

NFSS Journal

25 years and going strong!

All NFSS Members receive the official publication, the Journal of the National Finch and Softbill Society. This high quality, bi-monthly publication contains articles of interest to all Finch and Softbill enthusiasts, as well as information about the society, forms for membership, club affiliation, show awards, Finch & Softbill Save Program, NFSS closed leg bands, and a current Finch Shop Catalog. Members are welcomed and encouraged to share their knowledge and experience with others through the Journal.



25th Anniversary DVD
NFSS Journal backissues 1984-2008
available <http://nfss.org/dvdorder.html>

The NFSS website contains a wealth of information about the organization and about Finches and Softbills. It offers the opportunity to join/renew memberships, order leg bands, and order items from the Finch Shop. Our website offers updated news and information, detailed information on the Finch & Softbill Save Program Information. Numerous members' bird photographs and articles about specific Finch & Softbill species, listings and links for affiliated regional clubs listing and current Finch and Softbill Shows/Events in your area.

Visit us on the web www.nfss.org



Annual Finch & Softbill Census

The bi-annual NFSS Census will help shed light on the current trends in numbers and specifics on species under our members' care and can connect you with other breeders for the purpose of exchanging information or breeding stock.

Leg Bands

NFSS offers closed numbered traceable aluminum leg bands in fifteen (15) sizes. These bands are color coded for ease of year identification. NFSS, the year and size in addition to a unique number are printed on each band. Closed NFSS bands can be ordered by members in good standing only. NFSS also offers open colored plastic bands to anyone interested in ordering them.



NFSS Husbandry Forum

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/NFSS/>

The NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum is an online, members-only discussion group devoted to the topic of bird husbandry, where all NFSS members have the opportunity to ask questions, share information, and just enjoy discussions with aviculturists from around the world.

Club Affiliations

Club affiliation entitles the organization to receive all NFSS publications and privileges of the Society. Plaques engraved with the NFSS logo, can be ordered which can be used for service awards, breeder recognition, or show awards. Rosettes with the NFSS logo may also be ordered.

Affiliated Clubs & National Shows

All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the many NFSS sanctioned shows that are held by affiliate clubs throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. Members are also encouraged to participate at the NFSS National Show. For more information on the National Show visit www.ncbs.org.

Standards

NFSS has developed General Standards for Finches and Softbills as well as more specific ones for many species. These standards not only guide the judges in selecting one bird against another but give members the key points to evaluate and consider when attempting to select good breeding stock

Judges Panel

This panel is comprised of individuals who have completed the apprenticeship program and are approved by the Board of Directors. All NFSS Panel Judges adhere to the NFSS Standards of Judging.



FinchShop

As a way of promoting the organization and to raise funds to support its mission, NFSS has developed the FinchShop.

A variety of items are available sporting the NFSS logo. NFSS Members show their pride and passion as a Finch and Softbill enthusiast. See our online FinchShop catalog at

<http://www.nfss.org/finchshop.html>

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To Join NFSS

NFSS Membership
<http://nfss.org/join/index.html>
membership@nfss.org

Members can purchase closed Leg-Bands
<http://nfss.org/bands/index.html>
bands@nfss.org

To Volunteer for NFSS
volunteers@nfss.org



Finch & Softbill Save Program

Definition and Purpose:

The National Finch and Softbill Society established the FinchSave program in 1988. Although, thru the years, the program requirements have changed, the definition and purpose of the program have not. The long-term goal of the Finch and Softbill Save program is to establish a consortium of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive-bred population of finches and softbills in the United States and Canada. The short-term goal of the program is to establish consistent breeding success with participating species in the United States and Canada.

For members to participate in the Finch and Softbill Save program:

- Participants must be NFSS members in good standing.
- Participants must band all offspring with appropriate sized bands. Closed banding is encouraged whenever possible, but open numbered bands are acceptable at the breeder's discretion when closed banding is not possible or ill-advised.
- Participants must validate their data at a specified yearly time to ensure all data in the system is up-to-date. There is no pair limit requirement.



NFSS is a non-profit hobbyist organization dedicated to the conservation, breeding, exhibiting, and enjoyment of Finches and Softbills. Founded in 1984, NFSS currently has over 650 members, representing nearly every U.S. state and Puerto Rico as well as international members from Canada, England, Spain, and Australia.

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