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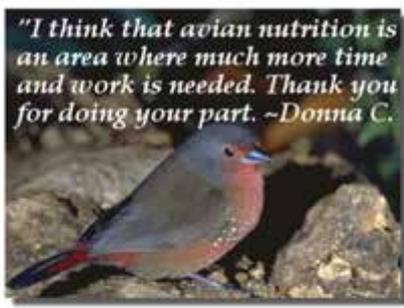
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## **NFSS President's Message**

January/February 2008

### **Welcome from the New President & Introduction of the New Board of Directors**

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their continued support of NFSS. I consider it a privilege to serve our Society and to follow in the footsteps of Sally Huntington who did a wonderful job of guiding us through the last six years, Thank You, Sally! I would also like to thank all the outgoing board members for their years of dedication and often thankless efforts to make NFSS what it is today.

As we begin a new year and a new board of directors take office the future of the National Finch and Softbill Society looks bright.

Some directors who have served NFSS for some time continue in their office, others are now serving in new positions and some new volunteers are now taking office and have already been working on bringing fresh ideas to the board to make NFSS even stronger. Now let me introduce to you the new Board of Directors.

- **1st VP John Wilson**, will chair the Education Committee and head the Regional VPs. John has been serving as moderator of the NFSS forums.
- **2nd VP Andrea Mordoh**, Publications, Andy is new to the BOD and brings great talent, experience and skills that will serve the Society well.
- **3rd VP Vonda Zwick**, Finch & Softbill Save, some of you may know Vonda from her posts on several forums and shows in the Midwest. She brings a passion for preserving the finches/softbills we have in aviculture today and has already begun on improvements to the program that will be implemented soon.
- **4th VP Cecil Gunby**, Judge's Panel, Standards/Research, Cecil has served NFSS in many capacities over the years and offers a wealth of experience and knowledge.
- **Executive Secretary Rebecca Mikel**, has revolutionized the way the BOD communicates to the membership through the minutes and is a guiding force in many of the committees

- **Treasurer Lisa Murphy**, has been instrumental in the fiscal recovery of NFSS. Through her tireless efforts we are on solid financial ground and we are looking forward to this equating to expanded benefits for our members.
- **Affiliates/Awards Director Robert Mehl**, brings unequaled energy to the board and he always strives to do his very best for the organization. I am confident that through his efforts our affiliates will only expand.
- **Band Secretary Paula Hansen**, spends countless hours filling our band orders and insuring everyone gets the bands they need. She also tracks all the members bands and I think we are lucky that Paula continues to provide this valuable service.
- **FinchShop Manager Sharon Dvorak**, has reorganized the FinchShop and it will be expanding. Look for beautiful quality NFSS logo items on the website and in the journal.

### ***Regional VPs***

- Region 1 (Northeast) Tom Keegan
- Region 2 (Southeast) Michael Gravely
- Region 3 (Mid-central) Jason Crean
- Region 4 (Midwest) Laura Bewley
- Region 5 (Mountain) Gunnar Nitzkowski (Pro-Tem)
- Region 6 (Pacific Coast) Doug White
- Region 7 (Caribbean) Ernesto Polidura
- Region 8 (Canada) Grant Rishman

The Regional VPs are the voice for the members from their region. Although a member can go to any officer with questions, comments or concerns, the Regional VPs are there to assist the members from their region and look forward to helping members.

- **Editor Katy Dodd**, continues to provide the top quality journal that our membership has come to enjoy so much. She strives to minimize cost and has been an integral part of controlling expenses.
- **Advertising Manager Gail Benson**, in only her first year has done an outstanding job and has brought in more advertising revenue than any previous year.

Join me in welcoming these wonderful volunteers who have agreed to donate

their time to help make the National Finch and Softbill Society a force in American Aviculture. For any members that may be interested in helping NFSS on a shorter term or on special projects, Tom Keegan has organized a volunteer clearinghouse. You can contact Tom and he will add you to a list of volunteers that may be contacted when special needs arise. You can list special skills you may have or that you are willing to assist when an extra hand is needed.

I invite all members to contact any officer regarding matters they feel are important to NFSS. Often times it is the membership that provides valuable information that can be used by all. Write letters to the Editor, contact the Education committee, talk to your VPs and share the information and experience that may be unique to you.

In closing, I hope we all can work together to make our passion for birds more enjoyable to all. If anyone needs to talk to me personally, my contact information is listed on the Officers Page, and I hope to meet many of you at future NFSS or avicultural events.

Respectfully,

Bob Peers - President

## **Volunteer Opportunities!!!**

Interested in volunteering to help your NFSS?

NFSS has no paid staff, and we can always use the skills and efforts of our members to accomplish the goals of the Society.

If you have some time to give for anything from stuffing envelopes to computer programming, we want to hear from you!

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Tom Keegan at 617-653-0664  
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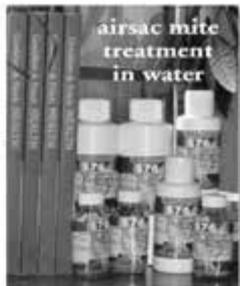
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# Avian Influenza - Bird Flu

by Marilena Salmones

There is no pandemic influenza in the world today, but we must be prepared. We do not know when or where a pandemic may begin or how severe it will be.

What is a pandemic? A pandemic is a global disease outbreak. A pandemic flu happens when a new flu virus appears in humans causing serious illness, and spreads worldwide. Pandemics of flu are caused by new viruses. Humans will have little or no protection against a new pandemic virus because they have not been infected with a similar virus before.

## HISTORY OF 3 PANDEMIC INFLUENZA VIRUSES IN THE 20TH CENTURY:

\* 1918-19 - "Spanish Flu" (A(H1N1)) known to have caused the highest number of influenza deaths. More than 500,000 people died in the United States and approximately more than 50 million may have died worldwide.

\* 1957-58 - "Asian Flu" (A(H2N2)) approximately caused 70,000 deaths in the United States. It was identified in China in February 1957, it then spread to the United States by June 1957.

\* 1968-69 - "Hong Kong Flu" (A(H3N2)) caused approximately 34,000 deaths in the United States. The virus was identified in China in early 1968 and it spread to the United States in the same year. This type of virus (H3N2) still circulates today.

The viruses from 1957-58 and 1968-69, both were caused by viruses containing a combination of human

influenza virus and an avian influenza virus. The 1918-19 influenza pandemic virus appears to have had an avian origin.

There has not been a confirmed case of Avian Influenza (H5N1) in the United States and our Government monitors every aspect of the disease to keep the public informed since it developed in 1997. Education is critical to prepare for a pandemic. We need to understand what a pandemic is as well as what needs to be done at all levels in order to be prepared.

## FLU TERMS DEFINED: (FROM AVIANFLU.GOV)

*Seasonal (or common) flu* is a respiratory illness that can be transmitted person to person. Most people have some immunity, and a vaccine is available.

*Avian Influenza* (or bird flu) is caused by influenza viruses that occur naturally among wild birds. The H5N1 variant is deadly to domestic fowl and can be transmitted from birds to humans. There is no human immunity and no vaccine is available.

*Pandemic flu* is virulent human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness. Because there is little natural immunity, the disease can spread easily from person to person. Currently, there is no pandemic flu.

An informed and responsive public is

essential to minimizing the health effects. Today, people do not have all the correct information about the avian flu. Ignorance can only hurt us, this is why it is very important to arm yourself with information as well as be prepared in case the pandemic reaches the United States.

### **KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED BY VISITING THESE WEB SITES:**

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda-home>

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

When a pandemic influenza virus emerges, its global spread is considered inevitable. Countries may delay arrival of the virus through measures of restricting travel and closing borders but cannot stop it.

### **PANDEMICS CAN CAUSE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISRUPTION:**

Major impact on citizens and communities: travel bans, cancellations of events, importation/exportation bans, public transportation may be disrupted, schools and businesses closings, etc.

### **BIO-SECURITY FOR THE BIRDS:**

Avian Influenza (H5N1) or "bird flu" is a highly contagious disease that can infect all types of birds.

Avian Influenza is a disease of wild and farm birds caused by influenza viruses. Bird flu viruses do not usually infect humans, but since 1997 there have been a number of confirmed cases of human infection from bird flu viruses. Most of these resulted from close or direct contact with infected birds such

as domesticated chickens, quails, turkeys, pheasants, geese and ducks.

Wild birds can carry bird flu viruses but usually do not get sick from them. Domesticated birds such as chickens, quails, geese, turkeys, pheasants, and ducks can become sick with the bird flu if they come into contact with an infected wild bird. Domesticated birds usually die from the disease.

### **KNOW THE SIGNS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA:**

- \* Sudden death without clinical signs.
- \* Lack of energy and appetite.
- \* Decreased egg production and/or soft shelled or misshapen eggs.
- \* Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles and hocks.
- \* Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs.
- \* Nasal discharge, coughing and sneezing.
- \* Incoordination.
- \* Diarrhea

### **SPREADING AVIAN INFLUENZA:**

Avian Influenza spreads quickly from bird to bird contact. Viruses can be carried by manure, vehicles, eggs, equipment, clothing, crates, shoes and people who have come in contact with the virus. Migratory waterfowl can also carry the disease.

### **BACKYARD BIO-SECURITY:**

To prevent the possible spread of diseases:

- \* Restrict traffic onto and off your property.
- \* Disinfect clothes, shoes, hands, egg trays, vehicles, tires.

\* Avoid visitors and visiting other farms or bird owners.

People are always asking me if they can come and visit my aviary, the ones who already know me do not ask anymore. Many years ago I had an old friend who told me many interesting stories about how diseases were carry from aviary to aviary. Innocently enough, people would visit aviaries and carry bird dust, viruses, etc., in their hair, clothes, and shoes. He taught me how not to feel bad as I explained to people who would ask to see my aviary that I do not allow people in my bird building. I am forever grateful to my old friend. Today I keep a closed aviary and I do this to protect my birds.

If you must sell birds, you can invite them to a part of your property where you do not keep birds and you can show the birds you have for sale there. Always remember how much money you have invested in your birds and how easily it can all disappear by being careless. You are not being secretive; you are protecting your birds.

### **BE SMART WHEN PURCHASING BIRDS:**

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- \* Request certification from suppliers/importers that birds were legally imported.
- \* Maintain records of all sales and shipments of flocks.
- \* Keep new birds separated from your flock for at least 30 days.
- \* Keep young and old birds, birds from different species and from different sources apart.

If your birds start dying please seek

immediate help from a local veterinarian or call the USDA's Veterinary Services to find out why. 1-866-536-7593.

You are the best protection your birds have.

Respectfully,

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- World Health Organization (WHO)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
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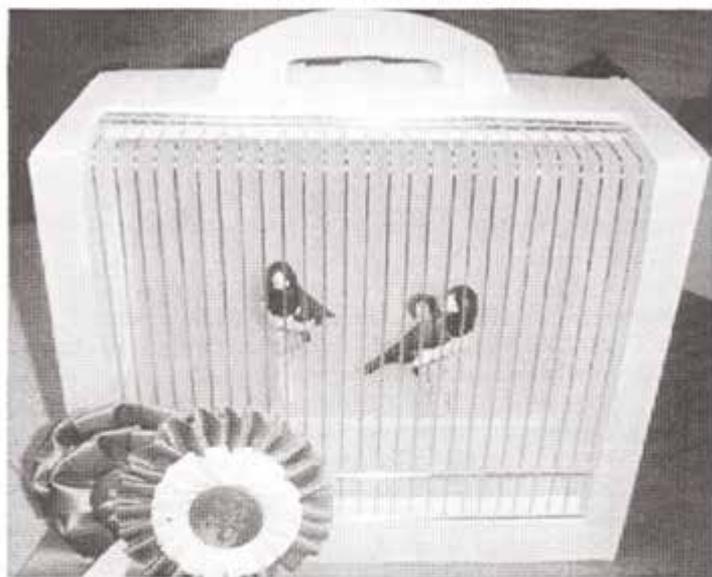
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# Wild Canaries - A History of the Modern Canary's Development

by Karl Lieberman

I was recently asked about the status of canaries in the wild. After a brief pause, I said, "the canaries we know today do not exist in the wild, only their common ancestor does".

All the hundreds of recognized varieties of canary we know today are the descendants of a nondescript little greenish yellow bird known scientifically as *Serinus Canaria*, a subspecies of *Serinus Serinus*. They are native to the islands of the Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands. In their native land, these birds inhabit semi-open areas including orchards and gardens where they feed primarily on grass seeds, grains and probably some fruit and insects.

It is interesting to note here that the Canary Islands were not named after the "wild canaries" found there but rather for the huge dogs kept and bred by the natives of these islands called *Presa Canario*. *Canairia Insulae* (in Latin) means, "The Isle of Dogs" rather than "Isle of Canaries". These canines became the legendary war dogs of the Roman Empire.

Spanish explorers traveling through these islands were taken by the sweet twittering song of the little native bird we know scientifically as *Serinus Serinus*. These birds had long been trapped and kept as caged singers by the natives of these islands and the



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Spaniards purchased (or captured) some to take back to Spain as a curiosity and a commodity. When the ancestral canary arrived in Europe, they were presented as gifts to the king and queen of Spain who were charmed by their sweet, twittering song. Others were provided to monks in Spanish monasteries where after a time they were first bred in captivity sometime in the early 1600's. The monks began to breed them in numbers and sold male birds only to help support their causes while retaining all female birds as to keep the canary in the hands of aristocrats only. Even then, only the wealthy could afford to buy a good singing male.

Through selective breeding over a long period of time, the monks were able to develop certain strains of birds with particular types of song as well as physical features that were different from the wild birds. This was the genesis of the hundreds of breeds of canary we know today. Thus began the process of domestication and a departure from the so-called wild canary.

For hundreds of years, the canary or "canario" (as it was known) were kept only by the royalty and religious communities of Spain and were very much considered to be status symbols. The ladies of the Spanish court were said to lavish great attention on their pet canaries, taking them everywhere they went in gilded cages and feeding them special treats from their fingers.

After a time, canaries made their way to the monastic communities of Italy where specialized breeding for various traits really began in earnest. At some point, the monks began to release female birds into the market and the canary began to be kept and bred by the common people. Even more variations were developed at that time. As the birds spread across Europe, various regions became known for their specialty breeds. The famous Timbrados of Spain, the Hartz Mountain and Rollers of Germany, the Frilled varieties of both Holland and France and the bizarre looking Scotch Fancy of Scotland. By now these many varieties had become unrecognizable from the little drab birds brought from Madeira, the Azore and Canary Islands centuries before.

The birds (then as now) were being produced for one of three traits: body type, color or song type. Among the more common folk, the birds were frequently bred less discriminately resulting in what we call today the "Kitchen Canary". That term was coined because canaries were usually kept in the kitchens of peoples' homes where the stove provided some warmth for them. (NOTE: the kitchen is NOT a safe place to keep any birds today). These birds were mixtures of various breeds and produced mainly as a pleasurable hobby, and for extra income. They were usually the product from lesser quality birds and were

more affordable for everyday people. Many of today's pet shop canaries are of mixed varieties and would be considered "Kitchen Canaries". Their appearance and song quality varies a great deal, but when being kept as pets, this is usually of no concern. In fact, some of the best singers I've ever heard were some of the mixed breed 'Kitchen Canaries'.

Prior to the early 1900s, canaries had been bred into numerous color variations including many shades of yellow, green, brown and pure white. Then the dream of a red canary came about. Toward that end, around 1926, the British cross bred canaries to the Venezuelan Hooded Siskin which produced fertile hybrids. This Siskin had been a popular cage bird in South America for centuries because of its sweet song and vivid red-orange plumage. Therefore, new song type canaries were also created along with the genetic factor for red. From that point forward, and over countless generations, the hybrid birds were bred back closer and closer to the appearance of the canary but with the ability to have varying shades of red plumage. Interestingly, all red factor canaries are technically hybrid birds because they carry one gene from the Siskin which makes it possible for them to be red, orange or bronze in color.

Sadly, the Hooded Siskin is not very common in its native range due to over-trapping for the bird trade and there are only a small number of them in captivity in the U.S. and Europe. There are captive breeding consortiums working hard to preserve the species but it appears that it is in danger of extinction in the wild before long.

Canaries can also be cross-bred to many other related species. In Europe

and the Middle East, Goldfinch/canary hybrids are much sought after cage birds for their especially sweet song. They can also cross breed with many other related species such as Green Singing finches, Grey singing finches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Bullfinches and many more. Most of the offspring of these crosses are sterile and are referred to as "mules".

The "red factor" must be maintained in canaries by alterations in their diet commonly known as "color feeding". If a red factor bird is not color fed, its appearance will usually be a very pale apricot. By adding caretenoids, xanthin and beta carotene rich vegetables to the birds diet in varying amounts, the intensity of the color can be adjusted. Red Factor birds can range from pale peach to blazing orange depending on the amount of color feeding they receive. Feeding "color foods" to birds which do not carry the gene for Red Factor will have no effect on their appearance. For those keeping red factor canaries, shredded carrot, beet, squash and any other foods containing naturally occurring vegetable pigments can be used to help maintain color as well as adding good nutrition to the birds' diet. Canaries seem to particularly enjoy paprika and even cayenne pepper sprinkled on their soft foods. (Birds do not have receptor sites for capsin, the "hot" chemical in chilies and it probably tastes a little sweet to them). These are good color agents and also quite high in various vitamins.

The world of canary keeping, breeding and showing is fascinating and dynamic. If you get a chance to go to a canary show you may find it very interesting to watch the proceedings. There are extremely exact standards for each variety and the slightest variation from the standard may get an oth-

erwise beautiful bird disqualified in a show.

There are at least 200 recognized separate breeds of canary today- and more being developed even now. The canaries we know today have had a long and interesting journey from the islands off North Africa to our living rooms!

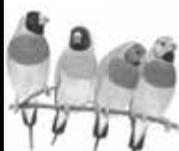
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Karl Lieberman has kept and bred many species of birds over the past 25 years. He spent his summer working at the Avian Propagation Center at the World Famous San Diego Zoo, preparing diets for rare neonate chicks and the facilities breeding stock. He spend 8 yrs. as the bird purchasing agent for one of California's largest retail bird stores.

He is past president and vice president of the San Diego Finch Society (2000-2001) and is the Finch Societie's current programs chair. He is also a current columnist for Bird Talk Magazine (Finch and Canary Focus) for the past two years.

He is a full time bird procurment agent, specializing in locating rarer finches, softbills and psittacines (sp?) for both private individuals and zoological facilities. His primary aim is to assist in the captive propagation of birds which otherwise may be lost to private aviculture.

He spends all his 'spare' time with he (and partner Joe's) elderly Galerita Cockatoo, two pet Painted Conures, a Timneh Grey- and a long suffering cocker spaniel who has become very used to the endless parade of feathered residents and temporary guests.



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### ***Have a Question?***

The NFSS Education Committee, consisting of 1st VP Bob Peers and the regional VPs will run a Q&A column dedicated to answering member's bird husbandry questions. Members are encouraged to write or email their regional VP or the 1st VP with non-emergency questions they would like answered. The Education Committee and expert consultants will attempt to answer every question and will select one or two questions to publish in each journal.

# The Basics on Pink Throated Twinspots

## *(Hypargos margaritatus)*



*Pink Throated Twinspot Hen see the front cover for a color example of a Cock*  
*Photo by Kahn Tran*

Also known as the Verreaux's Twinspot and the Rosy Twinspot the Pink Throated Twinspot is endemic to southern Africa found in Mozambique, Natal, South Africa, and Swaziland. It is primarily found in grasslands, dry savanna and moist, subtropical/tropical lowland shrub habitats. They are normally seen in pairs and are not considered threatened at this time. Pink Throated Twinspot have only recently been imported into the US within the last few months so not a lot of know of the species particular habits in captivity is know. They do have a basic similarity to other twinspots however.

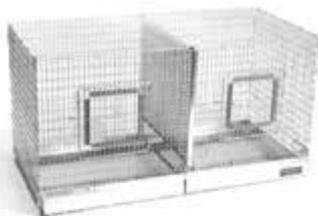
Seeds and insects are the primary diet in the wild. In captivity this may be substituted with multi-millet based finch mix, and live foods, eggfoods and other standard dietary supplements such as Calcium. A large enclosure should provided as most Twinspots have a tendency towards getting fat.

Cocks are similar but significantly paler than the Red Throated twinspot having a dusky pink face, throat, breast and tail. The back is a yellowish brown and black flanks with white spots can show some pink tinges. Hens are a soft grey-brown with more striking flanks than those of males. They show no pink coloration except in the tail. Both sexes have iridescent pink/purple eye rings and grey legs and beak. Juveniles resemble the hens, but are plain buff below, with no flank markings.

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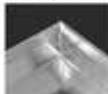
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## **Book Review:** BIRDS OF NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA

### *An Identification Guide*

by Robin Restall, Clemencia Rodner and Miguel  
Lentino

*Presented by Ian Hinze*

Renowned British ornithologist, aviculturist, accomplished author and inimitable illustrator, Robin Restall, who resides in Venezuela and is a Research Associate at the Phelps Ornithological Collection (POC), in Caracas, is the senior author of this superlative work yet he never set out to produce a field guide - but that is exactly what it is, and so much more!

Over ten years in the making and despite attempts to keep the work as concise as possible the contents necessitated two volumes being produced: the first, consisting of 880 pages, covers species accounts and the second, of 656 pages, contains plates and maps. Together, they make up the definitive guide to all the birds of northern South America.

The geographical area covered is continental Ecuador, continental Colombia, Venezuela and its offshore islands, the islands previously part of the Netherlands Antilles offshore from Venezuela, i.e. Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire, and also Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.

After a two-page list of the various families, plus the preface and introduction, volume 1 contains interesting chapters on how to use the guide (including a useful illustrated full page on topography), climate, vegetation and habitats, avifauna of northern South America, migration and conservation. Then comes the real meat of the book, the species chapters, some of which include superb black and white illustrations.

The species chapters are broken down into 6 subheadings: identification, subspecies, habits, status, habitat and voice. To the right of the species' scientific name a plate number is given, whereupon one will have to turn to volume 2 to

find the species meticulously illustrated in magnificent full color. The preface, acknowledgements and introduction of volume 1 are mirrored in volume 2.

Uniquely, Restall has, where necessary, painstakingly illustrated each species in adult male and female forms, the various subspecies and even the different plumages of morphs, 1st and 2nd year birds, intermediates, immature male and females and juveniles. For example, plate 27 has the grey-headed kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) depicted in adult, immature light phase, immature intermediate and immature dark phase plumages. On the same plate, the hook-billed kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) is depicted in the male grey morph phase, female plumage, the dark morph phase and male and female immature plumages. Plate 227 shows the ruddy-breasted seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*) in the male brown type, the male grey type, 1st year male, immature male, adult female and juvenile. This is an incredible groundbreaking achievement making for ease of completely accurate identification and setting an exacting standard for other works to follow.

As is to be expected from a field guide, many of the birds are depicted in typical field guide fashion, i.e. side-on on a perch, and in the case of woodpeckers and woodcreepers on a tree trunk and for ground-dwellers in their familiar pose on the ground, etc. However, for Passerines such as the hermit hummingbirds, plates 91-93, we are also treated to views of their underbellies, as though they were perched directly above us. Other species, such as the black-headed parrot (*Pionites melanocephalus*) and orange-cheeked parrot (*Pionopsitta barrabandi*), plate 75, are also shown in flight from below, whereby their distinctive underwing coloration is clearly visible and identifiable. In-flight distinctions of other species, such as seabirds and birds of prey, are highlighted on their own plates.

Clemencia Rodner, a Research Associate at the Phelps Ornithological Collection in Caracas since 1998, wrote most of the species accounts in the book and is as meticulous in her research and observations as Restall is with his illustrations.

Miguel Lentino, Scientific Director/Curator of the POC, is responsible for the distribution maps, which compliment the text and illustrations brilliantly. These not only indicate where a species occurs, but also show political boundaries and

major river systems.

Volume 1 also contains a 33 page discography of northern South American bird voices compiled by Shaun Peters. This wonderfully novel idea, which is surely going to be emulated by all good future field guides, lists where recordings can be found for as many species as possible in the region covered. Now, even an armchair birder can put an exact song or call to an illustration instead of relying on transliterations alone.

Quite simply, *Birds of Northern South America* is the best field guide ever produced. Not only is it an essential reference for field, museum and zoo workers, but it is also a priceless guide for law enforcement agencies who previously would have had immense difficulty identifying numerous species due to their many varied plumages, including different morphs and juveniles, and for aviculturists with a specialist interest in South American species, such as tanagers and *Sporophila* finches.

Published by Yale University Press, Volume 1 is priced at \$95.00 and Volume 2 at \$65.00 - or a discount can be had if both books are purchased together, whereupon the price is \$150.00. Each volume is a softback, covering 2,308 species and well worth every cent.



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 Show/Expo: Show Oct. 27, 2007  
 Location: SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave, Modesto, Ca  
 Judge: TBA  
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 Show/Expo: show Aug. 4, 2007  
 Location: St Petersburg Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 34695  
 Judge: Marion Spzszak  
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 Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov. 3, 2007  
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 Judge: TBA

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 Location: Waterford 933 Riverside Dr. Elmhurst, IL 60126  
 Judge: J. Weisenfeld  
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Show/Expo: NIROC 2007 Show and  
Fair Nov. 24, 2007

Location: Quality Inn - Waterford Ba  
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Judge: Charlie Anchor

Other Divisions: Canaries and Finches

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Show/Expo:

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Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 61111

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Show/Expo: Annual Show Oct. 6-7,  
2007

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Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau & Martha  
Wigmore

Other Divisions: 10/6 Colorbred &  
Type Canaries, Budgies, hookbills, love-  
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 Judge:  
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 Show/Expo: Show Mar. 3-4, 2007  
 Location: Evergreen Cajun Center,  
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 Judge: Laura Bewley & Dr Al  
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 www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org  
 Show/Expo: Spring Mart and Finch  
 Show May 19, 2007  
 Location: Tall Cedars Hall Parkville,  
 MD  
 Judge: Laura Tinker

#### **Maryland All Canary Club**

Delegate: Robert Mehl  
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 Club website:  
 Show/Expo: Show Oct. 6, 2007  
 Location: Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen  
 1004 Beards Hill Rd., Aberdeen MD,  
 21001  
 Judge:  
 Information contact: Judith Minter  
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#### **Massachusetts Cage Bird**

### **Association**

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 Club website: www.masscagebird.org  
 Show/Expo: Oct. 20, 2007  
 Location: Silver City Canine Training  
 Center Tauton, Mass  
 Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau  
 Information Contact: Jim McCarthy  
 Other Divisions: Border & Fife,  
 Gloster & Misc Type, Color Bred, Pet  
 Birds

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#### **Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club**

Delegate: Rebecca Mikel  
 Club Email: spkennel@aol.com  
 Club website: greatlakeszebra&soci-  
 etyfinchclub.com  
 Show/Expo: Specialty Show Aug 25,  
 2007  
 Location: Livonia, MI  
 Judge: Martha Wigmore & Clarence  
 Culwell  
 Information contact: Rebecca Mikel

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 Club website: www.societyofca-  
 naryandfinchbreedersofmichigan.com  
 Show/Expo: show 10/20-21, Fair 5/19  
 Location:  
 Judge: Patrick Vance

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#### **Canary Club of Minnesota**

Delegate: Jeanne Murphy, 651-459-  
 5787, pinataminiatures@yahoo.com  
 Club Email: none  
 Club website: canaryclub.su.com  
 Show/Expo: show Nov 4, 2007  
 Location: River Heights Motel, 1020  
 US Hwy 10, Prescott, WI 54021

Judge: Martha Wigmore  
 Information contact: Darlene Witt,  
 Jeanne Murphy. 715-265-7008  
 Other Divisions: Canaries

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 Club website:  
 www.gatewayparrotclub.org  
 Show/Expo:  
 Location:  
 Judge:  
 Information contact:

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Delegate: Anthony Day  
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 Club website: gkcas.net  
 Show/Expo: Annual All Bird Show  
 Oct. 20, 2007  
 Location: Coronation of Our Lady  
 Church 13000 Bennington, Grandview,  
 MO 64030  
 Judge: Miki Spartzak  
 Information contact: Anthony Day,  
 dayforthebirds@aol.com

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 support@BOAF.com  
 Club website: www.boaf.com  
 Show/Expo: Fall Show and Mart  
 10/27/07  
 Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
 121 South River Rd Bedford, NH  
 03110-6732  
 Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau  
 Information contact: Ray Schwartz,

603-362-6106, Prismsdad@aol.com

Other Divisions:

Show/Expo: Winter Mart 3/4/07

Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
 121 South River Rd Bedford, NH  
 03110-6732

Information contact: Wick Goss,  
 603-463-3738

Show/Expo: Spring Mart 5/20/07

Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
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Information contact: Wick Goss,  
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### Astoria Bird Club

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 Club website:  
 Show/Expo: Show Nov. 3, 2007  
 Location: St. Jude's School 9401  
 Seaview Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 Judge: Colorbred Lipochrome, Ms.  
 Bonnie Cain/ Colorbred Melanin, Mrs.  
 Generosa Lopez/ Glosters, Mr. &  
 Mrs. Eli Cardona/ Yorkshires, Borders,  
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 Club Email:none  
 Club website: none  
 Show/Expo: Nov 10, 2007  
 Location: St. Marks Methodist Church,  
 200 Hempstead Ave, Rockville Center,  
 NY  
 Judge: TBA  
 Information contact: Gabe Dillon,

(516) 593-2841

Other Divisions: Colorbred, Type, and  
Gloster Canaries

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Club Web Address: www.newyork-  
finch.com

Show/Expo: 10/20/07

Location: TBA

Judge:TBA

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#### **Raleigh-Durham Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: April Blazich

Club Email: RDCBS.org

Club website: www.RDCBS.org

Show/Expo: show 5/26

Location: NC State Fairgrounds, Kerr-  
Scott Building Gate 11, 1025 Blue  
Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Jim Dvorak,  
919-266-4935, dvoraknc@netzero.com

Other Divisions: NCS, ALBS, SPBE,  
IPS

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#### **Eastside Finch Connection**

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266-7606, JeepersPeepers55@aol.com

Club Email:none

Club website:

Show/Expo: Finch Show Nov 10-11  
2007

Location: Gresham National Guard  
Armory, 500 NE Division St, Gresham,  
OR

Judge: Clarence Culwell

Information contact: Linda Brown,  
503-266-7606,

JeepersPeepers55@aol.com

Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred  
Canary

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#### **Chester County Bird Club**

Delegate: Doris Rickards

Club Email: Info@ccbirdclub.com

Club website:

http://www.ccbirdclub.com

Show/Expo date: November 10th,  
2007 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Church Farm School, 1001  
East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA

Judge: Miki Spzarak

Information contact: Kristy Garcia  
610-323-4632 or kristygarciac@com-  
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#### **Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club**

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Show/Expo: Club Fair, Show, and Sale  
October 13, 2007

Location: Tennessee State Fairgrounds,  
Annex Bldg, Nashville Tn,

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Ed Phillips,  
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Other Divisions: NAPS, NCS, NCA

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Show/Expo: show 9/22-23

Location: George R. Stuart School,  
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Judge: TBA

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Show/Expo:

Location:

Judge:

Information contact:

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Club website: www.fwbc.org

Show/Expo: Show September 29, 2007

Location: Grapevine Convention Center 1202 South Main, Grapevine TX

Judge: Clarence Culwell

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Club Email:

Club website:

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Show/Expo: Show November 3, 2007

Location: Mayborn Convention Center, Temple TX

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Clarence Culwell,

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Other Divisions: Budgies, Cockatiels, Canaries, Parrots, Lovebirds

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### Cascade Canary Breeders Association

Delegate: Janel Johnson

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Club website:

Show/Expo: show 11/24-25

Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

Judge: TBA

Information contact: Janel Johnson,

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Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred Canary

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### Central Wisconsin Cage and Wild Bird Connection

Delegate: Marlene Minor

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Club website: www.cwwcbc.us/bc

Show/Expo: Bird and Garden Fair May 19, 2007

Location: Marshfield Fairgrounds

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