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Dr. Al Decoteau.
January 1, 1993

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Next Board meeting will be March 26, 27 or 28th, 1993 in conjunction with the Bird Clubs of Virginia Convention in Richmond, VA. Again, if there is something that you would like to have presented, contact a Board member.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by the Editor

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In October Congress enacted legislation aimed at halting the trade in wild-caught birds. President Bush signed the legislation on October 23, 1992. The new law immediately banned imports of the ten most threatened bird species. These birds (all psittacine) have been imported in numbers thought to be a threat to survival of the species.

A year from now, all birds listed under the convention on International Trade in endangered species of wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) will be banned from import unless placed on an "approved" list established by the Secretary of the Interior after a determination that trade is not detrimental to the species and that strict conservation measures are being taken. The new law sets a major precedent by shifting the burden of proof to importers, who must show that trade in a particular species is sustainable. All species not listed under CITES can continue to be imported unless the secretary determines that trade is threatening the species.

To keep importers from making a run on birds during the one year waiting period, import levels of species cannot exceed those of the most recent year from which there are import data. The Secretary may also suspend trade or set import quotas for any species found to be endangered by trade or for which the country of origin has failed to develop a management program that ensures the birds' conservation and humane treatment.

Some 8 million birds are captured annually for the pet trade worldwide. With habitat destruction and other factors, this has brought more than 1,000 species to the verge of extinction, including more than 20 percent of the world's parrots, the most popular pet bird.

The airlines that have adopted policies against transporting wild-caught birds have increased to 85.

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The complete text of the Notice in the Federal Register is reprinted elsewhere in this issue, with a list of the common names of the affected finch species.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Wild Bird Conservation Act (Act) of 1992; Immediate Prohibition on the Import of Certain Species of Exotic Birds to the United States, et al.

In the matter of immediate implementation of an importation quota for all CITES species of exotic birds: One-year delay in the total prohibition of the importation of all species of exotic birds to the United States listed in the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna; Request for information on exotic bird conservation programs.

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Immediate Prohibition: Effective immediately, the Wild Bird Conservation Act establishes a moratorium on the importation of ten species of exotic birds listed in the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Importation Quotas: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is notifying the public that for any species for bird listed in the Appendices to CITES, there is an importation quota on the maximum number that can be imported into the United States during the year October 23, 1992–October 22, 1993.

One Year Delay in Total Prohibition: The Service is notifying the public that after a one-year delay, the importation of all species of exotic birds (as defined by the Act) listed in any Appendices to CITES is prohibited unless that species is listed in an approved list. Request for Information: The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 directs the Secretary to call for information on the exotic bird conservation programs of each country that exports exotic birds; the Service is hereby requesting that information. Notice of Intent: The Service is notifying the public of its intent to promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of the Act.

DATES: The moratorium on imports of the prohibited species and the importation quotas are effective October 23, 1992. The end of the one-year delay period and subsequent prohibition on imports of species of birds listed in the CITES Appendices will be effective October 22, 1993. Comments on conservation programs in bird exporting countries are requested on or before ~~January 10, 1993~~ *March 1, 1993*.

ADDRESSES: Comments and information should be sent to: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, c/o Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., room 432, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marshall P. Jones, Chief, Office of Management Authority, at the above address, telephone (703) 358-2093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1992, the President signed into law the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (Act), the purposes of which include promoting the conservation of exotic birds by: ensuring that all imports into the United States of species of exotic birds are biologically sustainable and not detrimental to the species; ensuring that imported birds are not subject to inhumane treatment; and assisting wild bird conservation and management programs in countries of origin.

A. Immediate Prohibition

Pursuant to Section 105 of the Act ("Moratoria on Imports of Exotic Birds Covered by Convention"), effective immediately the importation of any exotic bird species identified as a Category B species by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES is prohibited. A Category B species is defined by the Conference of the Parties to CITES as a heavily traded Appendix II species for which "current international trade levels are probably a threat to the survival of the taxon e global basis" (although two have since been transferred to Appendix I). Those

species are as follows (Scientific names are official, while common names are for the convenience of the public and may have local variations): *Agapornis fischeri* (Fischer's lovebird), *Amazona oratrix* (synonym: *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*) (Double yellow-headed amazon), *Amazona viridigallina* (Green-cheeked amazon), *Aratinga auricapilla* (Golden-capped conure), *Brotogeris pyrrhopterus* (Grey-cheeked parakeet), *Cacatua alba* (White cockatoo), *Cacatua goffini* (Goffin's cockatoo), *Cacatua naematoropygia* (Red-vented cockatoo), *Cacatua sulphurea* (Lesser sulphur-crested cockatoo), and *Lorius garrulus* (Chattering lory).

B. Importation Quotas

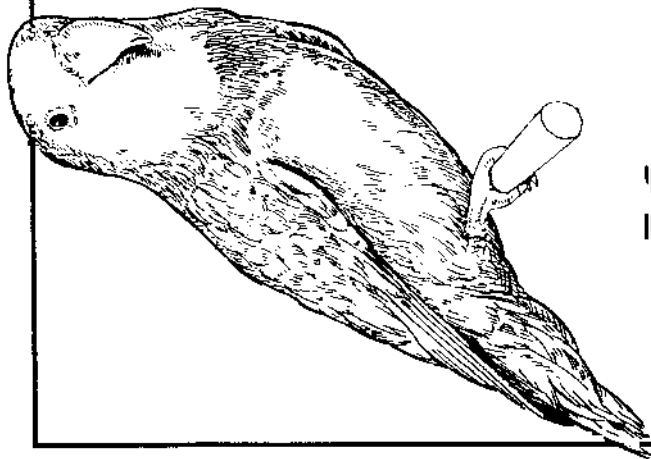
Pursuant to Section 105 of the Act ("Moratorium on Imports of Exotic Birds Covered By Convention"), and effective immediately, an importation quota is implemented for all species of exotic birds listed in any Appendices to CITES. As defined by the Act, the term exotic bird means "any live or dead member of the class Aves that is not indigenous to the 50 States or the District of Columbia, including any egg or offspring thereof, and does not include: Domestic poultry, dead sport-hunted birds, dead museum specimens, dead scientific specimens, or products manufactured from such birds; or birds in the following families: Phasianidae, Numididae, Cracidae, Meleagrididae, Megapodidae, Anatidae, Struthionidae, Alcedidae, Dromaeidae, and Culiidae." The Act requires that for each species, this quota is equal to the number of that species that was imported during the most recent year for which the Secretary has complete import data. The importation quotas listed below are for CITES Appendix I, II and III species, whose importation is also covered by the provisions of 50 CFR part 23. The Service is utilizing 1991 import statistics in this determination. Once this importation quota has been reached for a species, further importation will be prohibited. Pursuant to Section 105 of the Act, the importation quotas are independent of whether a shipment is

for primarily commercial or noncommercial purposes, and is independent of whether specimens are wild-caught, born in captivity, or bred in captivity. If a species listed in the CITES Appendices was not imported into the United States in 1991, based on Fish and Wildlife Service import statistics, it is subject to a zero quota. Except for those bird families exempted from the provisions of the Act, and species indigenous to the 50 United States, if a CITES-listed bird species is not in the following list it is subject to a zero quota and its importation into the United States is prohibited (unless accompanied by a permit pursuant to regulations to be promulgated; see Notice of Intent, below).

The following is a list of CITES exotic bird species (as defined by the Act) and the importation quota for the one-year period beginning October 23, 1992 and ending October 22, 1993. Scientific names of these bird species are listed taxonomically by Order and Family; for the convenience of the public, common names for these species are available from the Service's Office of Management Authority at the aforementioned address.

IMPORTATION QUOTAS FOR CITES-LISTED BIRD SPECIES

Genus	Species	Quota
Spheniscidae:		
Spheniscus	Humboldt	7
Rollulaniidae:		
Balaeniceps	Roll	1
Phoenicopteridae:		
Phoenicurus	Athor	100
Accipitridae:		
Accipiter	Nanus	2
Buteo	Buteo	2
Circus	Hemys	5
Circus	Oriental	1
Falconidae:		
Falco	Alpey	2
Falco	Bianchus	4
Falco	Cherry	2
Otididae:		
Eupodotis	Seneqalensis	15
Columbidae:		
Columba	Live	155
Goura	Scheepmaker	4



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Psittaciformes:		
Cacatidae		
Cacatua	Doronor	197
Caprimus	Galathea	84
Cacatua	Leucocentrus	3
Cacatua	Moluccanus	3
Cacatua	Sanguinea	150
Cacatua	Tenoroides	5
Calocypselon	Flavicauda	2
Eolophus	Roseicapillus	78
Psittaciformes: Londa		
Chalcopsitta	Carolinensis	38
Chalcopsitta	Dufrenoyi	44
Chalcopsitta	Sulphurea	28
Charmosyna	Josephina	3
Charmosyna	Multistriata	56
Charmosyna	Papua	34
Charmosyna	Picturata	16
Charmosyna	Rufirostris	9
Eos	Bonin	1211
Eos	Picturata	610
Eos	Squamata	574
Loricus	Domicellus	2
Loricus	Gambelii	599
Loricus	Lory	8
Neopsittacus	Muscianoroides	8
Neopsittacus	Puffinshute	5
Oreopsittacus	Ardea	11
Phyllos	Sulphurea	10
Pseudest	Fuscata	32
Trichopsittacus	Goldii	68
Trichopsittacus	Hermannus	1205
Trichopsittacus	Iris	10
Vini	Australis	8
Vini	Peruviana	8
Psittaciformes:		
Psittacidae		
Agapornis	Nigripennis	7
Agapornis	Personata	300
Agapornis	Pullaria	25
Agapornis	Roseicollis	1503
Agapornis	Tantala	20
Alectoris	Antoniensis	173
Alectoris	Chlorophaea	20
Alectoris	Scapularis	8
Amazona	Aibirons	292
Amazona	Amazonica	4277
Amazona	Aurorina	585
Amazona	Barbadensis	74
Amazona	Chloris	5
Amazona	Dufrenoyana	1
	Rhodocorytha	
Amazona	Ruficeps	694
Amazona	Flavifrons	3
Amazona	Leucocapilla	72
Amazona	Ochrocephala	687
Amazona	Ventrifera	7
Amazona	Xantholoris	4
Apsemicus	Erythropus	84
Apsemicus	Jonglicapillus	28
Ara	Ambigua	1
Ara	Araguensis	713
Ara	Chloroptera	659
Ara	Milvina	72
Ara	Mexicana	471
Ara	Nucalis	510
Ara	Seymouri	4
Aratinga	Acridotheres	4219
Aratinga	Cantabrigiae	2
Aratinga	Erythrogerys	8944

Aratinga	Fuscus	1
Aratinga	Jaracaya	11
Aratinga	Leucophaea	599
Aratinga	Mitris	2644
Aratinga	Nana	5
Aratinga	Pontifera	31
Aratinga	Wagneri	2358
Barnardius	Barnardi	4
Barnardius	Zonarius	25
Bolbocephalus	Lineola	40
Brodiaea	Chrysocoma	23
Brodiaea	Cyanoptera	2
Brodiaea	Vanicopurus	2
Cyanocitta	Patagonus	1
Cyanocitta	Novaezealandiae	643
Deropis	Accipiter	180
Ectopis	Rufus	375
Forpus	Coerula	538
Forpus	Passerinus	1
Forpus	Galeus	1184
Forpus	Puffinus	40
Loriculus	Sigmaurus	71
Loriculus	Macurus	13468
Myopsitta	Nancy	4524
Nannopsitta	Bonin	218
Neophema	Chrysocoma	3
Neophema	Elegans	24
Neophema	Picturata	10
Neophema	Nobilis	1
Nestor	Dicorhamphus	70
Oporornis	Gallinula	1
Oporornis	Melanochlorus	192
Pionus	Fuscus	200
Pionus	Melanurus	2008
Pionus	Melanurus	305
Pionus	Sandis	153
Ptilinopus	Australis	13
Ptilinopus	Atropus	198
Ptilinopus	Elegans	200
Ptilinopus	Emilia	533
Ptilinopus	Fuscus	24
Ptilinopus	Isidore	9
Ptilinopus	Cyphopterus	150
Ptilinopus	Ceruleus	79
Ptilinopus	Meyer	1304
Ptilinopus	Hobsoni	23
Ptilinopus	Chrysiceps	535
Ptilinopus	Chrysiceps	1133
Ptilinopus	Australis	101
Ptilinopus	Anthracinus	59
Ptilinopus	Swainsoni	56
Ptilinopus	Chrysiceps	1
Ptilinopus	Tabernaemontani	1
Ptilinopus	Chrysocoma	1050
Ptilinopus	Melanoleuca	24
Ptilinopus	Melanoleuca	280
Ptilinopus	Venus	52
Psittacus	Alexandri	177
Psittacus	Darwini	40
Psittacus	Eudamias	164
Psittacus	Krameri	1078
Psittacus	Lineola	12
Psittacus	Dufrenoyana	57
Psittacus	Elegans	46
Psittacus	Salvadori	41
Psittacus	Eritiacus	10661
Psittacus	Eritiacus	3071
Psittacus	Cyanurus	109
Purpuronophaea	Sparus	8
Pyrrhuloxia	Frontalis	587

Pythura	Arctura	1055
Pyrrhuloxia	Pitta	16
Tamias	Lucania	7
Tamias	Megascops	188
Tamias	Samana	9
Muscopidae:		
Corymbus	Orizaba	1
Muscopidae:	Tolima	1
Strigidae:		
Bubo	Bubo	6
Tyto	Jirani	1
Uro	Leucotis	4
Trogonidae:		
Amazona	Amazona	10
Chalcophaps	Chalcophaps	3
Dolich	Dolich	25
Lascia	Muna	10
Metalura	Phoebe	4
Myio	Fanny	2
Pseudocolaptes	Estrella	7
Psaltriparus	Melanerpes	8
Ruficollis	Gloss	7
Thryothorus	Caroli	19
Thryothorus	Cora	2
Bucerotidae:		
Anhimus	Galerita	3
Anthracoceros	Malayanus	8
Buceros	Bicornis	4
Buceros	Rhinoceros	1
Buceros	Rhinoceros Rhinoceros	3
Buceros	Tockel	1
Ptilinopus		
Columbidae:		
Rampastos	Subhurstus	3
Rampastos	Toco	51
Rampastos	Vitiensis	75
Columbidae:		
Cathartus	Ornatus	1
Falconidae:		
Serinus	Mozambicus	6328
Falconidae:		
Falco	Griseus	300
Falco	Cucullatus	150
Falco	Melanochephalus	1000
Falco	Chrysolite	400
Falco	Macroura	1100
Falconidae:		
Amelina	Fasciata	2600
Amelina	Sublinea	450
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Estrilda	Cassiniensis	900
Estrilda	Melpoda	2920
Estrilda	Trogodytes	4400
Estrilda	Ruficollis	100
Estrilda	Sargata	493
Lonchura	Bicolor	162
Lonchura	Cucullata	1000
Lonchura	Melandra	1400
Lonchura	Atricapilla	8
Lonchura	Hypogramma	108
Lonchura	Sargata	800
Lonchura	Ruficollis	1
Lonchura	Ruficollis	1
Paridae	Rufus	4

Note 1: CITES-listed species in the following families are not included in the above list, as they are exempt from the provisions of the Act: Phasianidae, Tringidae, Cracidae, Meleagrididae, Columbidae, Anatidae, Sturniidae, Phalaridae and Gruidae. CITES-listed species indigenous to the 50 United States and the District of Columbia are not included in the above list, as they are exempt from the provisions of the Act.

Note 2: Those species subject to the immediate prohibition on imports are not included in the above list, as they do not have an importation quota.

Note 3: Of the species listed above, many are listed in CITES Appendix I and may only be imported into the United States with an import permit issued pursuant to the provisions of 50 CFR part 17.

Note 4: *Amazona ochrocephala*, above, includes imports for *A. ochrocephala oratrix* (synonym: *Amazona oratrix*), which is subject to the immediate prohibition.

Note 5: The March 1992 CITES Conference of the Parties adopted new standard nomenclature for birds. The Service is unaware of any potential discrepancies; however, the scientific names in the above list are considered synonymous with the newly adopted CITES official scientific names in the case of any differences.

C. One Year Delay of Implementation

Pursuant to section 105 ("Moratoria on Imports of Exotic Birds Covered by Convention") and section 106 ("List of Approved Species") of the Act, effective October 22, 1993, the importation into the United States of any species of exotic bird listed in the Appendices to CITES is prohibited, unless that species is placed on a list of approved species published in the Federal Register. The only species that will not be covered by this moratorium would be those approved species being imported from approved countries or qualifying breeding facilities.

D. Request for Information

Pursuant to the section 109 of the Act ("Call for Information"), the Service calls for information on the exotic bird conservation program of each country that exports exotic birds (whether range or non-range states). This information could include population status, harvest

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The Editor.

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and export regulations and quotas, management plans, legislative and regulatory implementation of CITES requirements, enforcement controls, and regulation and inspection of captive breeding facilities. That information will be utilized in establishing lists of approved species and qualifying breeding facilities, as well as in the establishment of moratoria or quotas for species not listed in the CITES Appendices. A list of countries that have exported wild exotic birds to the United States is available from the Service on request at the aforementioned address.

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NFS SHOW RESULTS 1992

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Show results of NFS affiliated clubs and shows where NFS Panel Judges officiated and NFS points were awarded. Please note that Exhibitor Points and Championship Bird Points both follow this schedule.

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
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Column headings for this report are as follows:

Points	Exhibitor	Species	NFS Band # & year
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FEBRUARY

FLORIDA STATE FAIR SHOW
9 exhibitors

Stephen Hoppin, Judge
44 entries

5	John Dapas	Crimson Pileated	'90 D 4976
4	John Dapas	St. Helena Waxbill	
3	Phil & Denise Barth	Normal Button Quail	'91 L 171
2	" " "	Lavender	
1	" " "	Gold-breasted Waxbill	

JUNE

ILLINOIS BIRD FANCIERS
17 exhibitors

Dr. Val Clear, Judge
153 entries

11	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	'92 4948
10	Virginia Patrick	Star	
9	" "	Orange Cheeked Waxbill	
8	" "	Green Singer	'91 511
7	" "	Ringneck Dove	
6	Carl Helton	Pair Fawn Zebras	'92 3481 & '92 3451
5	Virginia Patrick	Spice	
4	Charlie Anchor	Normal Zebra	
3	J. & J. Nicholson	Pair Blue Caps	
2	Jamie Jackson	Normal Zebra Hen	'92 5325

AUGUST

WEST CENTRAL INDIANA
8 exhibitors

Conrad Meinert, Judge
62 entries

7	Virginia Patrick	Normal Java	
6	Dennis Burhans	Normal Shafttail	'92 D 4940
5	Jean Nicholson	Normal Button Quail	
4	Virginia Patrick	Aurora	
3	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	'92 D 4948
2	Virginia Patrick	Star	
1	Carl Helton	CFW Zebra	'92 D 3490

SEPTEMBER

AVIARY & CAGE BIRD OF S. FLORIDA
22 exhibitors

Cecil Gunby, Judge
160 entries

12	Rose Gianferrera	Yellow-faced Star	
11	John Dapas	St. Helena	
10	Stephen Hoppin	Pin-tailed Monperiel	
9	Stephen Hoppin	Shafttail	

8	Rose Gianferrera	Owl Finch
7	" "	Peter's Twin spot
6	Stephen Hoppin	Meiba Hen
5	Roberta Goren	Peter's Twin Spot
4	Rose Gianferrera	Peter's Twin spot
3	Phil Barth	Normal Java

BAY AREA C. & CAGE BIRD CLUB
7 exhibitors Charles Anchor
41 entries

5	Darrin Hill	Gouldian	'91 8372
4	P. Bushman & A. Mansell	Cordon Bleu	
3	Erank & Sandy Hudson	Masked Grassfinch	
2	Frank & Sandy Hudson	Silverbill	
1	Darrin Hill	CEW Zebra	

SPRINGFIELD PET BIRD CLUB
13 exhibitors Earl Courts, Judge
110 entries

9	Virginia Patrick	Ringneck Dove	
8	" "	Green Singer	'91 C 511
7	Jean Nicholson	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
6	Virginia Patrick	Star	
5	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society	'91 E 1039
4	Virginia Patrick	St. Helena Pair	
3	John Knox	Shafttail	
2	Jamie Jackson	Java	
1	Betty Brandt	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	

CAROLINA CLASSIC
5 exhibitors Harold Bowles, Judge
43 entries

5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Parson Finch	
4	Melvin Yoder	Paradise Whydah	
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Diamond Sparrow	
2	" " " "	Cinnamon Breasted Rock Runting	
1	" " " "	Pair Normal Zebras	'91 D 3265 & '92 D 2405

CHESTER COUNTY BIRD BREEDERS
10 exhibitors Brenda Geesey, Judge
75 entries

7	Rick Szlachta	Dilute Society	'90 448
6	Steven Funk & Roy Smith	Cutthroat	
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Indian Silverbill	'92 C 124

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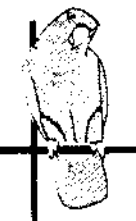
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3	Rick Szlachta	Pr. Indian Silverbills	'92 D 3367 & '92 C 544
2	Brad, Deb & Miranda Clark	Fawn Shafttail	
1	Jimmie & Jackie Eckman	Royal Starling	

GREATER BRANDON AVIAN SOCIETY

5 exhibitors

Stephen Hoppin, Judge

42 entries

5	Dale Laird	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Scaly Crowned Weaver
3	Ken Miller	Red-headed Gouldian
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Cordon Bleu Hen
1	Dale Laird	Shafttail

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

15 exhibitors

Roddy Gabel, Judge

35 entries

4	Sue Poussard	Green Singer	
3	Ely Fuller	Lavender Pair	
2	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	
1	Jan Thomas	Shafttail	'92 C 2954

JACKSONVILLE CAGE BIRD ASSN.

6 exhibitors

Stephen Hoppin, Judge

96 entries

8	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Java	
7	Felipe Bonilla	Fawn Zebra	'92 E 4648
6	Dale Laird	Shafttail	
5	Sarah Stewart	Orange Cheeked Waxbill	
4	Dale Laird	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
3	John Dapas	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Java	'92 K 154
1	John Dapas	Red-headed, White-breasted Yellow Gouldian	

PHILADELPHIA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY

13 exhibitors

Marty von Raesfeld, Judge

127 entries

10	Deb & Brad Clark	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
9	Rick Szlachta	St. Helena	
8	Jackie & Jimmie Eckman	Royal Starling	
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Choc & White Society	'88 E 2262
6	Deb & Brad Clark	Shafttail	
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Pallid Finch	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Aurora Finch	'91 F 496
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Parson Finch	

2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	'90 D 2312
1	Ron Casper	Masked Weaver	

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
9 exhibitors

Brenda Geesey, Judge
86 entries

8	Pat & Mary Krichten	Java	'91 F 201
7	Rick Szlachta	St. Helena	
6	Brad & Deb Clark	Red-headed Parrot Finch	'91 D 1972
5	Brad & Deb Clark	Shafttail	
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Parson	
3	Jackie & Jimmie Eckman	Royal Starling	
2	Rick Szlachta	Chestnut-flanked Zosterops	
1	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	

TOLEDO BIRD ASSOCIATION
6 exhibitors

Conrad Meinert, Judge
39 entries

4	Patrick Vance	Red-headed, White-brst. Gouldian	'90 O 1585
3	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	'92 C 35
2	John & Jane Muscato	Fawn Zebra	'90 C 77
1	Bill Mullins	Red-headed Gouldian	

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
8 exhibitors

Roddy Gabel, Judge
80 entries

8	Rick Szlachta	Chocolate Society	'91 E 1963
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Java	'91 F 201
6	Rick Szlachta	St. Helena	
5	Jackie & Jimmie Eckman	Royal Starling	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	'91 O 2312
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Pair Normal Zebra	'91 D 2405 & '92 O 3265
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1	Pat & Mary Krichten	Meiba Hen	

OCTOBER

KAYTEE GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW
7 exhibitors

Brian Mandarich, Judge
41 entries

5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Java	
4	Gene & June Miller	Red-headed Gouldian	'91 D 194
3	Gene & June Miller	White Zebra	'90 D 172
2	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	'92 B 2
1	Marvin Yoder	Parson Finch	

COLORADO CAGE BIRD ASSN.		Conrad Meinert, Judge	
10 exhibitors		42 entries	
5	J. Heard & Teri McAuliffe	Cherry Finch	'91 C 1761
4	Katrina Brown	Orange Cheeked Waxbill	
3	Anna Sinclair	Crested Choc. & White Society	'92 E 1136
2	Teri McAuliffe	Pin-tailed Nonpariel	'92 D 9136
1	Julianne Kern	Red-headed Gouldian	'92 D 7466
SOUTH JERSEY BIRD CLUB		Jon Hoffman, Judge	
22 exhibitors		105 entries	
9	Deb & Brad Clark	Red Headed Parrot Finch	
8	Kris Kroner	Java	'90 K 245
7	Dasso Maharaj	Black Headed Siskin	
6	Steven Funk & Roy Smith	Cutthroat	
5	Juan Almanzar	Dybowski's Twinspot	
4	Rick Sziachta	Society Finch	'91 1963
3	" "	St. Helena Waxbill	
2	" "	Rose Desert Finch	
1	Frank Reitano	European Goldfinch	
FORT WORTH BIRD CLUB		Ray Johnson, Judge	
10 exhibitors		70 entries	
7	Clarence Culwell	Isabella Shafttail	
6	Sandy & Frank Hudson	African Silverbill	
5	Jaunice Clem	Fawn Zebra	1634
4	Jim Hulsey	Fawn Shafttail	
3	Clarence Culwell	Gouldian Pair	
2	Jim Hulsey	Blue-headed Parrot Finch	
1	Sandy & Frank Hudson	Lilac Breasted Roller	
SUNSHINE STATE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY		Brenda Geesey, Judge	
19 exhibitors		179 entries	
12	Stephen Hoppin	Yellow-faced Star	'91 D 9245
11	Ken Miller	Red-headed Gouldian	
10	Stephen Hoppin	Red-headed Parrot Finch	'92 C 790
9	Cedar Hill Birds, S. Stuart	Dilute Society	4283
8	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Green Singer	
7	Felipe Bonilla	Fawn Zebra	'92 4648
6	Stephen Hoppin	Melba	
5	Greg Fix	White Dove	
4	Jerri Wiesenfeld	White Hooded Nun	

3	Felipe Bonilla	Pied Zebra	
INDIANA BIRD FANCIERS		Charles Anchor, Judge	
12 exhibitors		81 entries	
8	Conrad Meinert	Pekin Robin	
7	Ortiz	Gouldian	
6	Tom Rood	Fawn Zebra	'92 D 2759
5	Cathy Weigele	Cuban Olive	
4	Virginia Patrick	Star	
3	" "	Mannikin	
2	" "	Tangerine Dove	
1	" "	Java	
KANSAS AVICULTURAL SOCIETY		Laura Bewley, Judge	
10 exhibitors		74 entries	
7	Gene & June Miller	Diamond Sparrow	'92 D
6	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	'92 B
5	Margaret & Larry Williams	Normal Zebra Hen	'92 D 8567
4	Gene & June Miller	Yellow-faced Star	'91 C
3	" " " "	Red-headed Parrot Finch	'91 D
2	" " " "	Cuban Melodious	'90 B
1	John Hilyard	Cordon Bleu	
NEW HAMPSHIRE AVICULTURAL SOCIETY		Daren Decoteau, Judge	
12 exhibitors		41 entries	
5	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	
4	Jan Thomas	Shafttail	'92 C 2951
3	Chris Voronovitch	White Java	'91 K 04
2	Tina Hemenway	Society	'92 E 862
1	Larry DeLorenzo	Diamond Sparrow	
CLEVELAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY		Dr. A. E. Decoteau, Judge	
7 exhibitors		40 entries	
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Parson Finch	
4	" " " "	Strawberry Finch Han	
3	" " " "	Scaly Crowned Weaver	
2	" " " "	Pair Normal Zebras	'91 D 3265 & '92 D 2405
1	Patrick Vance	Fawn & White Society	
CAPITOL CITY CAGE BIRD CLUB		Jon Hoffman, Judge	
6 exhibitors		32 entries	

4	Frank Hudson	Masked Grassfinch	
3	Darrin Hill	Chocolate Society	'91 E 3786
2	Claudia Bradley	Cordon Bleu	
1	Darrin Hill	Normal Zebra	'91 D 8375

BALTIMORE BIRD FANCIERS
Stephen Hoppin, Judge
106 entries

9	Pat & Mary Krichten	Cherry Finch	'92 C 121
8	Deb & Brad Clark	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
7	Miki Spanzak	Melba	
6	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	'90 D 2312
5	Parrots Plus - B. Holland	Green Singer	
4	Steve Funk & Roy Smith	Tricolor Nun	
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Shafttail	'92 C 132
2	Rick Szlachta	Red Ear Waxbill	
1	Kris Kroner	Zosterops	

MASS CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
William Parlee, Judge
51 exhibitors
51 entries

6	Deanna Smith	Fawn Zebra	
5	Neil Parker	Red-headed Gouldian	
4	Jan Thomas	Shafttail	'92 C 2951
3	Tina Hemenway	Society	'92 E 485
2	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	
1	Jan Thomas	Gold Breasted Waxbill	

GREAT LAKES AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
Conrad Meinert, Judge
7 exhibitors
39 entries

4	Karen Kanine	Normal Zebra Cock	
3	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	'92 C 35
2	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Lavender	
1	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Tri-color Nun	

GREATER KANSAS CITY AVI SOCIETY
Clarence Culwell, Judge
16 exhibitors
104 entries

9	Dennis Burhans	Cherry Finch	'92 D 4941
8	Jaunice Clem	Fawn Zebra	'92 D 78
7	Gene & June Miller	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	'92 D 87
6	Nancy & Tim McGowan	Red-headed Parrot Finch	'92 E 2364
5	Virginia Patrick	Green Singer	'91 C 511

#	Virginia Patrick	Java	
?	Dennis Burhans	Black-headed Gouldian	'92 D 10581
2	Gene & June Miller	CFW Zebra	'90 D 1718
1	" " " "	Black-headed Gouldian	'91 D 133

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Otididae	Gustards
Columbidae	
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Stigidae	Typical Owls
Trochilidae	Hummingbirds
Amazilia Amazilia	Amazonian Hummingbird
Chalcostigma Olivaceum	Olivaceous Thornbill
Colibri Coruscans	Sparkling Violet-ear
Lsabria Nuna	Green-tailed Trainbearer
Matsllura Phoebe	Black Metaltail
Myrtis Fanay	Purple-collared Woodstar
Oreothrochilus Estella	Andean Millstar
" Malanogaster	Black-breasted Millstar
Patagona Gigas	Giant Hummingbird
Polyonymus Caroli	Bronza-tailed Comet
Thaumastura Cora	Peruvian Sheartail
Bucconidae	Horabills
Anorrhinus Galaritus	Buffy-crested Hornbill
Anthracoceros Malayanus	Black Hornbill
Suceroa Bicornis	Great Indian Hornbill
" Rhinoceros	Rhinoceros Hornbill
Ptilolaemus Tickelli	Tickell's Hornbill

Shamphastidae		Toucans
	Shamphastoa Sulphurata	Keel-billed Toucan
	" Toco	Toco Toucan
	" Vitellina	Channel-billed Toucan
Cotingidae		Cotingae
Fringillidae		Cardueline Finches
	Serinus Mozambicus	Green Singing Finch
Ploceidae		Palearctic Viduine Weavers and Whydahs
	Passer Griaeus	Gray-headed Sparrow
	Ploceus Cucullatus	Gulf-necked (or Village) Weaver
	" Melanocephalus	Black-headed Weaver
	Vidua Chalybeata	Senegal Combassou
	" Macours	Pin-tailed Whydah
Estrildidae		Waxbills
	Amandina Fasciata	Cutthroat
	Amandava Subflava	Gold-breasted Waxbill
	Estrilda Astriid	St. Helena
	" Caeruleocens	Lavender
	" Melapoda	Orange-cheeked
	" Troglodytes	Red-eared
	Legonosticta Gubricata	African Fire Finch
	" Senegals	Red-billed Fire finch
	Lonchura Bicolor	Black and White Mannikin
	" Cucullata	Bronze-winged Mannikin
	" Malabarica	African Silverbill
	Ortygospiza Atricolis	African Quailfinch
	Pytilia Nypogrammica	Sad-faced (Yellow-winged) Pytilia
	Uraeginthus Bengalus	Red-cheeked Cordon Dieu
Sturnidae		Starlings
	Leucopsar Rothschildi	Rothschilds (Bali) Mynah
Paradisaeidae		Birds of Paradise
	Paradisaea Rubra	Red Bird of Paradise

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 The common names that the Editor is not familiar with are from THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIRDS, Prentice Hall Press, 1998. Consultant-in-Chief, Dr. Christopher M. Perrine.

Please read the Notice very carefully and note that the time period for comments has been extended till March 1, 1993. Address correspondence to:

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FINCHSAVE REPORT - NOVEMBER 1992
by the FINCHSAVE Director, Linda Oja

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A sad note is the death of Dr. Val Cleer in August. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting him, we exchanged correspondence concerning the FINCHSAVE program. He expressed continued interest in the program and his encouragement means even more to me now. He touched many lives and will be sorely missed.

As of early November we have 25 participants, 42 different species and about 482 birds in the program. An abbreviated breakdown is as follows:

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| 1. Australian/Parrot Finches - 5 species. | |
| 2. Waxbills - 12 species. | 5. Europeans - 1 species. |
| 3. Mannikins - 5 species. | 6. South Americans - 2 species. |
| 4. Africans - 12 species. | 7. Softbills - 5 species. |

FINCHSAVE "Job Descriptions". We are still working on putting together a FINCHSAVE Committee who will help set policy and assist the Director in decisions. Stephen Hoppin has agreed to be on the Committee along with Brenda Geesey. I am still recruiting other members. If you are interested let me know. Committee members must be FINCHSAVE participants. Group Managers will keep in touch with Species Captains in their group and assist them as needed. They will keep communications going to and from the Director. They should have knowledge or experience with several of the species in their group and should be willing to fill in where there are no Species Captains. If not experienced with a particular species they will refer the participant to someone who is. Species Captains will assist participants by providing species information, assist in locating birds for new bloodlines, assist in selling chicks that participants produce if they need assistance, help with any areas of particular difficulty, i.e. banding, record keeping, feeding, and general management. Species Captains can seek assistance from Group Managers and the Director as needed.

I can make available "species pages", information on banding, record keeping, feeding, fostering, management and breeding from my FINCH FORUM Newsletter. Group Managers and Species Captains - let me know what you need. Also, collect magazine articles on species which may be helpful to people in the program. Magazines are more likely to have updated information as books quickly become outdated. I've often sent copies of articles to help people understand their species better. Check the NFS Bulletin Index in the January/February issue each year. AFA Watchbird February/March 1992 features Finches and October/November 1992 features Softbills. Both have excellent articles and photos. Use the NFS Annual Census to help you to find people who are knowledgeable about a species. Participants - your job is to breed your

birds! Ask for help if you need it. If you have trouble with banding, or any other issue, ask for advice. Consult your Species Captain, Group Manager or me. Information is available and we want to keep communication going both ways. Often information about failure is as educational as that about successes so please be willing to keep talking to other participants about what does work and what doesn't. If you lose some birds and no longer have the minimum pair requirement, don't worry - be happy! We won't kick you out of the program. We'll help you find replacements.

LET ME CLEAR UP A MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD POINT !

All the chicks raised in the FINCHSAVE Program are the sole property of the participant who raises them - of course ! We encourage you to sell or trade with other participants in the FINCHSAVE Program as your first priority but you are under no obligation to do so. We can try to help you find a market for these birds but you will probably not be able to make a big business out of this. So far we have not had any reports of participants being overrun with offspring. NFS will advertise these birds for you in the Bulletin Classified Ads free of cost.

BIRD SOURCE LIST

I have started to collect a list of sources for finches and softbills which I am storing on a computer disc. Since I am not able to devote enough time to this task I am looking for somebody who would like to take over this job. We need sources all over the U.S. and Canada as there are potential participants in all areas looking for birds. I have been collecting price lists and checking want ads in the national bird publications. Ideally it would be wonderful to have a computer bulletin board to exchange information and resources on finches and softbills. Most of the ones I've come across are hookbill oriented. Anyone out there interested in this challenge?

LOGO IDEAS

More submissions have come in - (sorry we don't have space to print them in this issue, the SASE to the home address will get you a copy.) - and the Board, when it meets in March, will make the final decision, depending on advice from interested members and the FINCHSAVE Committee.

Please contact me for membership applications and/or comments, questions and suggestions.

Linda Oja, FINCHSAVE Director
268 Exeter Road
Newport News, Va 23602
(804) 874 8591

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A FINCHSAVE ad received too late to go in the classified pages.

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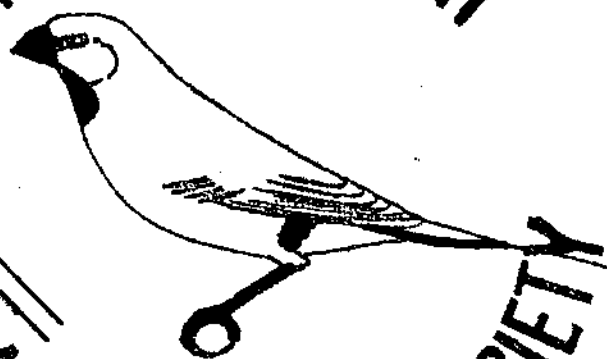
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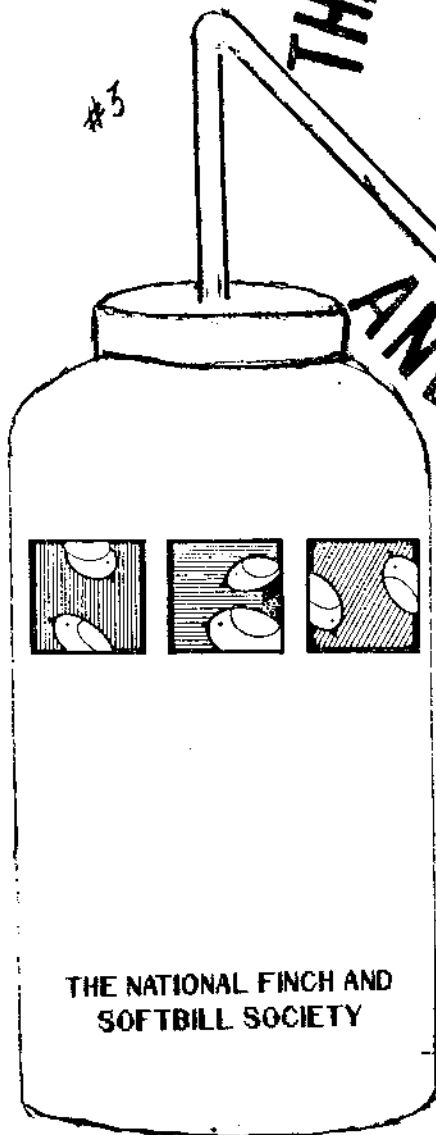
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AND...Bruce, the cut and paste master, got them all on one page! Hooray! The Editor.

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NEWS & NOTES

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Denise Capazzi reports that in the past year 29,730 traceable closed bands were sold. This represents 364 orders. Absolutely wonderful! Each and every year the totals increase and each show season we see more of the rare species on the bench with closed bands. Watch for the printing of the 1992 Census in the March/April issue to see how many more of the rare ones are being kept and successfully bred!

See the short article in this issue about the new edition of the Handbook...order from the home office and thank Martha and Jon.

In 1992 we had 78 affiliated clubs. Be sure to carefully review the new version of the Affiliation agreement -- due in the next issue. It makes it possible for your club to really customize your affiliation by ordering exactly the combinations of plaques and rosettes that you want.

Al Decoteau needs volunteers to chair and work on the Pekin Robin Standard which got stalled in committee and the Indian Hill Myrtle Standard Committee, which is a relatively new one. Please send comments on these two species to Al and participate in these decisions. There's a brand-new committee working on a standard for the Cherry Finch. Bertick Vance, Dennis Grahans and Pat Krichten volunteered (thanks guys!) and they need a judge and other members to participate. How about you? Give Patrick or Al a call.

The Fire Finch Standard, as printed in an earlier issue of the Bulletin, has been approved by the Board and will now go to Jon Hoffman for his finishing touches on grammar, punctuation, etc. and then to Martha for her re-formatting. Look for the finished version in the March/April issue.

Tom Hood was accepted by the Board as a member of the NPS Panel of Judges and we all feel that he'll make a great addition to this group. Al noted that again in 1992 there have been no formal or informal complaints against this Panel. Congratulations.

Patrick Vance is the newest apprentice to pass his test. Watch for him doing his apprenticeships on the circuit this fall.

Miki reports that we have about \$10,000 in the bank with all expenses paid up to date. We're up to member # 1861 and renewals are rolling in.

Due to the pressures of his job Jerry McCowley is reluctantly giving up FINCHSHOP. We'll miss his help but we feel sure that Pat & Mary Krichten, well-known exhibitors and NPS supporters, will do a fine job. Their address is now on the FINCHSHOP page. Thanks for volunteering.

The FINCHSAVE Program has grown again under the guidance of an expanded FINCHSAVE Committee. See their news in this issue.

Chris Voronovitch has requested that the Board accept her resignation as Awards Director due to personal reasons and we agreed, with regret. Our good news on this front is that Russ Armitage, Jr. has agreed to take over this job which is so closely tied with his present job as Affiliations Director. Sorry

to lose Chris and ae'll miss her but happy that Ruan will take over.

Advertising in the Bulletin last year brought in \$2100 which is FAR less than the Bulletin cost. PLEASE contact the merchant that you deal with and PLEASE consider taking on for yourself and your birds. The Handbooks are selling very well. Your friendly neighborhood judge, Board member and delegate can order them to be shipped, in bulk, by UPS and can then sell them to you for \$10. If you are in a hurry, order from the home office and ae'll ship it to you by first class mail for \$12.

Once again Tom Rood found special one-of-a-kind items for the auction; 2 watches with the NFS logo, 2 jackets with the logo, a clock with the logo, and a framed poster of Zebrns. Paul Williams conducted a spirited auction which brought in around \$300. Thanks to both of them.

For the very first time NFS presented a very special award which will become an annual event. The Dr. Val Cleer Memorial Award for the Best Softbill in the National Show went to Sandy and Frank Hudson of Calvert, Texas for the terrific Lilac Braasted Roller they exhibited. Congratulations.

Champion Exhibitor Awards were presented to those present; Tom Rood, Pat & Mary Krichten, Patrick Vance and Jim Helsey. Others will receive their awards in the mail. All deserve our congratulations.

By the editor from Denise Capazzi's terrific notes.

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THE FIRST NFS VIDEO IS COMPLETED

"THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS: AN INTRODUCTION"

It made its debut at the Oklahoma City National show and it was very successful! Jon Hoffmann has compiled over 140 slides from some of the premier collections in North America and has done an interesting (and amusing) narration in his inimitable style to accompany the brilliantly colored slides.

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for \$ 15, plus shipping and handling. Contact Jon for more details, and please don't forget to thank him for all of the hours of his professional time that he devoted to this project. Thanks Jen, from the Editor.

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WHO SANG WHILE ROME BURNED?

by Les Gibson

A question which naturally brings up the well-known Roman poet, Catullus. Well, everybody knew him circa 60 B.C. as a man-about-town. A gentleman of Verona, Gaius Valerius Catullus was a sort of early version of Robert Burns. While Burns died at 37, from a fever exacerbated by drink and wild women, Catullus managed to burn himself out at age 30! He was on borrowed time anyway, for he was known for writing obscene political lampoons against Caesar. Burns wrote similar stuff in his day. Catullus, like Burns, also wrote some passionate love lyrics to his girlfriends, many of whom were high-society, married ladies, as were some of Burns' paramours. You should read some of this stuff!

In his short but happy life, Catullus had a passionate fondness for a certain beautiful Roman matron, 10 years his senior, and wrote a couple of poems about her and her pet bird. In one, he expresses jealousy of her kissing the bird and hugging it to her bosom. In the second poem, "Lesbia's Tears", he berates death for taking the bird and causing his friend to wear a sad and tearful face. He is really only miffed because this interferes with his love-life, and he doesn't actually care about the bird itself.

Translating poems into a foreign language is probably about the most difficult writing task there is, next to editing this magazine! That's why Burns, for example, is better known in the (ex) Soviet Union than in the (current) United States. (Is California still with us?) A canary is mentioned twice in the first poem above. In the second, only a "little bird" is mentioned, presumably the same bird. The word "canary" was not necessary for rhyming purposes in English, so perhaps it was a translation for "Serin".

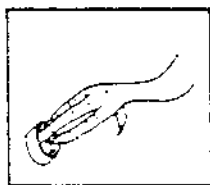
The Romans, like the present-day Italians, were keen on songbirds, both for listening to and eating! At home, they had the usual European favorites, like the Goldfinch, while a variety of Serins would have been available from their N. African provinces. (The name Africa originally applied to the province around Carthage, now in Tunisia.)

It would be interesting to see cages from the era. Does anyone know if any survived? Or perhaps they used the system known later in northwest Europe; that of tying song birds to a perch with a long thread attached to its foot. The Romans used this method for anchoring their Latin-speaking parrots, except they would have used light chains.

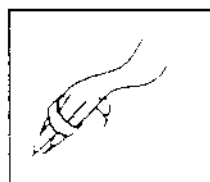
So when Nero fiddled as Rome burned, we will just have to guess which of the songbirds began to sing in competition with him.

Leg banding Procedure

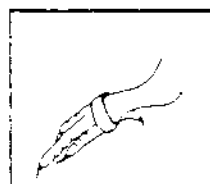
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The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking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



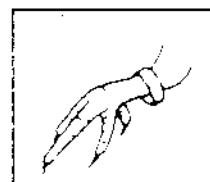
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



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.

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- C Blue Caps, Green Singers, Silverbills, Stars, Shafttails, Cherry, Red-headed Parrot, Painted, Heck's, Pileated, Grey Singers, Pytilias, Bronze-wing and Black and White Mannikin.
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- D Zebras, Gouldians, Pictorellas, Yellow-rumps, Chestnut-breasted, Blue-faced Parrot, Pintail Nonpareil, most other Parrot finches, most smaller Mannikins and most Twin Spots.
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- E Society, Spice, Siskins, Golden Song Sparrows, Diamond Sparrows, Nuns, Peter's Twin Spots and Black Crested Finches.
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- G Magpie Mannikins, and other large Mannikins, European Goldfinch and small Tanagers.
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- J Pekin Robin, Silver-eared Mesias and other small softbills.
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- K Java Rice, Shama Thrush, Saffron and Red-crested Cardinal.
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 2. Qualifications MUST include:
 - a. Have bred finches for five years.
 - b. Have exhibited under own name (or own every name) for three years.
 - c. Must have placed five (5) times in top ten in shows under (at least) three (3) NFS Panel Judges.
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 4. Cannot apprentice until the test is passed. Each of three apprenticeships to be pre-approved by the Panel Chairman, the Panel Judge involved and the Show Manager of the show involved.
 5. Once three apprenticeships are completed and satisfactory reports are received from the judges involved, the apprentice must submit a request through the Panel Director for final Board approval.
 6. The Apprentice must appear before the Board, (or submit a notarized statement) indicating she/he understands and agrees to the following:
 - a. When requested to write a report, it must be done immediately. (Example - the three reports of shows to be judged.)
 - b. All show reports must be in within two weeks.
 - c. All judges must respond to all inquiries and must participate on Stenderd committee.
 - d. NFS Panel Judge must adhere to all NFS Judges rules and must judge by current NFS Stenderd.
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RAMBLINGS FROM A BIRD PERSON

by Ken Archer

My Spice Finch is feeding 4 Gold-breasted chicks, that is, when he is not feeding the senile European Gold Finch or ushering a Fire Finch chick or guarding some other bird who is under the weather.

Speaking of senile birds, I'd like to hear from others with a geriatric flock. I've got a Lavender with cataracts so bad they can be seen from across the room. He sure is easy to catch. I moved some things and had to put them back so he wouldn't crash into the wall. He knows where the food is however. How long do finches live anyhow, 10, 15 years? Do all old birds get bald head/necks?

Yes, Les Gibson, I do have Blue-naped Mousebirds. Thanks to a leg band accident the hen now has one leg, but the cock only had one good wing. I have been contemplating handicapped ramps but so far she is doing better than he is. I had a talk with them to advise that the male isn't supposed to sit on eggs, he just gave me a strange look and continued to sit. The changing of the guard is quick. The switch is very quick, I don't think the eggs ever sees light in the switch. When she hurt her leg they had a fertile egg. The Diamond Dove hatched it but proceeded to throw it out as an obviously defective Dove chick. I tried to raise it but no luck. Back to the International Scientific Survey. The male has a more red eye patch, his blue patch is bluer and his call is stronger. The hen is heavier bodied. The mousebirds are free with all the finches and bother no one. They don't even strike at finch chicks who land on or near them. I would certainly like to have some more Mousebirds. Perhaps a consortium could be formed . . .

I have a breeding pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills. I just let them do their thing. They do not like their nest disturbed and will abandon it if disturbed. They breed like Zebra finches once they get it figured out. The Gold-breasted were 3 to 4 years old before they started breeding.

In response to Martha Wigmore's question. Any softbill large enough so that it cannot get its head through the wire would appreciate the length but not the height. I would not keep more than one pair of large softbills in the cage. Softbills can become aggressive quickly and do fatal harm in breeding season. Don't be conservative in the first softbills, get something with color or song. My experience shows they are forgiving in diet as long as it is not a specialized diet requiring nectars or exotic egg mixes. There are some very good pelletized diets which, with fruits, vegetable and protein supplements are great. Suggestions; toucans, acarias, thrushes, orioles, starlings, mynahs.

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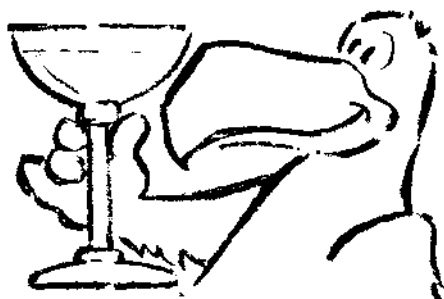
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