. P.'s both before and after Board meetings.

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Ads will be approved at the National for insertion in A.C.B.M. and Bird Talk.

Regional show for 1989.

Along with the Board meeting a general membership meeting was held at the convention with many interested parties attending.

NFS maintained a membership booth at the convention. It was located directly next to the International Softbill booth. There were several cross-memberships received, and a lot of good conversation between our societies. We enlisted I.S.S. to help us in determining band sizes for Softbilled birds.

These minutes were taken from notes, as our Secretary was not present.
Respectfully submitted: William Parlee.

October 2, 1988. An emergency Board Meeting was called for by Al Decoteau in accordance with the by laws. Present were Al Decoteau, Bill Parlee, Brenda Geesey, Bruce Evanick, Russ Armitage, and Chris Voronovitch. The meeting took place at the Great American Bird Show in Baltimore, MD.

A discussion was held regarding an apprentice judge and his actions toward the Board. Our legal counsel was consulted and his views made known. Appropriate action has been taken.

Other business brought up was the acceptance of Cecil Gunby to the Judge's Panel. His apprenticeship was discussed and he was approved.

It was voted to approve a measure that would extend all members membership by two months beyond their normal anniversary date. This would allow the editor of the bulletin to condense the last three issues for 1988 into two issues: July/Aug/Sept. and Oct/Nov/Dec., this would allow all members to receive the six issues of the bulletin they are guaranteed by their membership agreement.

The Board members present also discussed the future involvement the NFS would or would not play in future Great American Bird Shows. NFS would like to see the reinstatement of a Board of Directors for the show, consisting of representatives of all the specialty societies involved.

Being no further business to discuss the Board adjourned, to meet again at the regularly scheduled 4th quarter Board Meeting to be held in conjunction with our National Show in San Deigo, California on November 16-19, 1988.

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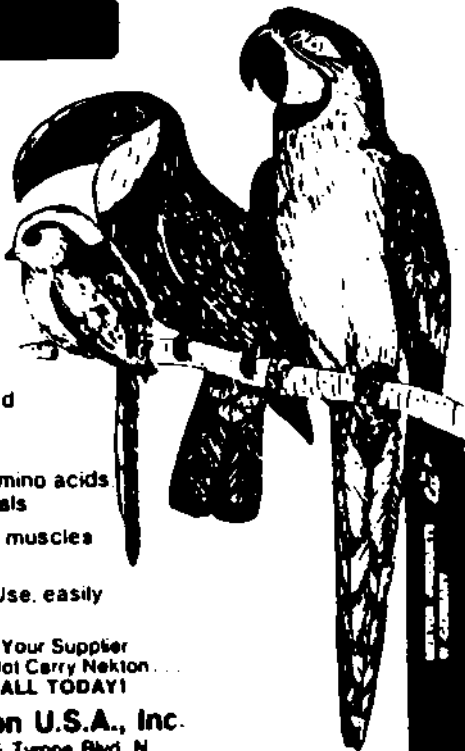
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CONFORMATION (50 POINTS):

The ideal Java Rice bird is a strong full bodied finch approximately 6 (six) inches in length from the tip of the bill to the tip of the tail. The head should be nicely rounded, somewhat egg shaped, with the eyes set on center between the tip of the upper mandible and the back of the head. The eyes should be a clear glossy black. The beak is somewhat massive, with the top mandible prominent and curving downward and out from the top of the head; the lower mandible extends the line of the throat upward and out to meet the top mandible at the tip.

The head should also be egg-shaped and taper gracefully to the tail. The bird should have a full, heavy bodied appearance with a full chest. All lines of the Java Rice Bird should be gracefully curved. The cheek patch area should curve slightly outward so it is noticeable, even in those birds where it is not color delineated.

The wings should be carried evenly and held close to the body so the wing tips do not protrude. The wing tips should not cross or droop and must meet evenly at the tail without breaking it.

The tail should be approximately 1 1/4" in length and maintain a consistent width from origin at the root to the tip of the tail.

The legs and feet should be strong, even colored, and all toes and nails should be present.

CONDITION (20 POINTS)

The Java Rice Bird is meticulous in its' grooming so therefore will be judged with a very critical eye. Feather condition should be immaculate, with no soiled, frayed or missing feathers. Nothing should detract from the sleek, smooth, "finished" look of the bird. Any missing or frayed feathers will be viewed as serious show faults and will be weighed heavily. Legs, feet and beak must also be immaculate, with no scaling or overgrowth. Nails should be of proper length and shape.

COLOR (15 POINTS)

The color pattern of the Java Rice Bird is distinctive, evenness and intensity of color is of paramount importance. In all varieties displaying cheek patches there should be a sharp delineation of color and any bleeding of color into the cheek patch will be considered a serious fault. All color patterns should appear crisp, clean and even.

COLOR STANDARDS

Normal Grey Java.

The ground color of the head is a deep, glossy black except for the characteristic cheek patch which is pure white with no bleeding of color. The beak is pinkish white, becoming pink to red at the base depending on age and sex of the bird. The eye ring is a reddish flesh color and quite prominent.

The back, wings and chest are a uniform slate grey, velvet like in appearance. The grey on the abdomen has a slight pink or buff suffusion and is lighter than the slate-grey of the upper body parts. The under tail coverts are white; the ventral area is whitish grey. The tail is black, and wing flights are often tinged with charcoal or black. The overall impression is of smooth, even uniformity. The legs and feet are pinkish flesh tone.

White Java

Except for the beak, feet, legs and eye ring, the color of the White Java is a pure, velvet-like white with a bright, dark eye. The beak, eye ring, legs and feet are as in the Normal Java Rice Bird, although the pink on the beak may be slightly dilute.

Pied Java

Because the characteristic evenness and contrast of the Normal Java Rice Bird is of such importance, birds with 50% to 60% pied markings are preferred. A pleasing degree of contrast and evenness of color will be considered more important than symmetry of pied markings. All colors should be even, uniform and free of bleeding from adjoining colors. The quality of the colors should be the same as for the normal and white standards. Beak, feet, legs and eye ring are as for normals.

Cinnamon Java

The markings of the Cinnamon Java Rice Bird should be identical to those of the normal, with the exception that, instead of the ground colors of black and grey, those of the cinnamon should be warm, even cinnamon-brown. The head, tail, wing flights, chin and neck band will be an even medium brown, while those areas that on the normal are grey will be a lighter brown or deep beige on the cinnamon. Beak, legs, feet and eye ring remain the same as on the normal. In this color mutation the eye is a deep red brown rather than the normal black. Although the ground colors have changed, the requirements of evenness and a pleasing degree of contrast remain the same as for the normal.

Cinnamon-Pied Java

Like the normal pied 50% to 60% pied markings is desirable with the ground colors replaced with those of the cinnamon. The legs, feet, beak and eye ring remain the same and the eye color is the same as the cinnamon.

Black-cheeked Java

All colors the same as for the normal, except that the white area is replaced with black. Ideally there shall be no white ticking in the black cheek patch. All other characteristics the same as for the normal.

DEPORTMENT. . . (10 POINTS)

Today the Java Rice Bird is a domestic bird, being either cage or aviary bred. Considering this they should conduct themselves in a calmer pose than their ancestors. An ideal Java should perch firmly and show alert, erect, and confident. Any wild or flighty behavior will be faulted. Cage training and general deportment will be judged with a critical eye.

PRESENTATION. . . (5 POINTS)

Though the standard show cage is not required, a clean cage of appropriate size, with perches properly fastened and of correct size for the bird's feet must be used. The cage must admit enough light for adequate viewing by the judge. The floor of the cage should be covered with an appropriate floor covering (seed, gravel, or cob). The cage should be secure and safe for the occupant as well as the judging staff. The most important aspect of presentation is the cleanliness of the cage.

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Central Alabama Avicultural Society, contact: C.B.Upchurch, (205) 288-8728. 13th Annual Bird Fair and Judging, Sept. 3-4., 1988, Montgomery Civic Center, Montgomery, Alabama. Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau.

CALIFORNIA

The Fresno Canary and Finch Society, contact: Helen Espindula (209) 686-4272. Show date: October, 29, 1988. Place: NFS Panel Judge: Clayton Jones.

The Capitol City Bird Society, contact: Helen Caudle (916) 933-1619. Show Date: October 21-23, 1988. Place: La Sierra Community Center Carmichael, CA. NFS Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell.

The Golden Gate Avian Society, contact: Dawn Senna (415) 449-8719. Show date: November 11-13, 1988. Place: NFS Panel Judge: Clayton Jones.

The Aviary Association of Kern County, contact: Hal Koontz (805) 872-1063. Show date: December 3, 1988. Place: NFS Panel Judge: Brian Binns.

The National Finch and Softbill Society Annual National Show, contact: Tony Patterson, P.O. Box 18607 E.Hartford, CT 06118-0607 or Helen Caudle (916) 933-1619. Show date: Nov. 17-19, 1988. Place: Vacation Village Princess Resort, San Diego, CA. NFS Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear.

Santa Clara Valley Canary and Exotic Bird Club, contact: Marty Von Raesfeld (408) 985-2712. Show date: Nov. 25, 1988. Place NFS Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell.

San Diego Bird Show Club, contact: Wayne Schulenberg () - Hosting the NFS National Show November 17-19 1988. See information above. Held in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show.

COLORADO

Colorado Cage Bird Association, contact: Martha Wigmore (303) 574-1594. Show date: October 14-15, 1988. Place: Colo Springs Auditorium. NFS Panel Judge: William G. Parlee

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture, contact: Mary Buchtel (303) 422-6529. Show date: November 5, 1988. Place: NFS Panel Judge: Ray Johnson.

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Association for Aviculture, contact: Christine Voronovitch (203) 649-8220. Show date: Oct. 22, 1988. Place: Veteran's Memorial. E.Hartford, CT. NFS Panel Judge: William G. Parlee.

The New England Finch Fanciers, contact: Russell Armitage (203) 346-5875. Show date: November 26, 1988. Place: Vet Mem. Bldg. E.Hartford, CT. NFS Panel Judge: Al Decoteau.

FLORIDA

The Gold Coast Exotic Cage Bird Club, contact: Karl Kline (305) 276-8711. Show date: October 29, 1988. Place: NFS Panel Judge: George Warren.

The Suncoast Avian Society, contact: Juanita McLain (813) 726-8326. Show date: Oct. 8-9, 1988. Place: Sheraton Tampa East, Tampa, FL. NFS Panel Judge: Earl Courts.

The Sunshine State Cage Bird Society, contact: Jim Thomas (305) 656-5731. Show date: October 22, 1988. Place: Altamonte Spg. Hilton and Towers. NFS Panel Judge: Charles Anchor.

The Greater Miami Avicultural Society, contact: Hector Ugalde () -
Annual Bird Fair date: Place:

The Miami Parrot Club, contact: Marco Arida (305) 251-3895
Show date: September 25, 1988. Place: Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL
NFS Panel Judge: Steve Hoppin.

GEORGIA

The Georgia Cage Bird Society, contact: Cecil Gunby (404) 251-2877
Show date: Nov. 5, 1988. Place: Holiday Inn, Dunwood, Atlanta
NFS Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau.

ILLINOIS

The Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, contact: Charles Anchor (312) 543-3757. Show date: Nov. 4-6, 1988. Place: Arlington Heights. NFS Panel Judge: Harold Bowles.

The National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries, Contact: Marie Ortiz ()
Show date: November 25-26, 1988. Place:
NFS Panel Judge: Earl Courts.

INDIANA

The Indiana Bird Fanciers, contact: Val Clear (317) 642-0795.

Show date: Oct. 8, 1988. Place:

NFS Panel Judge: Harold Bowles.

IOWA

Mid-America Cage Bird Society, contact: Rhoda Shirley (515) 243-2255.

Show date: Oct. 1, 1988. Place:

NFS Panel Judge: Earl Courts.

LOUISIANA

The Capitol Area Avicultural Society, contact: Tim Schexnayre () -

Show date: Nov. 12, 1988 Place

NFS Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman.

The Gulf South Bird Club, contact: Evon Kruse (504) 469-2435

Show date: October 15, 1988. Place: Clarion Hotel, Canal St. N.O., La.

NFS Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear. Show info: Norma Reynolds (504) 837-7110

MARYLAND

The Baltimore Bird Fanciers, contact: Brenda Geesey (717) 854-2604

Show date: October 15, 1988 Place: Holiday Inn, Towson, MD.

NFS Panel Judge: Charlie Anchor.

Maryland Cage Bird Association, contact: Theresa Brown () -

Show date: Sept. 30 to Oct 2, 1988. Hosting the Great American Cage Bird Show, Festival Hall, Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland. see listing for Great American.

Great American Bird Show, for information contact: Dallas Johnson (301)

540-6198. Hosted by the Maryland Cage Bird Assoc. Hotel, Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland. September 30 to October 2, 1988.

NFS Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Boston Cockatiel Society, contact: Helen Jabre (617) 641-3430.

Show date: September 24, 1988. Place: Framingham Civic League, 214

Concord St. Rte.126, Framingham. NFS Panel Judge: William G. Parlee

The Boston Society for Aviculture, contact: Kathy Wilcox

The Exotic Cage Bird Society of New England, contact: Roger O'Connell
(617) 899-8523. Show date: September 17, 1988. Place
NFS Panel Judge: Al Decoteau.

The Massachusetts Cage Bird Association, contact: Shirley Eaton (401)
333-5594. Show date: October 15, 1988. Place:
NFS Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau.

The Western New England Cage Bird Society, contact: Bob Clark
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MICHIGAN

The Mid-Michigan Bird Club, contact: Mary Rue (517) 394-1047.
Show date: Oct. 29, 1988. Place: Perry Elementary, Perry, Mich.
NFS Panel Judge: Al Decoteau.

The Mid-West Cage Bird Club, contact: Jean Wiley () - .
Show date: Nov 12-13, 1988. Place: Maltese Amer.Club, Deerporn, MI.
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MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Cage Bird Society, contact:
Show date: Sept. 24, 1988. Place:
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MISSOURI

The Greater Kansas City Aviculture Society, contact: Earl Courts (816)
524-0921 Show date: Oct. 15, 1988. Place: Howard Johnson's, Independence
MO. NFS Panel Judge: Earl Courts

The Missouri Cage Bird Association, contact: Tom Rood (217-774-5265.
Show Date: Nov, 5, 1988 Place: Eureka, Missouri.
NFS Panel Judge: Earl Courts.

NEBRASKA

The Greater Omaha Cage Bird Club, contact: Wayne Eichelberger (308)
872-2947. Show date: Oct. 29, 1988 Place:
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The South Jersey Bird Club, contact: Kristine Kroner. () -
Show date: Place:
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The Birds of a Feather, contact: Larry Brandt ()
Show date: Sept. 17, 1988. Place: Hampton Academy Jr. High, Hampton, NH.
NFS Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau.

The New Hampshire Avicultural Society, contact: Mike Putnam (603)
352-2826. Show date: Oct. 8, 1988. Place:
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The Astoria Bird Club, contact: Diane Lesser.
Show date: November 5, 1988. Place: Amer. Legion Hall, Hempstead, NY.
NFS Panel Judge: William G. Parlee

The Rochester Cage Bird Club, contact: Jeanne Murphey () -

NORTH CAROLINA

The Charlotte Metrolina Cage Bird Society, contact: Pat Gibson (704)
588-1616. Show date: Sept. 10, 1988. Place: Holiday Inn 1-77 at Woodlawn.
NFS Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert.

OHIO

The Golden Crescent Cage Bird Club, contact: Joan Gangie () -

OKLAHOMA

The Bird Fanciers of Oklahoma, contact: Gene Miller (405) 382-7066.
Show date: Oct. 23, 1988. Place: Sheraton Airport, Tulsa, OK.
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The Oklahoma Cage Bird Society, contact: Laura Bewley (918) 369-2580.
Show date: October 22, 1988. Place: Sheraton Airport, Tulsa, OK.
NFS Panel Judge: Val Clear.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Central Pennsylvania Cage Bird Society, contact: Brenda Geesey (717)
854-2604. Show date: November 12, 1988. Place: Quality Inn, York PA.
NFS Panel Judge: Gerald D'Agata.

Chester Country Bird Breeders, contact: William Trace

Philadelpa Avicultural Society, contact: Rosemarie Priemon

TENNESSEE

The Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club, contact: Eva Duffy (615) 361-5949
Show date: Oct. 22, 1988. Place: Music city Rodeway Inn.
NFS Panel Judge: Kelly Dahill.

TEXAS

The Capitol City Cage Bird Club. Contact: Sarah Goodrich () -
Show Date: Oct. 8, 1988. Place: Embassy Suites, 135, Austin.
Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

The Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Association, contact: Sarah Goodrich
Show date: Nov. 5, 1988. Place: Holiday Inn, Killeen, Tx.
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VIRGINIA

The Peninsula Cage Bird Society, contact: Linda Oja
Show date: October 8, 1988. Place: Washington Inn, Williamsburg.
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The Milwaukee Bird Society Ltd., contact: Fred Eggert.
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The Wisconsin Cage Bird Society, contact: Kathryn Konkol
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A BANDING UPDATE! by Roger O'Connell

There have been several changes in the cost and recommended sizes in NFS Leg bands for 1989. I will use this opportunity to announce them.

We have changed several recommended sizes to conform to manufacturer's standards, English counterparts, and your past observations and banding experiences.. As you already know Gouldians and Zebras are now "D" size. Other changes include: The Cuban and Olive are now in "B", Green and Grey Singers, Silverbills, Cherrys, and Fainted Finches are now under "C". The Diamond Dove has been moved to "L".

Questions are always asked as to which bands can be used on which birds. NFS recognizes the sizes listed on our band order form for the given year. A member may always use a smaller size and the bird will still be properly banded for that show season, however using a larger band for identification purposes is okay, but will not be proper for the show season young classifications.

The Board has voted to change band prices, partly to simplify and partly to defray our costs. The new charge for a string of ten bands is \$1.75 with no shipping charges.

Bands may now be ordered for the 1989 season by using the 1989 Band form. 1989 band orders received in time will be mailed on December 26, 1988 and thereafter. Please order early and anticipate your needs. We guarantee shipment within 30 days of receipt although most orders are mailed within a week. Don't expect your bands for the first of the year if we get your order on Christmas Eve.

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To recap: Order 30 days in advance so that you will have the bands when you need them. Limit the number of orders by ordering your anticipated annual production, order 1988 bands on the 88 form and send to me, order 1989 bands on the 89 form and mail to Denise Capazzi our new NFS Band Secretary at 280 Burningtrees Drive in Groton, Connecticut 06340.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a good breeding season and my hopes that this note will make the band situation more efficient for all.

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