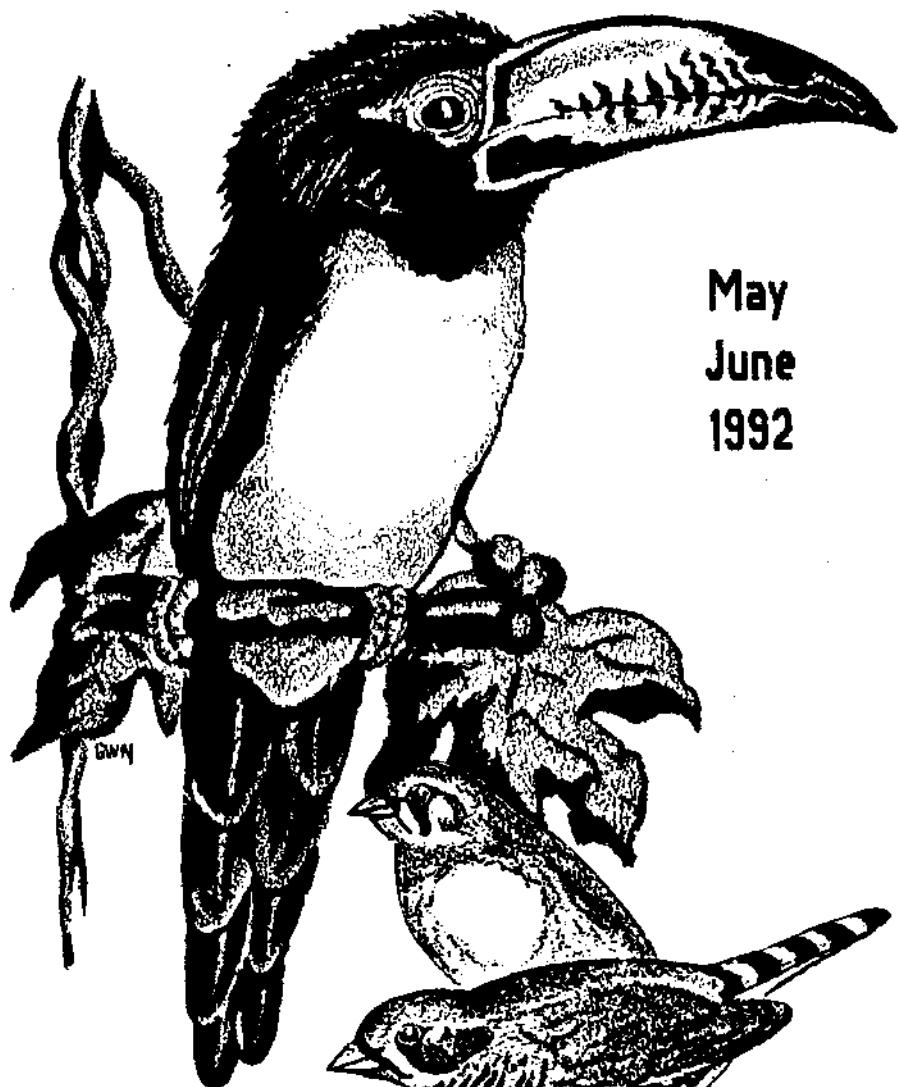


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Dr. Al Decoteau.
January 1, 1992

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

In conjunction with the New England Finch Fanciers All-bird Symposium, June 6th, 1992, Sturbridge, MA.

If there is an item that you want to have included, please contact a member of the Board. All elected and appointed officers are Board members.

Next Board meeting will be in August and will be conducted by mail. Again, if there is something that you would like to have presented, contact a Board member.

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MORE ABOUT MUSCA LARVAE

by F. L. "Skip" Cockerum

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The insect we know as *Musca domestica*, the Common Housefly, is one of the most widely distributed organisms on earth. They reproduce in such huge numbers that if it weren't for their basic importance in the food chain we would be overwhelmed by them in a single breeding season. They are consumed by birds and other animals all over the world and can be admirably used in captive bird husbandry by both the hobbyist and the professional. Although successful reproduction, improved health and better looking birds are commonly reported by those seriously utilizing the insects in their programs, *Musca domestica* has been somewhat slow in gaining wide usage. In large part this is due to the preconceptions people have because of the public health considerations of flies before indoor plumbing. There was a time when the fly looked bad and poisons looked good. Current thinking is reversing that position. Flies, like all other animals, can be kept in a clean condition as domestic livestock for further application, in this case birdfood. For the fly to reach its potential value to the bird breeder the insect must be shown to be controllable around the aviary and of sufficient value to the birds to justify its use.

The best approach to control is to start out with high quality insects, raised in an insectary on a vegetable diet. The proper steps should be taken to keep the insects in the best condition possible over the time that they will be fed out. The birds should be fed just as much as they can eat in a specific time frame in feed dishes that are well suited to this specific food. If some simple techniques are followed about the only fly you will have buzzing around is the occasional one that got away when a couple of birds fought over it away from the dish and it got dropped. With proper control and use of the flies you can avoid messing with tanglefoot paper in hardware cloth mesh holders, pyrethrin sprays, fly-catching birds, reptiles and plants or even manual flyswatters. Although these methods are much preferable to CFC powered bug bombs.

The superior value of this feeder insect is its behavioral as well as nutritional benefit. Birds relish and enjoy messing with the bug. The form of the fly larvae is well suited to aid captive bird breeding. They are quite small but are fed with success to canaries, starlings, ravens, pheasants, turkeys and cranes. Light in color and very active, they easily catch and hold the birds' attention. The absence of an exoskeleton has several advantages. Unlike the more commonly used feeder insect, *Tenebrio molitor*, the Mealworm, the fly maggot is not equipped with huge gnashing jaws that can bite delicate chicks so you don't have to pinch their heads off. The fly maggot is a humble creature made of exceptional material, 18.5% of it protein. (NOTE: preferred calcium to phosphorous ratio (C:P) of feeder insects as food for birds is 1:1.

Among common feeder insects C:P's are: cricket 1:2, housefly 1:3.4, mealworm 1:13.5.)

There are people who want to provide the best for their birds but simply cannot abide the thought of working with live bugs no matter how good they are. They can benefit from recent efforts to make high quality insect-sugmented feeds and supplements available at affordable prices. These products are possible because the housefly grows fast enough and can be harvested in sufficient numbers to justify processing, preserving and incorporation into secondary products.

The housefly is probably not the last word in feeder insect technology, but in many applications it is far better than any other feeder insect available to date.

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Editor's Note: The author, Skip Cockerum, is one of our loyal advertisers. See his full page ad (page 20) in this issue. He is very knowledgeable about nutrition and is quite willing to share information. His innovative approach to the utilization of the insects is unique. I appreciate his contributions to NFS, including the advertisement and the information and also his contribution of Musca-Soya to our wild-bird rehabilitation project. Thanks Skip!
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A REPORT FROM THE BIRD CLUBS OF VIRGINIA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

by Linda Oja

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A FABULOUS FINCH LUNCHEON !

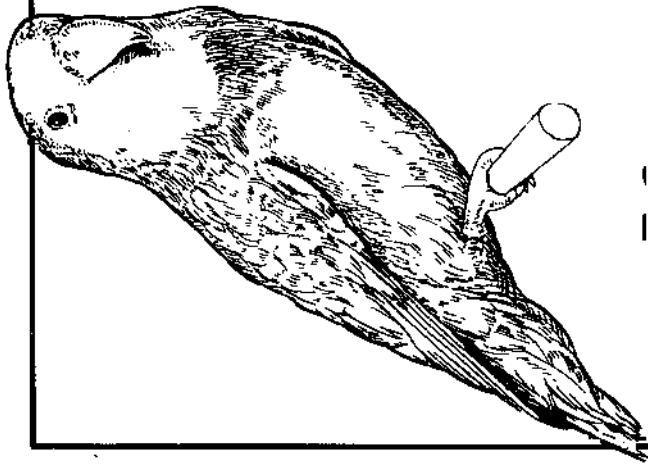
Finches were the main topic, not the menu item, at our informal lunch group. The enthusiasm was overwhelming. We reserved space for twenty but had more than we could seat. Our speaker, Jayne Yentz and her husband joined us. It was exciting to meet and talk with many of my readers. We should definitely make this an annual event at BCV Conventions. The organizers of the convention were more than happy to work with me on the luncheon. I hope this will be the start of more events for those interested in finches and softbills. I plan to mention this on my convention evaluation form with specifically suggested programs. I'm sure many of us would be willing to attend these conferences if more topics in our area of interest were presented. I encourage others to voice their concerns to BCV (and other convention-sponsoring groups) about including more programs on finches and softbills.

Brenda Geesey mentioned that next year the NFS Spring Board of Directors meeting will be held at the BCV Convention which I believe will be in Richmond. There was a short FINCHSAVE meeting since NFS representatives as well as participants were at the convention. We talked about the need to have a finch census presented to the general public. Brenda felt that NFS might be willing to purchase space in American Coope Bird Magazine to publish a census. She will present this idea at the next NFS Board meeting in June. We are working on a form that would include the birds scientific names as well as their common names for clearer identification. By listing the birds less effort is required to complete the form and hopefully more people would be more willing to participate. We also need to include questions to determine which birds are being successfully bred. Jan Hawn has volunteered to devise a system to collect the information in a computer but we need someone to list the species under their current scientific names. I have a sample survey which lists birds by their common names. Anyone interested can contact me.

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Editor's note: Linda was the 1992 recipient of the Bird Clubs of Virginia's National-State-Local Award. This is the top award from BCV. It indicates Linda's dedication and involvement at all levels of aviculture and shows the recognition she has received from her fellow aviculturists. Congratulations from NFS Linda and thanks for your contributions to NFS.

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**THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL
SOCIETY'S
FINCHSAVE PROGRAM**

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FINCHSAVE Definition/Purpose

Long term goal: To have an established consortium (program) of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive bred population of finches and softbills in the United States.

Short term goal: Consistent breeding success with participating species.

We hope to accomplish these goals through a cooperative effort of education, assistance and exchange of information for those participating.

FINCHSAVE Requirements

Participants must meet the following requirements in order to participate in FINCHSAVE.

1. Must be an NFS member.
2. Agree to band chicks with appropriate size NFS bands.
3. Agree to start with a minimum of three (3) pairs, unrelated if possible of one species of finch or softbill. Exemptions can be made if the species is difficult to obtain or costs over \$200 a pair. You may participate with more than one species.
4. Agree to complete a brief annual report so progress can be monitored.

All but the following finches and softbills will be accepted into the program; Zebra Finches, Society (Bengalese) Finches, Gouldians, Java Rice Birds, Shafttails and hybrids. These birds are excluded because they are already bred in sufficient numbers or genetic purity of the species is questionable.

In return FINCHSAVE will assist participants in the following ways:

1. Provide benefits of NFS membership including free FINCHSAVE eds, informative articles in the Bulletin and access to the NFS Annual Census.
2. Assist participants by providing information on where to obtain birds, how to maintain specific species and will sell closed traceable NFS bands.
3. Keep participants informed of program progress through newsletter and/or NFS Bulletin.
4. Recognize participant accomplishments with their species.

We will consider modifying some requirements, on a case-by-case basis for breeders of rare finches and softbills who cannot meet the present requirements.

FINCHSAVE Structure

Program Director: Administers program and handles routine issues as they arise. The director will have a committee to assist with these responsibilities so that the workload can be distributed and better handled.

FINCHSAVE Committee: Appointed by the NFS Board of Directors. Will assist Director with setting policy and will advise Director as needed.

Group Managers: will supervise Species Captains or act as Species Captains where needed. group Managers will be divided into seven groups as follows:

1. Australian and Parrot finches.
2. All Maxbills.
3. All Mannikins.
4. All African Finches.
5. All European finches.
6. All South American Finches
7. All Softbills.

Groups may be further divided if they become too large to handle.

Species Captains are responsible for gathering information from participants, assisting in obtaining birds, monitoring bloodlines and communicating with and assisting the Director and participants as needed.

The original program structure has been maintained except for the addition of the Director's committee. We may not have Species Captains or Group Managers for every category until the number of participants increases. Changes in the program will be made as the need arises.

Explanation of requirements.

1. FINCHSAVE is an official NFS Program to organize NFS members to actively breed various finch and softbill species. There is room in the avicultural world for more than one species preservation program. We hope this will be one of many.
2. Record keeping is extremely important in this type of program. Closed banding using traceable NFS bands enables the participant to identify the year the bird was hatched and by recording the band number the breeder can track the parentage of the bird. Since NFS records all bands and to whom sold the breeder of a bird can be traced if needed. NFS has a guideline of band sizes suitable for individual species so that bands fit properly and losses due to caught bands are minimal. Although such losses cannot be completely eliminated neither can other accidental deaths and injuries. Some states already require exotic birds to be captive bred and closed banded to be legally kept. Record keeping may not be a problem to small

breeders but when the number of offspring increases and some are sold, the band may be the only source of information available to the new owner.

3. In trying to reduce the pair requirement we needed to be concerned with genetic diversity. With fewer birds it is important to use unrelated birds to avoid inbreeding. Continuous inbreeding weakens the species. This may not always be possible in the very rare species. Short of genetic testing of each bird, the best way to obtain different bloodlines is to purchase the birds from a variety of sources and ask questions. Some breeders sell unrelated pairs of birds. If you are purchasing birds of unknown origin or wild-caught, you may need to pair these birds with others in your stock. It is advisable to periodically obtain new bloodlines as some of these birds have a short breeding life. We hope to be able to use the NFS Census, as well as other sources to assist in locating breeders.
4. Basically the information we need in the annual report is; are you successfully rearing young of your species and if so to what do you attribute your success? This information will be shared with other participants. Hopefully all participants will benefit from this information. We will communicate with participants through the NFS Bulletin or a FINCHSAVE Newsletter.

Excluded species

As previously mentioned, the excluded species are believed to be commonly raised in this country, hybrids or of questionable genetic background. This does not mean that we do not care about these species, just that there are so many others to be worked with. As a generalization, many of the Australian species were raised in captivity when Australia halted avian exports. Of course there are some species that were not well established and are still quite rare in aviculture. On the other hand, there are many African, South American and Asian species which are readily available through importation and therefore are not being raised in this country in significant numbers. Their breeding presents more of a challenge with very little financial reward.

Since we do not have a way of knowing what finches and softbills are kept and bred in this country, our emphasis and exclusions may change. We will keep all NFS members informed of participating species in an effort to encourage a variety of species in the program.

We encourage concentration on normal coloring as sometimes continued breeding of the normal variety is overlooked in favor of the newer color mutations. We are in no way discouraging breeding the newer mutations but are interested in maintaining a balanced breeding effort for all varieties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION TO ENROLL - WRITE TO:

Linda Oja, FINCHSAVE Director
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or call (804) 874 8581.

Species represented as of April 1, 1992 are:

Australian and Parrot Finches: Owl Finches and Diamond Sparrows.

Waxbills: Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu, Blue-capped Cordon Bleu, Black-cheeked, Orange-cheeked, Lavender, Strawberry, Green Avadavat, Yellow-bellied and St. Helena.

Africans: Scaly-crowned Weaver, Green Singing Finch, Peter's Twinspot, Cutthroat, Cinnamon-breasted Rock Sunting and Red-breasted Bluebill.

Softbills: Pagoda Mynah, Bali (Rothschilds) Mynah and Zosterops.

The following are just a few species that are not presently well represented in the program and may become unavailable in the near future. Waxbills: Gold-breasted, Black-cheeked, Violet-eared, Purple Grenadier and Pytilias. Weavers: Scaly-crowned. We have no participants in the South American, European or Mannikin categories. We are in the process of drafting a priority list of species that need immediate attention.

Please help with your suggestions and participation. Rumors have been circulating that finches will no longer be imported. Due to the airline embargoes shipping has become increasingly more difficult and more birds are being lost in the process. I cannot help but feel some guilt knowing that I am a part of a group who has unintentionally created a demand for these creatures. As a result many are captured and shipped suffering great losses. It's too late now to expound about what we should have done. It's time to take a serious interest in breeding at least one of the species that has previously been available mostly through importation. Take your pick. The list includes Weavers, Whydahs, Serins, Waxbills, Asian finches and softbills, European birds, South American finches and softbills and some of the less well established Australian finchas. In this ecology minded society we need to give serious thought to saving our birds.

Write or call me today...enroll...make suggestions...support FINCHSAVE.

Linda Oja, FINCHSAVE Director
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Phone (804) 874 8581.

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DRAFT
GENERAL STANDARD FOR
FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS

THIS IS A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL STANDARD FOR FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS, TO BE USED WHENEVER THERE IS NO SPECIFIC STANDARD APPLICABLE TO A PARTICULAR BIRD. IT IS PUBLISHED HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING NFS MEMBERS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISIONS BEFORE A FINAL VERSION IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL. PLEASE SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO DR. AL DECOTEAU, P.O. BOX 369, GROTON, MA. 01450. UNTIL THE GENERAL STANDARD IS OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY NFS, JUDGES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO USE IT, ALTHOUGH IT IS PERFECTLY PERMISSIBLE FOR JUDGES TO TRY IT OUT ON THE SHOW BENCH TO SEE HOW IT WORKS IN ACTUAL PRACTICE. FEEDBACK FROM JUDGES WHO DO ATTEMPT TO USE IT WILL BE ESPECIALLY VALUABLE.

As proposed by the NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY.
May 1992

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Confirmation includes many inherited characteristics such as size, proportion and substance. Because these characteristics can be vital in a captive breeding program, conformation is the single most important consideration in judging finches and softbills.

A show bird should be the appropriate size for its kind. Bigger is not necessarily better. Many wexbills, for example, should be dainty and diminutive in appearance. Size should be within normal parameters for the species or subspecies, not undersized or oversized.

All finches and softbills need good substance, the relationship of a bird's musculature and bulk to its bone structure and overall length. Proportion and overall balance are of prime importance, the look of the whole bird outweighing the sum of the individual characteristics. All proportions should be appropriate to the species or sub-species.

HEAD AND BODY: 20 POINTS. The head must be in proportion to the body, of the appropriate shape and contour. Eyes should also be of the correct size and shape, placed in proper relationship to the overall shape of the head. The beak should be in the proper proportion to the head as well, and there must be no imperfection or deformity.

WINGS AND TAIL: 20 POINTS. Wing carriage must be given appropriate weight, as it largely determines the nature of the back line. Most finches and softbills should carry their wings tightly against the body; the wings will lie flat along the back. Some of the more robustly-built birds, like barbets, hold the wings close to, but not directly against, the body, causing the wings to lie slightly above the line of the back, rump and tail. The back should be full and smooth, with no lumpiness or hunched look. The line of the back should run in a straight line or gentle curve down to the rump and tail.

The wings in repose will not normally cross at the tips except momentarily. Wings should lie neatly together, and there should be no drooping or holding of the wings unnaturally away from the body, except in the display behavior. In most species, the tail will continue the line of the back. In any case, the tail should be held at the correct angle. The tail should also be of appropriate length, width and shape, as well as being in proper proportion to the overall balance of the bird.

LEGS AND FEET: 10 POINTS. Feet and legs should be strong and clean, with no growths or abnormalities. Legs of most birds will be parallel or will extend out from the body at a slight angle. All toes and toenails should be present, and nails should be of the proper length. A missing nail is counted as a minor fault, as it will not ordinarily impair normal breeding. A missing toe is more serious and will rate a heavier deduction.

CONDITION (20 points)

Condition includes the general health and grooming of the bird, and it is of invaluable importance to the enhancement of a bird's appearance. The condition and texture of the feather is of prime importance. All feathers should be present and undamaged. Any sign of trimming of tail or wing feathers for evenness will be penalized. While visible pin feathers are undesirable, this

will not ordinarily be faulted as heavily as will missing or damaged feathers. The feathers of the head and body should lie smoothly in most species; feathers should be clean and free of all foreign matter, "lumps", fraying or any roughness not normal to the species or sub-species.

Some birds (most wexbills, Gouldians, person finches, etc.) normally keep their own plumage in good condition, and such birds will be judged very rigorously on condition. Other birds, such as European goldfinches and owl finches are rarely seen in perfect condition on the show bench and will be especially impressive if they appear in excellent plumage.

Due consideration is to be given to the different feather textures normal to different species or sub-species. Coarse-feathered birds (barbets, etc.) or normally loose-feathered birds (goldfinches, etc.,) are not expected to have the tight, flat-lying feathers one sees in green singing finches and fire finches. The nuptial plumage of certain weavers is of a crushed-velvet texture, and there are other configurations and textures in the feathers of other birds. Each should be judged according to the type of feathers desirable in its species or sub-species. Nor should the erecting or ruffling of feathers in display be mistaken for poor condition.

Eyes should be bright and clear, without any discharge or abnormality. The beak must be clean, with no excessive scaling.

Hairline cracks in the beak are counted as minor faults.

Legs and feet must be neat and clean. Nails and beaks must be of proper length and shape. The bird's overall impression should indicate excellent health and care.

COLOR AND MARKINGS (15 points)

Color is given special significance in judging finches and softbills, as color is a kind of hallmark among many species.

While color expectations will vary considerably - depending on the species, sub-species or mutation - judges will look for (a) color appropriate to the species, sub-species or mutation; (b) depth and evenness of color; (c) evenness of color suffusion or gradations; (d) color unsullied by inappropriate suffusions, "tarnish", blotching or markings.

In pied mutations, symmetry of markings is desirable, but secondary to a pleasing degree of contrast and proportion of pied markings to ground color. In sexually dimorphic birds, pied markings should not completely obscure the color patterns that distinguish gender.

No preference is given to male or female color patterns in sexually dimorphic birds, nor - in birds that have light or dark factors - to one color factor over another. No bird is penalized for being what it is.

DEPORTMENT AND PRESENTATION (15 points)
(distributed as follows)

DEPORTMENT: 10 POINTS. This refers to the bird's stance and behavior on the show bench. Good deportment causes a bird to stand at the proper angle, grip the perch firmly, avoid "hunching" over, and to hold its head and tail in proper relationship to the body. Stance should be erect and confident.

The bird should seem comfortable in the show cage. Behavior should be appropriate to the bird's kind. The bird should perch, without attempting to hide, flee or cling to the bars of the cage. The bird should show itself to advantage, projecting an air of alert confidence and behavior normal to its kind.

PRESENTATION: 5 POINTS. Presentation refers to the show cage and the overall "finish" of the entry. NFS does not require the use of a standard show cage, but it is highly recommended.

The cage should be of a size and shape that allows and encourages the bird to perch and display. The construction must admit enough light to permit a thorough evaluation of the bird, and the judge should be able to view the bird from above, as well as in profile.

Perches should be fastened firmly, and they must be of a thickness appropriate for the bird's feet. In cages with more than one perch, placement should permit easy and natural movement from one perch to the other. Placement of perches must also permit the bird to stand erect without any rubbing of head or feathers against the cage walls or wires.

The cage should be large enough to permit some natural movement but small enough to provide the bird with a sense of security. The cage will, ideally, allow the judge to focus attention on the bird, with no distractions. Box cages must be painted black on the outside and white, off-white or powder blue on the interior.

No swings, toys, ornaments or other distinguishing marks will be permitted. The use of ornately-constructed cages is to be discouraged. Cages with flat tops are preferred.

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The cage floor may be covered with seed, plain white or brown paper, ground corn-cob litter, pellets or other substrate appropriate to the bird.

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The Board will be voting on this standard in August of 1992.

CONFORMATION: 50 points
CONDITION: 20 points
COLOR AND MARKINGS: 20 points
DEPORTMENT AND STANCE: 10 points

CONFORMATION: 50 points.

Head and body (20 points): The head should be slightly rounded over the top from the base of the upper mandible to the nape of the neck, so the overall shape of the head is slightly elliptical, front to back. The neck should flow smoothly into the back, which should be straight to the tail. Birds should have good substance, with a somewhat rounded chest, but not lumpy in the chest or fat. This roundness should continue in a gentle curve through the abdomen to the under tail coverts, which taper into the tail. A nipped neck, an abrupt break from the neck into the body, or snaky, gawky appearance should be faulted. Eye should be centered front to back and slightly above the midline of the beak. The beak should be conical and slender. Overall length, 3 inches, from the crown to the tail tip.

Tail (15 points): The tail should continue on a straight line with the topline of the bird. A tail held consistently above the horizontal or a drooping tail should be penalized, although the tail may be slightly elevated when the birds are excited and flicking it from side to side in the typical waxbill manner. The tail should be about 1 inch long and should be compact and blunt, with slightly rounded edges at the tip.

Wings (15 points): Wings should be carried close to the body and meet evenly over the back, with the tips of the primaries just meeting over the rump at the base of the tail. Drooping or crossed wings are a fault.

CONDITION: 20 points.

Missing toes, nails, etc. are faults. Feathers should fit the body tightly and

should have a slight gloss, giving an impression of smoothness and sheen. There should be no missing feathers, especially down the midline of the chest or around the legs.

COLOR AND MARKINGS: 15 points.

Beak and legs (5 points): Beak, red or pink (may be slightly paler in females) with black lines running along the midline of the top and lower mandibles, from the base of the beak out to the tip. Legs, brown to brownish-flesh colored.

Plumage, eye, and eye ring (10 points): MALE - Ruddy to bright red on the forehead and hind neck, less bright on the hind crown and nape. Face, sides of neck, chest, and most of underparts variable shades of rosy red, purplish red, dull scarlet, or an intermediate shade. Intensity of the red is important in comparisons of birds on the show bench. Some chest feathers have very small white dots, variable in number, singly or in pairs on individual feathers. Other plumage brown, darker on wings with some red along fringes of wing coverts. Rump, upper tail coverts, and central tail feathers have varying shades of red along webbing. Outer tail feathers, dull brown, others dull black. Area around vent and under tail buffish brown. Eye, iris brown to brownish red. Old birds (2 or more years) should have a bright yellow, conspicuous eye ring. FEMALE - Red mark from base of lower mandible to or over the eye. Rump, upper tail coverts, and tail similar to male; otherwise, uniform buffish to greyish brown, but with larger and more numerous white spots than males. In areas that would be red in the male, hens may show a rosy or reddish suffusion. Eye ring paler than that of the male, can be whitish or silvery.

DEPORTMENT: 10 points.

Stance should be about 30° above the horizontal. A horizontal posture or roosting is faulted, as is a too-erect stance. Firefinches should show typical waxbill demeanor, i.e., active but not flighty--and definitely not lethargic. Like other waxbills, the Firefinch should move from one perch to another, flicking the tail with each hop. The firefinch should display a degree of curiosity that contributes to a pleasant personality. Pairs should be attentive to one another if shown together.

PRESENTATION: 5 points.

The #1 NFS show cage is recommended, or a flat-topped open wire cage appropriate to the size and requirements of the bird. There should be no identifying marks, swings or toys. Perches should be firmly attached, of correct thickness, and placed to enhance the bird's natural movement.

Notes on other Firefinches

Although the Red-billed Firefinch is the most commonly seen of the genus Lagonosticta, other species exist and occasionally appear on the show bench, so a cursory treatment of these is given for purposes of identification and comparison.

Bar-breasted Firefinch (L. rufopicta): Similar to the Red-billed Firefinch, but plumper with slightly wider tail and larger bill. The primary distinguishing characteristics of this species are that the female is nearly identical to the male, except the red on the faces and breasts of some females may be slightly paler. The coloration is more uniformly wine-red in this species, and as the name indicates, the white spots on the breast are elongated and give the appearance of barring. The eye rings are also silvery grey to whitish instead of the yellow in L. senegala.

Brown Firefinch (L. nitidula): This species is "appreciably larger" than the previous species according to Goodwin (1982) and is mauvish pink to mauvish red with large breast spots. The pink-red hues of the female are less intense and extensive than on the male. Eye rings are bluish white.

Black-bellied Firefinch (L. rara): As its name implies, this species is best identified by its black coloration in the center of the lower breast, belly and under tail coverts. This species also lacks the spots on the breast and has greyish eye rings. It is about the same size as or slightly larger than L. senegala.

Dark Firefinch (L. rubricata): This species is similar in size to the previous one, but is distinguishable from other firefinches because of its grey or blackish bill with a black tip. This species is also known as the Black-billed Firefinch. It is similar to the previous species in that it has sooty grey where L. rara has black on the undersides. However, the dark firefinch does have spots on the breast and flanks, although these generally appear singly rather than in pairs on individual feathers.

Respectfully submitted by the Redbilled Firefinch Standard Committee.

Roddy Gabel, Chairman
Martha Wigmore, Participating Panel Judge
Dennis Lewis
Jeff Brissette.

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Contributions from various NFS members are also included, particularly the thoughtful comments of Jon Hoffman and Stephen Hoppin.

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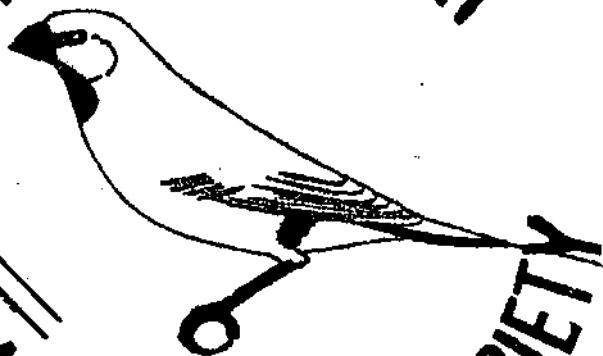
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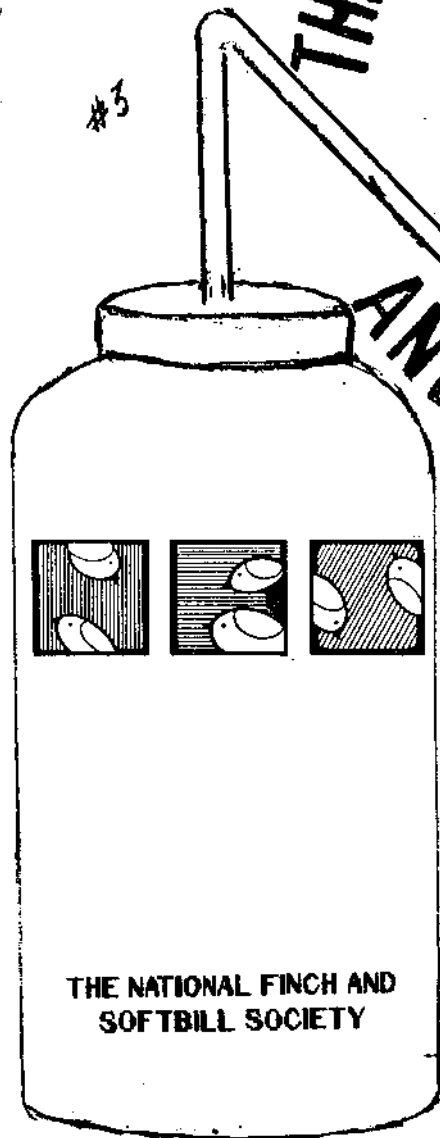
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TO ALL DELEGATES AND JUDGES: Please read the list carefully!! If you see errors or omissions please call me at (717) 854 2604 immediately! I know when clubs have elections that often the delegates change...please notify me as soon as possible.

Thanks, Brenda.

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Editor's Note: I want to publicize all shows and other events being sponsored by NFS Affiliated Clubs. The only way that is possible is for YOU, the delegates and members to notify me! Send a note to the home office address as soon as a show or event is scheduled and keep sending notes as additional information becomes available!

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NEWS & NOTES

The biggest, best news is that we have over \$10,000 currently in our treasury and the second biggest news is that we sold over 19,600 bands as of March 1st, 1992.

Martha Wigmore is racing the stork to finish the Handbook, Miki is getting more advertisers for each issue and has the finances and the roster in good shape, Russ is on top of the affiliations for 1992, Al has 4 committees hard at work on standards and two are printed in this issue for comments. Tom has his apprenticeships lined up for 1992. Chris has some of the awards she needs for 1992 already (and a litter of Beagle pups), Jerry is a college graduate and has a new job and new ideas for 1992 for FINCHSHOP, Linda's FINCHSAVE update is in this issue, Jon has the script finished and coordinated with the slides for the first NFS video, 5 regional shows are set, WE'RE ON A ROLL !! Yes indeed...NFS is strong and growing.

The Spring Board meeting was conducted by mail and there was some confusion...all my fault I'm sure! Of the four issues raised for discussion one was overwhelmingly approved, one was overwhelmingly disapproved and two have had to be tabled for more discussion, including reading of the opinions expressed by Board members in the "by-mail" portion of the meeting.

The one overwhelmingly approved was a generous offer by Marlene Ayres of Washington, PA to re-do the blueprints for the NFS show cages with some very cleverly conceived improvements and with the plans for each size cage drawn complete on one sheet. The approving Board members want to express their thanks to Marlene for taking the initiative to clarify and improve these blueprints. We appreciate her thoughtful comments and her offer to help.

The one the Board strongly disapproved was a suggestion that the Society buy birds for resale, primarily to FINCHSAVE participants. The Board feels that getting into the "brokering" of birds is too risky and is not in the best interests of the Society as a whole.

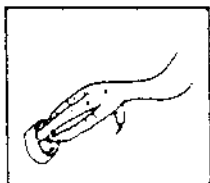
The two issues that will be discussed again in Sturbridge are:

1. The request from the Badger Canary Fanciers, Ltd. that we lower our fee (from \$5.00 to \$2.00) for the cross-registration of bands and that we allow local clubs who issue bands to their members to cross-register their bands, provided that the local club can prove that their records are accurate and the bands are traceable and that the logo is issued by the manufacturer to that club only. This brought a lot of comments, some on each side. I'll present them all in Sturbridge and the quorum present will vote.
2. Financial assistance for the Pittsburgh Aviary. The Board agreed that NFS should make a donation to the Aviary but a specific dollar amount must be agreed upon. Bill Parlee has suggested matching contributions up to \$300. It may be of interest to note that SPBE has donated \$500.

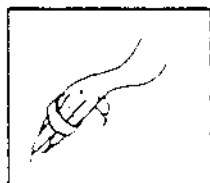
The next issue will contain a lengthy report on both of these Board meetings. The August meeting will again be conducted by mail.

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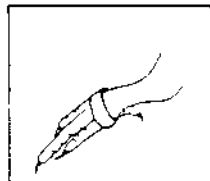
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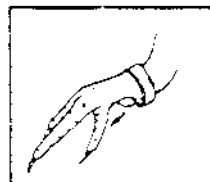
The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come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



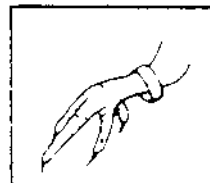
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



The band is generally placed on the birds' right leg. Banding just before the parents go to roost in the evening will prevent them from picking at the band. By the next morning they will have forgotten about it.



Hold the chick firmly but in such a way as to not cut off its' breathing and so that you don't harm it. Remember, their bodies cannot tolerate compression. Put a little bit of lubricant on the chicks' foot and slide the band over the three front toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be gently pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The band now should be in the proper location between the ankle and the elbow joints.



Check on the chick the next few days to be sure that the band has not slipped off and that there are no scrapes or irritations on the foot or leg.

Pet Avian Emergency Care

Walter Roskopf, DVM

Birds generally do not show early signs of disease, probably due to a self-defensive adaptation involving survival. Minor problems may then progress to urgent situations, and the bird may thus be presented for an "emergency" while actually the subtle changes of chronic disease may have been overlooked. Additionally, actual sudden occurring emergencies can occur.

Blood loss from a bird may be considered an emergency, depending on the volume of blood lost. A healthy, non-stressed bird can easily lose 10% of its total blood volume without harm. For example, a healthy 100 gram parrot could lose 1 ml of blood and still withstand the blood loss easily. A blood loss of 30% or more may be well tolerated, depending on the bird's health status.

In emergency situations, several measures can be instituted at home prior to consultation with an avian veterinarian. Any obvious bleeding should be stopped with ferric subsulfate (Quik-stop). The bird should then be placed in a warm, quiet environment, approximately 80° to 90°. When the bird is stable, it should be transported for further veterinary care.

Once in the veterinary clinic, the veterinarian may consider a number of steps for a critically ill patient. Drugs for shock and antibiotics may be administered by injection. Oxygen may be administered if the bird is having trouble breathing. Tube feeding may be instituted to provide energy for recovery. And when the bird is stronger and more stable, the veterinarian may recommend diagnostic tests to help determine the cause and nature of the emergency.

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AUSTRALIAN FINCHES by Klaus Immelman
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BIRDKEEPER'S GUIDE TO FINCHES by David Alderton
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ISBN 3-923880-73-1

CAGE & AVIARY BIRDS by Richard Mark Martin
Williams Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980
ISBN 0-00-219238-1

ESTRILID FINCHES OF THE WORLD by Derek Goodwin
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THE GOULDIAN FINCH by Stewart Evans & Mike Fidler
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If you know of other sources for books about birds in the wild and in captivity I'd be pleased to print the addresses, etc. of the sources.

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The Editor.

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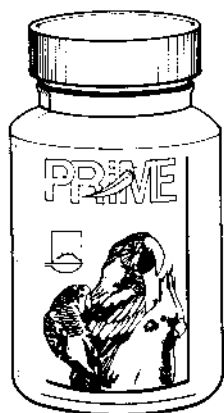
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