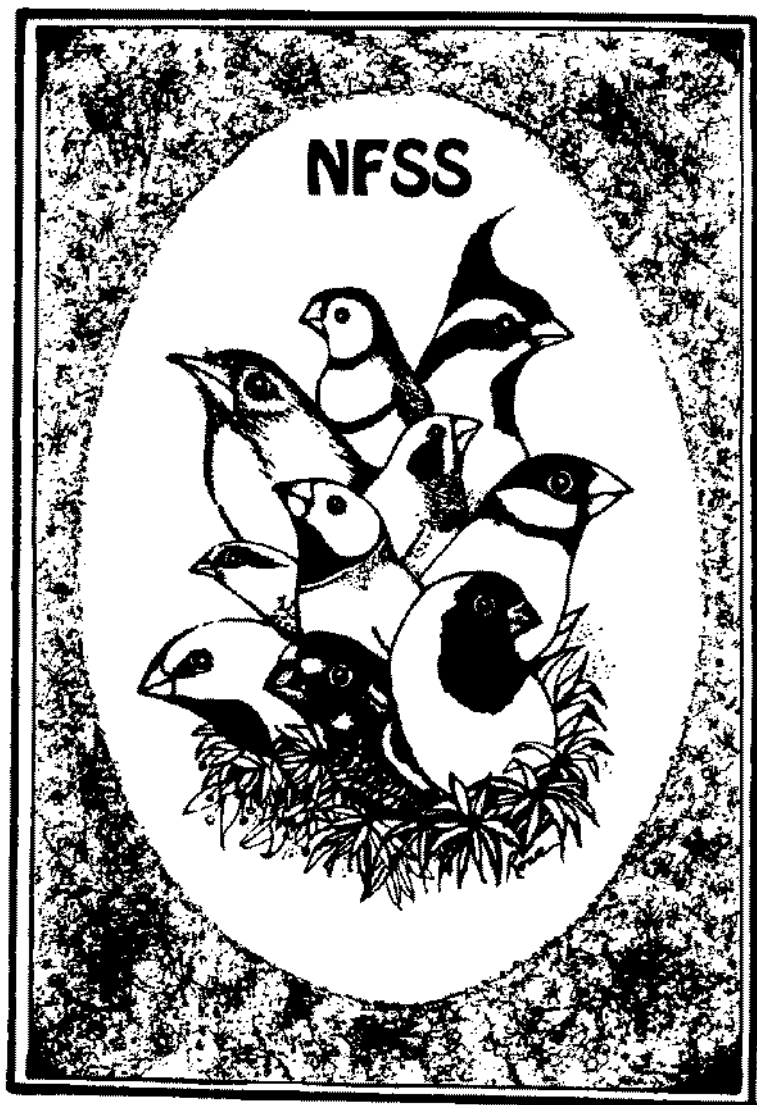


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In this issue:

We have a couple more letters to the membership. From Region #4 Vice President, Dale Laird we have another article, this time talking about who makes up the NFSS Board of Directors. Once again Ron Castaner has written more. This issue discussing dehydration in birds. We also have an article describing how to sex Owl Finches. Tim Roche has written another wonderful article about European Finches, this one takes a look at the European Goldfinch. And from our foreign finch breeders in Australia comes some information on the Blue-faced Parrotfinch. And finally this *Bulletin* contains the classifications that finches and softbills are shown in.

This issue of the *Bulletin* may seem a little thin. It is and that's because it needs your help. NFSS and *The Bulletin* are made up of and run by volunteers. All the articles you read are donated to our society. Most all of us have some information to share, so please help *The Bulletin* to continue to grow and consider writing something for it.

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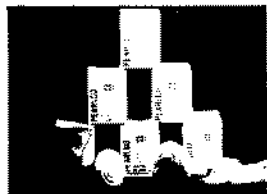
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Compiled from NFSS Directors

News from the Band Secretary

After almost two years of discussion and sample band comparisons we now have bands to fit from the smallest Waxbill to the largest Hornbills (if anyone needs bigger than offered, I can get them). Several people, including me, have been buying other society's bands to use on our large softbills. That is no longer necessary. My husband, Dale, and I have talked to a number of people across the country, Europe, and our band supplier to compile the recommended sizes for various species. If you find them to be too big or too small under your application please call me. When we sent samples to various breeders based on what the Europeans are using, our members thought they were too small. The species recommendations are consistent with our members desires for a looser fitting band. Dale has already tested the "T" bands on the Red Crested Touracos and found them to fit okay.

1996 Show Corrections and Additions

We apologize to Carolyn D. Belisle of Necedah, Wisconsin for leaving out her Gouldian which accrued 21 points.

Yellow Headed Gouldian - D8162 '96"

This show was accidentally omitted from the two previous show reports

New Mexico Bird Club, Albuquerque, NM., September 28, 1996

Judge— Charlie Anchor. Exhibitors 5, Entries 31

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Chuck Galusha	Northern Shafitall	2,046
3	Lucie Keen	Java Ricebird	K 91
2	Chuck Galusha	White Society	
1	Chuck Galusha	Color Bred Canary	

From the Editor's Desk...



This month's column is not so much humorous as last issue's. At least that was my intent, to be humorous, and unfortunately atleast one member misunderstood my attempt. In case there are any; I was only being sarcastic about my own situation. I really feel I am one of the luckiest people in the world and would trade places with no one.

Unfortunately in the past year and a half I have received some sad news. news that several true and successful finch breeders from here in the midwest have left our sacred hobby. I'm not talking about people with a few finches but aviculturists with noteworthy collections and a lot of experience and successes. There has been at least one from all the nearby states. Most have stopped keeping finches because their jobs or families have required them to be freed from the tight constraints that keeping finches demands. Regretfully one left more than just the avicultural world. That person may just be the one that pushed me towards working with finches rather than any type of other animal.

Since the first day I can remember I have had a strong interest and preoccupation for animals. I always

knew some how my life's occupation would be working with them.

In junior high school, I volunteered at a local pet store just so I could be around animals. From there I had pets of the furry, finned and feathered kind. In high school though the birds began to dominate my pack rat collection of misfit pets. And it was then I started raising the common species. During the college years almost all the pets went except for a few pair of birds (parrots). About that time is when I joined a bird club and in the club was a man who seemed to have every type of little bird you could imagine. Through his own interest in the finches he unknowingly sparked my beginning interest in them.

From there on my own finch collection grew equal along with my parrot collection. That is until they both became so large that one had to go. I loved the parrots but there was no way I would give up the finches. Even while working for the zoo, I still gravitated to the finches and softbills. I truly enjoyed working with reptiles, carnivores, hoofstock, primates, cranes, waterfowl, pheasants and more. But I always went back to the finches and softbills and that probably can be accredited to that one man with all those finches.

Now with fellow aviculturists leaving our hobby, I wonder who will fill their shoes. Hopefully someone will and I guess it is up to us to introduce others to our hobby, especially those young aspiring minds!

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Letters to the Membership:

Points for Specialty Shows

At the All Zebra and Society Finch show held in Kansas City in '96, and to be held this year '97. Not one exhibitor at that show had any regrets because no points were awarded. We all went to the show to show our birds (key word "show") not compete for points.

Having been one of the exhibitors. I would like to say I went to exhibit my birds and socialize with other Zebra and Society Finch breeders. If the only reason you go to a show is to compete for points stay away. I go to see if my birds conform to the standards and see how other breeders around the country are interpreting the standards.

In my opinion points have not improved our society in any way. The all Zebra and Society Finch show had one of the largest number of entries among shows in the '96 show year. So the lack of points did not seem to have kept breeders away.

We sure enjoyed seeing each other and watching our birds compete.

Sincerely,

Charlie Anchor

Dear Editor-Man

A hearty thank you to you and all the contributions to The NFSS *Bulletin* for keeping me in touch with our organization! My thanks, I know are long overdue! But often thought.

In addition to *The Bulletin*, my other lifeline to our hobby is the British avian newspaper *Cage and Aviary Birds*. Like many of its readers, I usually flip to the back page and read first Roy Stringer's humorous commentaries on the hobby. (Atleast he likes to think they are humorous, and we could do worse than to humor the likes of him. He reminds me of some of our judges.) Just the other day he wrote about special recognition awards that some clubs distribute. For instance, some clubs have wooden spoon awards to give

recognition to the members who stir up the most controversy during the year. Why not go further and have a whoopee cushion trophy for the member who has been the biggest pain in the.....neck?"

Is it my imagination, or is NFSS overdue for a few more candidates for a wooden spoon award (or whoopee cushion award, if you prefer)? After more than a few years in the thick of it, now like most of our members I'm out of the current of information about our club except for what I receive in the pages of the bimonthly *Bulletin* (and the usual grumble or two overheard at a show). And I gotta tell you, I have sure been wondering this year-and-a-half:

What's cooking? What's coming up? Going down? Any special projects suggested - in education, publishing, FINCHSAVE, in our Regions? What about contributions to worthwhile individuals or groups? (Tom'd probably still like that new van...) Whatever happened to the breeder recognition program, the Conservation Committee, and projects similar to the waxbill survey? What are the goals, the dreams of our President? Are we getting there?

Administratively, was there a 1st quarter Board meeting this year? Any Board meetings scheduled? (Right, it isn't really any of my business, but it's so darn quiet out there. Makes me really curious. I'd say.) Any "audit" being carried out of the last year, per our Bylaws? Everybody all OK out there?

And, by the way, whatever happened to one of our panel judges whose name just simply disappeared from the panel listing back in the Jul/Aug '96 issue of the *Bulletin* without comment - our past President & Editor Brenda Geesey?

Admittedly, I usually forget more than half of what I'm told, or read... Is anything happening out there besides basic nuts & bolts? I do gratefully acknowledge our officers and managers who bust their whoopee cushion warmers on our behalf. And those members who are thinking through standards presently. You're the good ones, that's for sure!

Perhaps we have too many individuals this year vying to receive that other special award that Mr. Stringer writes about in his column - the Lifebelt, or Life-preserver award - for the member who never rocks the boat. Or never leaves the dock?

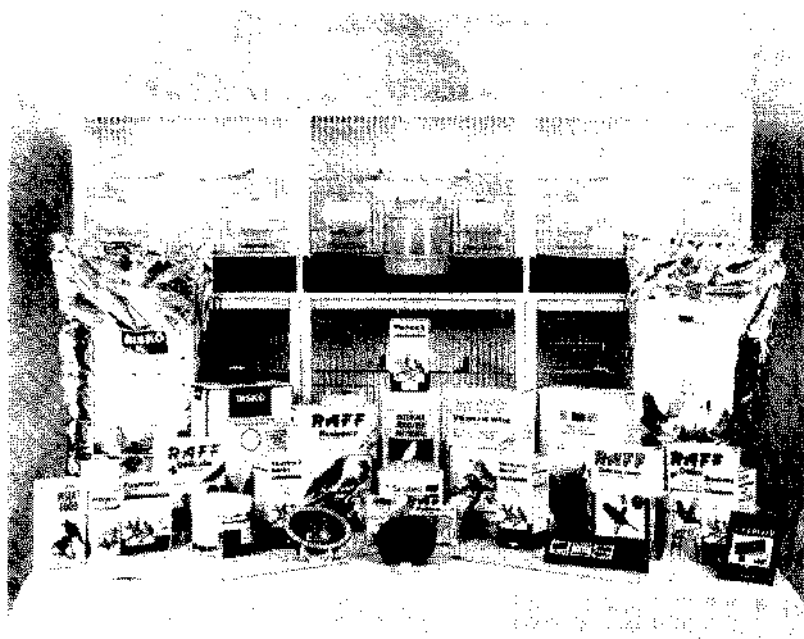
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*By Dale Laird
A Board Member*

I don't mean who the individual Board Members are. You can read who they are in the inside front cover of *The Bulletin*. But, who are they really? Without exception, they are NFSS members who were elected to the position they hold by the membership. None of the Board or Committee Chairpersons are paid employees. *The Bulletin* Editor does receive a small stipend for publishing the Bulletin, which does not come close to the time and material he spends on it. All are Elected Volunteers.

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All of the Board look forward to hearing from other members of NFSS and continue to do their best to answer your needs.

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European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

by *Tim Roche*
Tewksbury, MA

The Goldfinch has to be Europe's best known finch, with specimens accompanying the first settlers to this country. A bird which possesses both beautiful coloration and sweet song also has a great variation in size. Whether it be the, four and three-fourths to five inches, central and southern bird or the huge, six and one quarter, Siberian or Archangel variety, no finch keeper should be without a pair. Sexes appear similar with a chestnut back, chestnut breast divided by white to the cheeks and a brilliant red blaze. Black crown, tail and wing feathers with a yellow wing bar dress this prince to perfection. Size should not be taken into account when trying to sex the bird. Two of the following three pointers should be established in order to confirm sex. all three put question beyond doubt.

Question #1

The red blaze on the male will extend beyond the eye towards the back of the head, whilst on the female it tends to fall short, stopping just before the end of the eye socket.

Question #2

The nasal hairs of the males are jet black, females possess brown nasal hairs.

Question #3

Blowing the chestnut breast feathers of the birds will uncover a scattering of pale yellow feathering in the male, which is absent in the female.

In the wild the bird frequents open farmland, and orchards are their preferred nesting areas, making them ideal candidates for colony breeding if a large enough aviary is available. these birds are quite easy to breed in a decent size cage, something along the size of 24" long by 18" high and 18" deep will suffice. Niger seed is a great favorite of this bird and I offer it at lib to my pairs, along with a good finch mixture of 50% plain canary, 10% mixed millets, 10% Linseed, 10% Hemp Seed, 5% safflower, 5% Maw or Poppy Seed. 5% Niger and 5% Pinhead Oats. Soaked Sunflower and Pigeon conditioning mix is offered once a week during the autumn and winter. Changing it three times a week during the spring and daily when young are being raised. Sprinkling extra Niger or Maw Seed over eggfood will soon entice the birds to sample it and eventually acquire a taste for it.

When in breeding condition the black tips on the end of the cock and hens beaks will disappear. After

much swaying back and forth with tails fanned, a cupped shaped natural nest of moss and fine grass with animal hair lining will eventually contain four or five pale blue spotted and streaked eggs. Chicks hatch after 12 days and mini mealworms should be included on the rearing menu. Romaine lettuce, Dandelion plants and Shepherds Purse all achieve preferred status for greenfood requirements at this stage. The young fledge at 14 - 16 days and are self supporting after about a month with the parents generally double brooding.

The young birds resemble the parents but the blaze and black head are absent with the chest being streaked. They are commonly referred to at this stage as graypates, awaiting their transformation to adult plumage and their place at centre stage. Only upstaged by the European Bullfinch for beauty, the Goldfinch has become almost as popular on this side of the Atlantic as it is on the other.



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Sexing Owl Finches

by *Stephan V. Hopman*
Frankfort, IL

During the last year or so I have seen several excellent articles concerning the general care and breeding of the Owl or Bicheno finch (*Poephila bichenovii*). The one problem that everyone seems to have is determining the sex. Having bred these diminutive little gems for over five years now I've come up with a couple ways to sex them at a fairly early age.

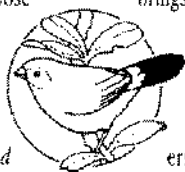
When the young birds are between 60-90 days of age I take and one at a time put them into a small cage approximately 10" high x 9" deep x 16" long. Two perches are placed on either side of the cage at the same height. Place the cage, with the bird in it, in a room with no other birds to distract it. (I know this may be an impossibility for some of you

but do the best you can.) position yourself out of the direct line of vision of the bird. I like to place the cage on the dining room table, then curl up on the floor about 6' away with a pillow and two Dobermans! If the bird is a male chances are he will start to sing within five minutes. There is also a distinct difference in stance between the sexes. The cock bird always maintains a vertical stance. When alighting on a perch he seems to have a string attached to the top of his head - everytime he perches his head seems to pop up. The hen on the other hand usually maintains a more horizontal posture. When flying between perches she keeps her head down and seldom raises it up before taking flight once more.

When the birds are mature at nine months of age the cocks generally have a whiter chest as compared to the hen with grayer chest. I hope this note has been of help to my fellow finch breeders and will result in more "true pairs" going to their new homes.

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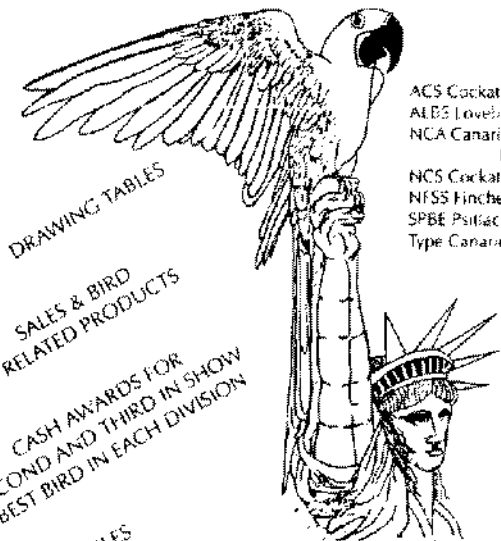
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Your Bird's Health

Dehydration in Birds

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Dehydration is very important to recognize and understand. Most of the sick birds die of dehydration first, before the illness that caused their problem. To dehydrate something is to remove the moisture or not replace it. When this happens the body organs cannot operate normally and the disease will become stronger and harder to cure. A sick bird doesn't drink much water, or no water at all. So make sure you have water located low in the cage, especially if the bird cannot perch. You might, or should I say you have to, give some electrolyte by crop needle or eye dropper feeding. Gatorade or Pedialyte is good. The liquid is only good for 24 hours after it is opened up. If you can find powdered electrolyte it is better, lasts longer and you will have very little waste. Birds can be short of energy and lose their willingness to live which is why they may not drink which will escalate the illness. The electrolyte is very important, also heat lamps keep the bird warm. A sick bird should be kept at 90 degrees and 80%

humidity, this is a must so that the bird doesn't become dehydrated.

When a bird loses body water the blood flows to the muscles and the fluid is withdrawn from the muscle tissue to compensate water loss.

Once water is taken from the muscle, it cannot function properly and the bird frequently cannot fly. The birds at this stage, even without infections, toxins or starvation, are less able to fly and they become more stressed.

The sudden weight loss in sick birds is not protein loss but in fact the loss of water, the bird is dehydrated.

Birds can lose 30% of their body water (weight) and appear normal.

By the time we notice the weight loss the bird is in very serious condition and the chance to turn this around is very difficult, if not impossible, especially if it has been sick for a long time.

Prevention is cheaper than the treatment. Most birds taken to the Vet's as emergencies have a history of inadequate water intake. Early fluid replacement will help the bird replace fluid without interfering with treatments. Veterinarians have several ways to administer fluids. Under the skin, into the muscle, intravenous and into the bone marrow. These are things that the average bird keeper cannot do, however, all bird keepers can administer oral supplements like electrolytes or Gatorade to prevent dehydration and the possibility of damaging any internal organs

more than they already are. Keep the birds from becoming more stressed.

The crop needle is the best way to administer fluids and medications. You can try an eyedropper but sometimes the bird can choke. Crop needles are quick, safe and effective. The fluid is given directly into the crop and you are sure the bird is taking it.

Another necessity is the hospital cage. Rather than to try to determine if the bird is dehydrated, it is better to assume that all birds are and treat them as such. Sick birds pose a problem of what to do. Placing the sick bird in the hospital cage and electrolyte crop feeding are good places to start on the birds road to recovery. The longer you wait the more damage will happen to the internal organs. To restore the birds to normal health after the effects of dehydration occur will take longer, if at all. Sick birds stop eating even though they spend most of the day in the seed bowl and they drink little if any water. It is necessary to provide a high protein easily digestible diet, using the crop needle is the best way. in such cases handfeeding formula with a little papaya can be used for a few days then soft eggfood with soaked seed. The high protein diet and water is quickly absorbed supplying the bird with what it desperately needs. Giving it a better chance to start fighting any disease or infection that the bird might have. Contact your Vet if not better in a few days.

One way to detect or eliminate any problems before they enter your aviary is to quarantine all new birds. The purpose is to detect or eliminate any potential problems before they can enter into your collection or aviary. You must observe all the birds in quarantine for any signs of disease, like wheezing, gasping, weight loss, soiled vent, eye or nasal discharge, prolonged inactivity, eating too much, always in the seed dish. A few diseases are: External parasites (lice and mites) Internal parasites (worms) Protozoa (canker, coccidia) Psittacosis, and others. There is a new one that they are studying now for the last few years called megabacteria. Managing finches is a little different. They require more shelters. Solid walls are needed for safety and so they feel more secure. Protection is needed especially from direct winds or drafts. The floor should be dry. Ventilation is a must and clean water is always a necessity. Regular cleaning is a must. Seed mixes should always be fresh and clean.

Soaked seed should be supplied all year round. Oil and herb seed should be used during the winter to provide extra energy and fat to withstand the lower temperature. Many finches require insect protein. A good observation, rapid first aid and professional help should save the birds. We are loosing too many finches from inexperience. Ask for help when you need it.

The Blue Faced (Parrot) Finch

by a Northern Member

This article first appeared in the February 1994 issue of the Finch News, the official publication of the The Queensland Finch Society Inc. of Australia.

This very popular finch is an ideal subject for beginners and for the experienced breeders.

Because they are so well known little description is required. Sexing is simple. They should be sexed in bright sunlight where the intensity of the blue in cock birds is easily observed. Cocks also have more extensive area of blue and they trill almost continuously at the onset of the breeding season. They also dive the hens prior to mating. An easy bird to sex.

These finches will nest all year round (in the North Queensland area) with slight resting periods during the very hot, very wet and very cold periods of the year.

They are at home in large/small, planted/unplanted, colony/single pair, and even in cabinet breeding which I never tried.

My colonies range from two pair (not recommended by some because of harassment of hens by over-eager males) to twenty pair. The colony situation stimulates breeding

activities but the same situation can be achieved by housing single pairs in mixed collections in adjoining aviaries.

Young birds tend to leave the nest early and can become "lost" in large planted aviaries.

Clutch sizes vary from 3 to 8 eggs. I feel that some of the large clutches may be the result of two hens using the same nest (whether they are mated with the same cock is debatable).

Large clutches of eggs rarely give rise to large numbers of fledged young as usually only the strongest three or four will survive. The size difference between the first and last hatched is often amazing and it is little wonder that the smaller chicks succumb.

Nest inspection is a must to remove any dead youngsters which the parents do not remove themselves. Blue "parroties" are very tolerant and though I scratch the side of the box to warn the hens, many will not leave the nest until the box is lifted from the nail.

Should you have large number of nests on the go at the same time, chicks can be shifted around to equalize clutch sizes with similarly sized young. This will prevent the losses associated with large clutches and hens accept these changes without problems.

Nesting sites vary from boxes (budgie size or larger), favored by 80% - 90% of my pairs, to Guinea grass stools 10% to 15%, to tea tree brush on very rare occasions.

Nesting materials are many and various. In fact any herbage from small tea tree branches, tea tree leaves, couch runners, November grass and feathers will be used.

Blue faced finches do not practice nest hygiene. Nest can be quite filthy just before young fledge and should be pulled out and burned when all young fledge because hens often lay again 4-5 days after the clutch leaves home. Coopex dust may be placed in the bottom of the box to discourage pests such as cockroaches.

In large colonies I have seen groups of young in a "nursery" situation being fed by hens other than their parents.

Young birds have been observed cracking seeds as early as seven days from the nest but I feel that at least a fortnight and probably three weeks elapse before they are separated.

These parrot finches are compatible with other foreign and Australian finches but do have the bad habit of stealing nesting material from other finches' nest resulting in eggs or young being lost onto the aviary floor. They will hybridize with Red-faced Parrot Finches so should be kept separate.

The Blue-faced Parrot Finch is almost omnivorous and mine are fed on Budgie mix, Guinea Grass seed heads, canned sweet corn, fruit (such as paw paw, apple, orange, any melon, mango), white ants, mealworms, and maggots and egg and biscuit mix which they particularly relish (one hard boiled egg mashed shell and all with two dessert spoons of commercial egg and biscuit mix). In short with my "blues" if it is edible they will eat it.

MUTATIONS:

A dirty word for some, but we still do live in a free country (becoming less so all the time) and you may choose to keep or not keep the birds of your choice. Divisions within our ranks can only provide ammunition for the enemies of aviculture. But I digress.

I have read of pied Blue-faced Parrot Finches but have neither seen these nor their photographs so can only assume that these have not been established.

Lutino Blues however are quite well established. They lack the blue pigmentation and the green of the normal of the normal appears as yellow while the blue of the head appears as no colour (white). The eyes are the standard pink of the lutino and these birds do have something of a problem with their eye sight which makes them unsuitable for very large aviaries. I keep mine in fully covered aviaries 3m x 1.5m x 1m where they

have few worries. potential keepers should be aware of this situation.

This mutation is sex linked and the expectations can be simply worked out using the "lattice" squares and the following symbols:

Cocks

Normal Cock	(N,N)
Lutino Cock	(L,L)
Split Cock	(N,L)

Hens

Normal Hen	(N,-)
Lutino Hen	(L,-)

There is no such thing as a split hen bird

Normal Hen X Split Cock

(N -) X (N,L)

- (N,N)- 25% Normal Cocks
- (N,L)-25% Split Cocks
- (L -)- 25% Lutino Hen
- (N -)- 25% Normal Hens

All Lutinos from this pairing are hens and can be detected from day one of hatching (lutino young appear to have no eyes until their eyes open, whereas normal young have the normal black dots), Cocks will have to be test mated perhaps more than once to establish that they are/ are not split birds.

Lutino Hen X Split Cock

(L -) X (N,L)

- (L,L)- 25% Lutino Cocks
- (N,L)- 25% Split Cocks
- (L -)- 25% Lutino Hens
- (N -)- 25% Normal Hens

This is quite an advantageous pairing and many breeders sell their Lutino hens with split cock birds. Unfortunately there are many tales of "split" cock birds that are in fact not. Let the buyer beware.

Lutino Hen X Normal Cock

(L -) X (N,N)

- (L,N)- 50% Split Cocks
- (N -)-50% Normal Hen

Normal Hen X Lutino Cock

(N -) X (L,L)

- (N,L)- 50% Split cocks
- (L -)- 50 %Lutino Hens

Lutino X Lutino- Of course give all lutino offspring.

The Blue Face Parrot Finch; a hardy bird with simple needs. Ideal for beginner and experienced keeper and with the added bonus of the lutino mutation. No wonder it is so popular in our aviaries.

The National Finch and Softbill Society's
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- Local show officials must not allow the exhibition of federally or locally illegal entries.

Young Class

Old Class

Section One—Softbills

Sub Section 1—Nectarines

100	Hummingbirds	101
102	Dacnis	103
104	Sunbirds	105
106	Honeycreepers/Sugarbirds	107
108	White Eyes (Zosterops)	109
110	Bananaquits	111
112	Any Other Variety (AOV)	113

Sub Section 2—Mynah Birds

114	Indian Hill Mynahs	115
116	Dumont Mynah	117
118	Pagoda Mynah	119
120	AOV	121

Young Class

Old Class

Sub Section 3—Small Softbills

122	Starlings	123
124	Bulbuls	125
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130	Thrushes	131
132	Tanagers	133
134	Leafbirds	135
136	Barbets	137
138	AOV	139

Sub Section 4—Large Softbills

140	Toucans	141
142	Toucanettes	143
144	Touracos	145
146	Jays & Magpies	147
148	Hornbills	149
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Section Two—Zebra Finches**Sub Section 1—Normal Zebra**

200	Normal Gray Cock	201
202	Normal Gray Hen	203

Sub Section 2—Fawn Zebra

204	Fawn Cock	205
206	Fawn Hen	207

Sub Section 3—Chestnut Flanked White Zebra

208	Chestnut-flanked White Cock	209
210	Chestnut-flanked White Hen	211

Sub Section 4—Other Variety Zebras

212	White	213
214	Pied	215
216	Silver	217
218	Cream	219
220	Penquin	221
222	Florida Fancy	223

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Sub Section 5—Rarer Variety Zebras

224	Black-breasted	225
226	Orange-breasted	227
228	Crested, any color	229
230	Dilute	231
232	Light-back	233
234	AOV	235

Section Three—Australian Finches**Sub Section 1—Gouldians**

300	Red-headed Normal	301
302	Black-headed Normal	303
304	Orange-headed Normal	305
306	White Breasted	307
308	Yellow Bodied	309
310	Blue Bodied	311
312	AOV	313

Sub Section 2—Pintailed Type

314	Normal Shafttail	315
316	Mutation Shafttail	317
318	Masked	319
320	Parsons	321
322	AOV	323

Sub Section 3—Grassfinches

324	Diamond Sparrow	325
326	Cherry Finch (Plumhead)	327
328	Bicheno (Owl)	329
330	Star Finch	331
332	Mutation Star Finch	333
334	Painted	335
336	Crimson (Blood Finch)	337
338	AOV	339

Sub Section 4—Waxbill/Mannikin

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342	Pictorella	343
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Section Four—Indo-Pacific Finches

Sub Section 1—Parrot Finches

400	Blue-faced	401
402	Red-headed	403
404	Pintailed Nonpareil	405
406	AOV	407

Sub Section 2—Java Rice Birds

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410	White	411
412	Pied (Calico)	413
414	Cinnamon	415
416	AOV	417

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422	Strawberry	423
424	Green Avadavat	425
426	White-hooded Nun	427
428	Pallid Nun	429
430	Black-hooded Nun	431
432	Tricolor Nun	433
434	AOV	435

Section Five—Society Finches

Sub Section 1—Chocolate Society

500	Self Chocolate	501
502	Chocolate and White	503
504	Dilute Chocolate	505

Sub Section 2—Fawn Society

506	Self Fawn	507
508	Fawn and White	509
510	Dilute Fawn	511

Sub Section 3—Chestnut Society

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514	Chestnut & White	515
516	Dilute Chestnut	517

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520	Chocolate Crested	521
522	Fawn Crested	523
524	Chestnut Crested	525
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528	AOV	529

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	Sub Section 1—European Finches	
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	Sub Section 1—Small Waxbills	
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704	Red-eared	705
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710	Lavender	711
712	Aurora (Crimson-winged Pytilia)	713
714	Yellow-winged Pytilia	715
716	AOV	717

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720	Blue-capped	721
722	Black Cheek Waxbill	723
724	Melba	725
726	Violet-eared	727
728	Purple Grenadier	729
730	AOV	731

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732	Dusky	733
734	Dybowski's	735
736	Green-backed	737
738	Peter's	739
740	AOV	741

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744	Magpie	745
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750	Red-headed Finch	751
752	Blue-billed (Black and White)	753
754	AOV	755

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758	Orange Bishop Weaver	759
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764	Pintailed Whydah	765
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768	Combassou	769
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786	St. Helena Seed-eater	787
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804	AOV	805

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808	White-collared	809
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812	Crimson Pileated	813
814	Cuban Melodius	815
816	Black-crested Finch	817
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822	Red-crested (Brazilian)	823
824	Green	825
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828	Yellow-billed	829
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Young Class

Old Class

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Sub Section 1—Doves, Quails and Rails

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Show October 4, 1997

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Exhibition***Show #1* April 18, 1997

Panel Judge: Miki Sparzak

Show #2 April 19, 1997

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Show #3 April 20, 1997Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau
Puyallup, WA

1997 Chronological Show List

There's a show for everyone

January

- 1/25 FL (34 entries)
Heartland Avian Soc
(Stephen Hoppin)

February

- 2/15 FL (133 entries)
Florida State Fair
Exotic Bird Show
Day 1
(Martha Wigmore)

- 2/16 FL (114 entries)
Florida State Fair
Exotic Bird Show
Day 2
(William Parlee)

- 2/23 PR (46 entries)
Organizacion Puer-
torriquena de Aves
Show #1
(Dr. Al Decoteau)
■ PR (96 entries)
Organizacion Puer-
torriquena de Aves
Show #2
(Dr. Al Decoteau)

April

- 4/18 WA
Pacific Northwest
Bird Show
Show #1
(Miki Spartzak)

- 4/19 WA
Pacific Northwest
Bird Show
Show #2
(Conrad Meinert)

- 4/20 PR
Organizacion
Puertorriquena
de Aves
Show #2

- WA
Pacific Northwest
Bird Show
Day #3
(Dr. Al Decoteau)

June

- 6/7 IL
Illini Bird Fanciers
(Earl Courts)

- 6/18 MO
Heart of America
Hookbill and Finch
Soc.

- 6/22 PR
Organizacion Puer-
torriquena de Aves
Show #3

August

- 8/23 FL
Aviary and Cage
Bird Society of
South Florida

- 8/24 PR
Organizacion Puer-
torriquena de Aves
Show #4

September

- 9/6 MI
Midwest Cage Bird
Club
(Clarence Culwell)

- 9/13 PA
Chester County Bird
Breeders

- 9/27 OH
Fort Defiance Bird
Club

- OH
The Toledo Bird
Association
(Patrick Vance)

- OK
Bird Fanciers of
Oklahoma
(Paul Williams)

- NM
New Mexico Bird
Club
Day 1
(Ray Johnson)

- 9/28 NM
New Mexico Bird
Club
Day 2
(Conrad Meinert)

October

- 10/4 IA
Mid America Cage
Bird Society
(Tom Rood)

October

■ **MI**

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders

(Christine Voronovitch)

■ **NH**

Great American Bird Show

(Daren Decoteau)

■ **TX**

Fort Worth Bird Club

(Stephen Hoppin)

10/11 **FL**

Sunshine State Cage Bird Society

(Tom Road)

■ **IN**

Indiana Bird Fanciers

(Miki Spartzak)

■ **KS**

Kansas Avicultural Society

(Dr. Al Decoteau)

10/18 **LA**

Gulf South Bird Club

(Miki Spartzak)

■ **MA**

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

(Charles Anchor)

■ **MI**

Great Lakes Avicultural Society

■ **MO**

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society

(Paul Williams)

■ **NY**

New York Finch & Type Canary Club

10/25 **CA**

Capitol City Bird Society

■ **CT**

Connecticut Association for Aviculture

(Christine Voronovitch)

■ **OK**

Oklahoma Cage Bird Society

■ **MI**

Motor City Bird Breeders

(Dr. Al Decoteau)

■ **TX**

Texas Bird Breeders Fanciers Association

(Cecil Gumby)

November

11/1 **CA**

Finch Society of San Diego Day 1

(Joseph Krader)

■ **GA**

Georgia Cage Bird Society

■ **IL**

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club

(Tom Road)

■ **PA**

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society

(Dr. Al Decoteau)

■ **TX**

Texas Canary Club

11/2 **CA**

Finch Society of San Diego

Day 2

(Hal Koontz)

11/8 **CA**

Canary and Finch Society

(Paul Williams)

■ **CA**

Golden Gate Avian Society

■ **MO**

Missouri Cage Bird Association

(Patrick Vance)

11/20, 21, & 22 **CO**

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture

The National Cage Bird Show

11/29 **IL**

National Institute of Red-orange Canaries

(Martha Wigmore)

11/30 **FL**

Florida West Coast Avian Society

(Stephen Hoppin)

December

12/6 **FL**

Colorbred Canary Club of Miami

(Tom Road)

■ **PR**

Organizacion Puertorriquena de Aves Exoticas

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