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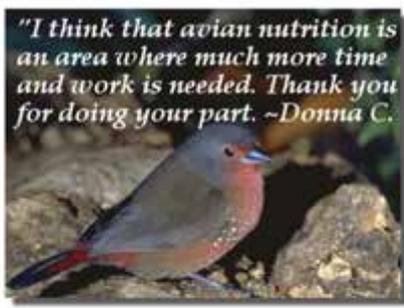
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## **NFSS President's Message**

### **March/April 2008**

#### **Out of Africa**

Living near Chicago I am lucky to have the opportunity to attend at least two bird fairs every month. In the past year I have been fortunate to see many quality birds for sale. Some are domestic raised European or Asian species but it seems most of the imports come from Africa. We are fortunate to have these birds available to us again, some that many of us have not seen for quite some time. However, I can't help but wonder how long these imports will last.

Not too long ago White-headed Nuns or Strawberry finches were not uncommon. Today they seem to be much rarer. We can say the same about the European species. When was the last time you saw a pair of Chaffinches for sale? Imports of wild caught birds from Europe and Asia have ceased and we don't have the numbers in our aviaries to make these species readily available to our fellow aviculturists. It would be nice if we took advantage of the opportunity we have with the African imports to try to establish breeding lines now in the event that even these imports cease. The threat of bird flu has not gone away and there are always groups working to oppose the imports of any animals. It is possible in the future that we may have only what is in American aviculture now to work with.

So what can we do to prepare ourselves for such a situation? We can support groups that fight for animal owners rights, we can try to establish strong breeding lines in our own aviaries and share our successes and failures with other like minded hobbyists, and we can join the NFSS Finch and Softbill Save (FSS) program. FSS, thanks to the concerted efforts of our 3rd Vice President, Vonda Zwick, is becoming much easier to use. The FSS program is developing an online database application that will allow members to enter their data electronically and the system will include annual reporting and a studbook to maintain ancestral history of birds in the program. There is currently a Yahoo group that was created specifically for FSS. Detailed information regarding the Finch and Softbill Save program is available on the NFSS website [www.nfss.org](http://www.nfss.org).

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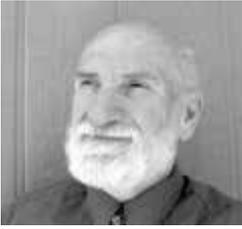
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# The Indian Hill Mynah

by

Robert G. Black

The Greater Indian Hill Mynah was once one of the commoner birds kept as pets and talkers. Their intelligence and their glossy black plumage make this a striking avian species. The scientific name for this bird is *Gracula religiosa*, and it is only the larger, nominate subspecies, *Gracula religiosa religiosa*, that is referred to as the Greater Indian Hill Mynah.

In their wild habitat, these mynahs are exclusively tree dwellers. They feed on fruits, berries, nectar, and undoubtedly on the plentiful insect life that exists in the trees of their native areas. They are taken as young nestlings and hand-raised for the export trade, so most of the birds now found in North America were not caught as wild adults. The tightening of import and export restrictions over the years has made this species rather rare now in aviculture, and you can expect to pay a thousand dollars or more for a pair.

Keeping mynahs in good health in captivity is largely a matter of good feeding. Their diet must contain enough protein and the other vital nutrients that do not occur in adequate quantities in fruits. The mynah pellets that have been on the commercial market for many years are a good basic diet for them, but these pellets should also be supplemented with a little fresh fruit, meat, hard-boiled egg, and other simi-

lar items to round out their diet. Mynahs love fruits, of course, but fruits are predominantly water and overly rich in carbohydrates. Fruits lack enough complete protein, oils and some of the vital vitamins and minerals, so they cannot be a complete diet for the mynahs. Also, the more fruits that mynahs receive, the messier their area will be and the more liquid and sloppy will their droppings become. They love shelled sunflower seeds and will readily consume mealworms and other insects that you offer them. Mashed, hard-boiled eggs are a good food for these mynahs, and eggs will supply any nutrients that do not occur in the fruits and other plant products that they get. Try to give your mynahs a balance of plant and animal products, and you will be more likely to supply all of the nutrients that their bodies need for perfect health.

Sexing the Hill Mynahs is impossible by sight or actions in any of my past experiences with them. Differences in the yellow wattles are as easily a factor of age as of sex. Also, the size of the birds may be related to previous nutrition or genetically determined as well as being an indication of sex. The surest way of ascertaining the sex of these birds is through one of the currently used sexing methods, such as DNA sexing or surgical sexing. With these methods available, it serves no purpose to wait for two birds of undetermined sex to

show their true sex through successful breeding attempts or lack of the same.

Mynahs are strong flyers, and they will be at their best in a cage or aviary that is wide enough to force them to fly across it. When it is possible, always keep them in an outdoor aviary. This will allow the soil to take care of their droppings naturally with the rain or a hose regularly cleaning off the perches and wire of the aviary. In a cage so small that they have no room for flight, a pair of mynahs is unlikely to show any interest in breeding.

With the price of a mynah now standing so high, there is now a strong incentive for attempting to breed them in North America and Europe. When imported birds were available at most stores for under \$25.00, there was certainly no financial incentive for taking up the space, time, and effort to breed them. Now, however, the incentive does exist, and though these birds are not easy to raise, they are certainly no more difficult than the Amazon parrots or lorries. Once you have a true pair separated, you are ready to give them the conditions that will stimulate them to make a breeding attempt.

Since mynahs nest in holes in trees in their native areas, a suitable substitute in captivity is the standard cockatiel nestbox. These birds will build a nest in the box, however, so you need to supply them with a pile of coarse, dried grasses, long pine needles, shredded burlap, and similar materials for their use in building the nest. The pair will take a week or so to build the nest, and they will probably become very secretive about it. You may not even know that they are building a nest until you

check the box and find the new material in it. This is one of their means for safeguarding the nesting site, by being very secretive about the location of the nest. This protective behavior at the nesting site always carries over into the captive breeding attempts.

Once the pair have completed their nest, the hen will lay her small clutch of eggs. Mine only laid two eggs, but the coloring of the eggs is beautiful. They are a light blue-green in color, lightly mottled with brownish spots. The eggs seem large for the size of the bird, but not so incredibly oversized as those of the Button Quail seem to be in relation to the size of the bird. They are about the size of a bantam egg or a pigeon egg.

When the eggs hatch, the babies are as lacking in beauty as any species I have ever seen. They are pink-skinned with no fuzz on their bodies, and their heads with the huge, gaping beaks are far out of proportion to the size of their bodies. They will grow rapidly when their diet is high in complete protein and contains a balance of the other vital nutrients. The parent birds do not feed by regurgitation as the parrots or many of the finch species do. Instead, they carry the food in the beak and pop it into the mouth of the babies. They first will feed small, soft worms, grubs, and similar insect matter, as they are instinctively aware that their babies cannot yet handle or digest larger or harder insects. You must supply these soft live foods for them in an aviary, if you expect the babies to live and thrive. Newly molted, soft mealworms are ideal, as are small, soft grasshoppers and crickets. Earthworms are also excellent if they have been grown in clean soil that is free of parasites and is

uncontaminated by previously existing chicken coops, farm animals, pets, or contaminated wildlife.

Some pairs may accept soaked pieces of dog food, monkey pellets, or cage bird pellets, and these are all ideal, complete foods for the baby mynahs. A few pieces of soft, ripe fruit each day will vary their diet and will provide moisture enough for good health, also. When you feed any prepared pellets not made specifically for birds, be sure to check the label to be certain that the mixture used in the formulation contains vitamin D3. If the label says just 'vitamin D' or 'vitamin D2', don't use it for the mynahs. Birds can only use vitamin D3 to fulfill their need for this vitamin in their diets.

If you are feeding the babies by hand, you can tell when the digestive system is saturated, since the baby will fail to swallow. When the baby shows in this manner that it is full, gently remove the last piece of food from its beak with a pair of tweezers or a similar tool. Babies at this stage do not need water, as long as the foods you feed contain adequate moisture for digesting and absorbing the food. Also, be sure to keep the babies warm, as you would with any other cage bird that is being hand-fed. They gradually begin to acquire the ability to control their own body temperature, and by the time the nestlings are feathering out, these baby mynahs will need no auxiliary heat.

Many of the prepared commercial foods for birds now on the market are extremely low in fats and oils – so low that a baby bird cannot mature properly and adult birds cannot produce the sheen and color of their normal feath-

ers when molting. You can test the food for oil content by mashing a small piece of it on a piece of white paper. If it leaves an oily spot on the paper, the food contains enough oil content for the good health of the bird. If it does not leave an oily spot, several times a day as you feed the babies, put a drop of safflower oil on the food morsel and let it soak in before you feed it to the bird.

The importance of fats and oils in the diet cannot be overstressed. First, the fats and oils are the carriers of all of the fat soluble vitamins. All fats and oils are composed of varying amounts of fatty acids. Though these are primarily energy foods for the body, there are three of the fatty acids that are classified as a vitamin, and they are termed essential in the nutrition of birds and people. These are linoleic acid, linolenic acid, and arachidonic acid. Though all three are termed essential, linoleic acid is the only one that seems to be absolutely essential for birds. With an abundance of linoleic acid in the diet, the avian body can synthesize arachidonic acid from some of it. If quantities of linoleic acid are insufficient, this process cannot occur. In the presence of a variety of necessary vitamins and minerals, the body can also synthesize linolenic acid from an abundant supply of linoleic acid. Without linoleic acid, nothing will happen, and death will be the eventual result. Enough linoleic acid in the diet of chickens negates the need for any of the others. The essential fatty acids perform the functions of a vitamin in the body and are referred to in many writings as vitamin F. Especially in Europe, vitamin F is a common designation for the essential fatty acids.



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The outstanding function of the essential fatty acids is structural. They are required for the proper formation of the internal structure and cell membranes of every cell. The myelin nerve sheaths and connective tissues in the body also require essential fatty acids for their formation. They are critical for the health of the blood and arteries and vital for healthy nerves. Without the essential fatty acids, there would be no growth.

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For the Indian Hill Mynahs and other cage birds, the commonly fed oily seeds are excellent sources of the essential fatty acids, particularly of linoleic acid. Safflower is by far the best, if you can get the birds to eat it, since safflower oil ranges from 70% to



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Linolenic acid is not so plentiful in the nutritional oils as is linoleic acid, and flaxseed is probably the best source of linolenic acid.

The adult mynahs also need the oils to form feathers with the gloss and sheen that is so typical of a healthy mynah. Any mynah that has dull plumage was not getting enough fats and oils in its diet when it last molted. Safflower oil should always be the first choice for bird feeding when additional oils are needed in the diet, as safflower oil is the highest known source for linoleic acid.

Some mynahs will carry little chunks of mashed, hard-boiled egg to their babies in the nest, and this is an ideal nutritional item in their diet. When hand-feeding the babies, you can also

use an egg mix to good advantage. There is no more nutritious food that you can feed to any bird than egg. After all, a bird grows from a single cell to a fully functioning baby on the contents of the egg alone. Once the egg is laid, nothing is added except air and water vapor, and the egg must contain every nutrient that a growing baby needs for its full development.

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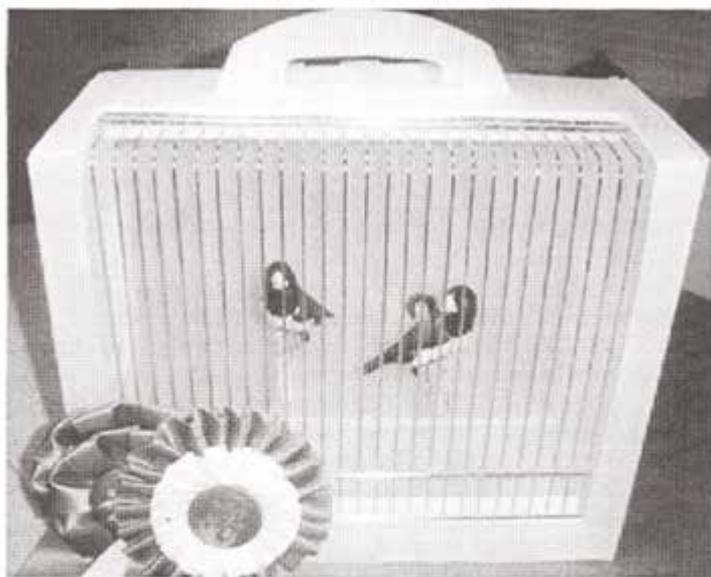
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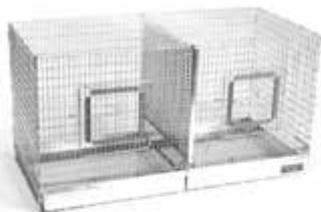
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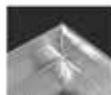
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# My Breeding Success With The Yellow-Legged Honeycreeper

By Cathy Yocius

It was by sheer luck that I acquired my beautiful pair of Yellow-Legged Honeycreepers. I purchased my very first softbills, a pair of Red-Legged Honeycreepers, in June 2006, and quickly decided to purchase another pair. In July 2006, I received what I thought to be another pair, but immediately noticed something very different about the hen. She was actually a Yellow-Legged Honeycreeper. She was simply exquisite and while I was given the option to return her, I could not part with this lovely hen. So, I purchased a male for her who arrived in late August of 2006. He was a stunning bird with his bright yellow legs, in absolutely beautiful condition.

After a quarantine period, I set them up in a small aviary (3'x2'x6' tall) with lots of fake greenery. The aviary lighting consisted of two 24" full-spectrum fluorescent strips set on timers to come on at 6:15 am and turn off between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm. I provided them with two nesting sites (an open canary nest and a half open wire nest box in which I placed a canary nest), camouflaged both with some greenery, and placed them at the very top of the aviary. As it was then early fall, I did not expect any breeding to take place.

In June 2007, the hen began preparing



*Small Aviary 3'x2'x6' tall*

her nest (open canary nest) and on 6/13 I discovered two eggs. I was so excited and I observed her sitting very tight on her eggs. At that point I constantly supplied her with wingless fruit flies and mini meal worms. On 6/24, I noticed that she was bringing food up to the nest. The very tip of her beak was full of fruit flies. When I had the opportunity, I inspected her nest and found a beautiful, little black chick begging for food (the second egg never hatched). The hen was very attentive

and feeding the chick well. Each inspection of the nest found the hatchling growing daily. But, disaster struck on 6/30 when I found my little chick dead in the nest. The chick's eyes were open and he had pin feathers. My guess was that he was about 7-8 days old. I don't know why my little hatchling died and it was heartbreaking for me, but more so for my hen. After I removed the dead chick, she called for him and continued to bring food up to the empty nest for several hours.

During July and August, the hen laid two more clutches, but sadly the eggs were clear. I had given up hope for any breeding success when on 9/3 (her 4th clutch) I found the hen had laid an egg. This time she chose the half open wire nest box. I did not have an opportunity to check her nest again, as she was sitting very tight in the morning and evening. On 9/18, I saw her gathering fruit flies in her beak and flying up to the nest. I waited patiently to peek into her nest and there he was, a beautiful, little black chick.

I was inspecting the nest daily, always fearing the worst. Several times the chick gave me quite a scare because he was always very still in the nest and often his breathing was the only clue that he was all right. I also remember finding it incredible that I never found any droppings from the chick in the nest. It was always perfectly clean. Then one day I observed her removing something from the nest and finally determined it was the fecal sac from the chick. The chick always faced the rear of the nest and I thought this was odd because the hen would have to go all the way to the back of the nest to feed him. I can only assume now that in this position the fecal sac would be



*Chick 1 and mom – 8th day after fledging*

deposited at the front of the nest and could then be easily removed by the hen.

The hatchling continued to grow each day and I finally heard some soft peeps from him on 9/29. The hen would perch with a beak full of food in his line of sight and I wondered if she might be enticing him to vocalize for food. On 10/1, when I arrived home from work, to my sheer delight and amazement, I found a tiny fledgling on the very top perch of the aviary. I was shocked and somewhat concerned because it seemed way too early for a chick to fledge (only 14 days). He was very small, just a ball of dark grayish fluff with no tail feathers at all. My only prior experience had been with finch chicks that are almost the size of their parents when they fledge at 3 weeks or more. The hen was extremely protective, always right beside her chick. She continued to feed the fledgling mostly live food (wingless fruit flies, mini



*Chick1 - Four weeks fledged*

meal worms, phoenix worms) and Orlux Tropical Patee.

On 10/4, I was surprised to witness my pair mating, since I had not seen them mate before, and mostly because the chick was only 3 days fledged. During the next few days I saw her occasionally in the nest (the same one she used for this fledgling), but she was never away too long from her chick. The softest peeps from the fledgling brought her immediately to his side. She gradually increased the feeding of fruit, although live food remained an essential part of his diet.

On 10/9, I checked my hen's nest and found 2 eggs. The hen was still feeding the fledgling and I saw her out of the nest regularly, so I was not certain that these eggs would even hatch.

The fledgling began trying to feed himself at about 2 weeks old when I saw him drink some nectar for the very first time (10/15). The male would

feed him occasionally, but not with any regularity. During the following days, the fledgling continued to drink nectar and eventually began to eat some fruit on his own.

About this time, the weather was changing (during the summer and early fall, the temperature in the room was between 75° and 82°) and

while the thermostat was set at 70°, I placed a heat lamp on top of the aviary. The hen thoroughly enjoyed this. I observed her many times fly to the perch under the heat lamp, spread her wings and soak up the extra warmth. The fledgling also enjoyed the heat lamp and would sit under the lamp for brief times before flying off to another perch.

During the next several days, the hen continued to sit on her eggs. She would come off her nest regularly to feed her fledgling and I was still uncertain that her eggs would hatch. Then, on 10/21, I found a lifeless, newly hatched chick on the bottom of the aviary floor. The hatchling looked perfect in every way, no visible marks on his little body, and I tried in vain to revive him. My concern at this point was that the older chick had possibly thrown out this hatchling as I had seen the fledgling "visit" the nest at times during the past few days. At this point, I was really in a quandary. I knew the

chick was not fully weaned (3 weeks fledged), but at the same time I was very worried about the remaining egg in the nest. I decided to leave him in the aviary only because the hen was still feeding him on a regular basis.

The very next morning, 10/22, I found a beautiful little hatchling in the nest. Again, I began checking the nest daily and each day I found the new hatchling thriving. On 10/27 (5 days old), the hatchling had pin feathers on his wings and on 11/1 I heard him peeping for the first time. I had to almost double the food portions during this time as my hen was feeding herself, her fledgling, and her hatchling. While the male did try to feed the fledgling, his feeding attempts were infrequent and the chick clearly preferred the hen to feed him. In fact, once the hen came off her nest, the male stayed clear of her and the fledgling.

By 11/3, the fledgling was feeding himself quite well (almost 5 weeks fledged); however, the hen still fed him occasionally and he became quite clever in his efforts to get food from her. He would wait for the hen to gather a beak full of food and then would just inch closer and closer to her until he could steal some food from her beak. She would sort of slide down the perch in an attempt to move away from the fledgling, but he would inch up closer and closer until he could again steal some food. Actually,

this routine was rather amusing to watch.

I finally decided on 11/4 to move the fledgling to his own aviary after observing him flying to the nest again. I was very concerned with this behavior even though there was never any indication that he was harming the hatchling. Also, I saw the male beginning to show signs of a little aggression towards the fledgling. At one point, the male lightly jumped on top of the fledgling which startled him. The fledgling was not hurt, but landed on the aviary floor and was quite still for a moment. So, I moved the fledgling to the other side of his parents' aviary (a 6'x4'x6' aviary that was divided into 2 separate flights of 3'x2'x6') which really worked out well. The hen could see her chick and even feed him if she chose through the bars of the divider, although I never saw her feed the fledgling again.

That evening, I noticed my hen bring food up to the nest 3 times and each



*Chick 2 - 1st day fledged - for perspective, the bowl is 1 1/2 inches high*



*Chick 2 – almost 5 weeks fledged – moved into aviary with sibling 12/8/07*

time she left with the same food in her beak. Needless to say, this was very upsetting. In a panic, I immediately checked the nest only to find a fully feathered, plump little chick facing the front of the nest, looking straight at me. In hindsight, the fact that the chick was now facing the front of the nest should have been my clue that fledging was near. The very next morning (11/5) the new hatchling fledged. The chick was just 14 days old, an exact replica of his sibling, a small, dark ball of fluff with absolutely no tail feathers. At the time he fledged, I was placing breakfast in the aviary, and out popped this tiny ball of feathers. He just missed the bath dish and landed on the floor. My immediate reaction was to pick him up and place him on a low perch. The fledgling made no sound at all, but the instant I picked him up, the hen became extremely upset. She flew directly towards me, landing on the food table, spreading her wings and hopping around, constantly vocalizing her alarm. Her display actu-

ally startled me and her awkward antics resembled something similar to feigning injury in an attempt to direct me away from the chick. I quickly responded and backed out of the aviary so as not to distress her any further. The moment the aviary door closed, she became quite calm, flew directly to the new fledgling, and gently coaxed him to a higher perch where she then fed him. During the following weeks, the fledgling continued to thrive under his mother's ever vigilant care.

I think this hen is quite simply exceptional and feel so fortunate to have her. As I observed her with both chicks, I can only describe her as extremely protective, gentle and caring. She tended to their every need, observing her countless times preening her chicks and cleaning their beaks of any remaining food. To watch her successfully fledge these two chicks has been an extraordinary experience.



*Chick 1 (L) and Chick 2 (R) 12/8/07*

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The organizers of the Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club Specialty Show would like to send you a personal invitation to join us for our 3rd Annual Show on Aug. 23rd in Livonia, MI.

Last year's show included over 100 birds and 12 exhibitors and we hope to have 150 birds entered this year. I am happy to announce our zebra judge will be Sam Crabbe originally from Ireland and current President of the Canadian Zebra Finch Society and Patrick Vance, last years National judge will judge our Societies. We will have 4 sections again this year (zebra, zebra rare, American society, euro/Japanese society) with trophies and ribbons awarded to birds in each section.

We are also seeking support for the Show. Sponsorship for Sections are still available at \$50.00, advertising in the show catalog is \$50.00 for an entire page \$25.00 for a half page; and, of course, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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In addition you can contact any of the show organizers at:

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Bob Peers [r.peers@comcast.net](mailto:r.peers@comcast.net) (630) 960-2562

Please join us. Thank you!

Bob Peers

These little Honeycreepers are so very special to me. They are beautiful, charming, and truly treasured birds that provide me an endless source of joy. I'm so looking forward to next year's breeding season and hope to have some luck with my Red-Legged Honeycreepers.

There began my obsession with these beautiful little birds. While I still have a few Owl finch, my main focus now is on softbills. I thoroughly enjoy sharing husbandry experiences and can be contacted by e-mail at izabo3@msn.com.

#### Acknowledgements:

Kateri Davis (Davis Lund Aviaries) – My deepest appreciation and thanks

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#### Bio for Cathy Yocius:

I have been a hobby finch breeder for about 10 years (mostly Owls and Gouldians). In June of 2005, I joined the NFSS and read an article in the Sept/Oct 2005 NFSS Journal written by Brenda Josselet (Darling Aviaries) on the Yellow-Legged Honeycreeper.

#### References:

Softbills – Care, Breeding & Conservation, Martin Vince, 1996

For more information about YL Honeycreeper care and breeding check Cathy's Care sheet on page 21.

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## Cathy's Diet and Breeding Info Sheet



### Yellow-Legged Honeycreeper

(*Cyanerpes Caeruleus*)

**Order:** Passeriformes

**Family:** Emberizidae

**Subfamily:** Thraupinae (Tanagers)

**Origin:** Forests of Central and South America

#### Diet:

- Finely Diced Soft Fruit (Papaya, melon, pears, mango, etc.)
- Nectar (Nekton Nektar Plus, Lori Nectar)
- Insects (Mini Mealworms, Flightless Fruit Flies, Phoenix Worms)
- Orlux Tropical Patee
- Fresh Water (They rarely drink water but love to bathe daily)

In addition to the diced fruits, I also make a "fruit slush" by blending some fruit in a food processor. The "slush" is placed in a separate bowl, and laced with nectar. In the evening, all fruit is removed and they are given a small serving of nectar. The total amount of nectar given daily is slightly over 1 ounce.

#### Breeding Diet:

Same as above, but a more abundant and constant supply of insects (mostly fruit flies). I am going to try pinhead crickets this breeding season. Once I observe the chick sampling nectar (about 13-14 days fledged), I add an additional dish of nectar to avoid any competition at all for food.

#### Breeding Observations:

- 2 eggs laid
- Incubation by hen alone for 12-13 days
- Fledge in 14 days (very small – sort of grayish/black feathers – no tail feathers)
- Independent – about 4-5 weeks

**NFSS BOD 4rd QUARTER MEETING 2007**

Meeting called to Order by Sally Huntington, President, November 30, 2007

**PRESENT:** Sally Huntington, Rebecca Mikel, Lisa Murphy, Bob Peers, Cecil Gunby, Tom Keegan, Bill Parlee, Gail Benson, Tim Wiesemann, Ginny Allen, Robert Mehl, Alfred Mion, Raspberry, Paula Hansen, Katy Dodd, Sharon Dvorak, Doug White, Laura Bewley, Danny Gonzales, Harry Bryant, Ron Castner

**ABSENT:** Roberto Rosa

**RESIGNATIONS:** Terry Cox, Region 5 V.P.; Steven Stice (Resigned in August & also officially notified the BOD he was declining the position of Membership Director, for which he was elected during the General Election)

**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS:** Gunnar Nitzkorski, Region 5 V.P.

*This meeting is continued from the NCBS annual meeting held in Denver, Colorado 11/15-18/2007*

**PRESIDENT – Sally Huntington**

Outgoing/Prior BOD Service Awards: Brenda Josselet (Membership); Jim Heffernan (Region 3 VP, Exec. Secretary); Wick Goss (1st VP, Finch Shop); Armando Lee (1st VP); Raspberry (Region 6 VP); Ron Castner (Region 2 VP); Robert Rosa (Region 7 VP); & Danny Gonzales (3rd VP).

2006 Champion Exhibitors: KJ Brown, Kathleen Clark, Lisa Murphy

2007 Bill Parlee Award: (highest placing Finch at NCBS) Lisa Murphy, Parson Finch

2007 Val Clear Award: (highest placing Softbill at NCBS) Sally Huntington, Blue Gray Tanager

Election Results: General Election results announced, 201 total ballots cast.

**1st VP REPORT – Bob Peers**

Educational Q&A column continues as educational resource. Members encouraged to submit questions to 1st/Regional VP's.

**2nd VP REPORT – Harry Bryant**

Revised leg band prices on website; 2006 census results posted along with link to 2007 FSS forms. Links to the merchandise at Café Press included, but not those for Victory Engraving. Judge's Handbook being formatted/sent to 4th VP for approval and/or changes. Bonding of Financially Responsible Officers Committee continues reviewing proposals.

**3rd VP REPORT – Danny Gonzales**

CENSUS: Available to NFSS members and non-members; info recd from both tracked & results printed in the Journal.

FSS: Users can select by taxonomic or common names and add species; Administrators can edit and delete species. Documentation created to define how software is organized and functions and sent with test pages to FSS Committee. The system handles subspecies but excludes mutations unless they are naturally occurring and sustainable in the wild (e.g. Gouldian head color)

**4th VP REPORT - Cecil Gunby**

Zebra standard nearing completion, 2 new persons have taken/passed Judge's Test – Grant Rishman and Vince Moase (from Canada). 2006 Champion Exhibitors: K.J. Brown, Lisa Murphy, Kathleen Clark.

**LIAISON OFFICER/AFFILIATIONS - Doug White**

44 clubs affiliated with NFSS, 3 new ones rec'd during the 3rd Quarter of 2007.

**BAND SECRETARY REPORT - Paula Hansen**

3rd Quarter Income: \$1847.68; Expenses \$129.90. Total of 313 strings of aluminum bands remain unsold and is lost income. In July of 2007, 2008 band order included 2791 aluminum and 880 split plastic bands.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Robert Mehl - Pro Tem**

Total membership at end of the 3rd quarter is 664 (477 single, 85 dual primary, 86 dual secondary, 7 foreign, 9 junior). Income through the end of the 3rd quarter is \$14,505.75, expenses were \$519.38. Renewals continue to arrive as a result of post-cards sent to memberships expiring earlier in the year.

**TREASURY REPORT – Lisa Murphy**

In Jan. 2007 we had \$5,200 in the bank and expenses in excess of that. Beginning bank balance for the 3rd quarter: \$13,151.57; Ending balance \$13,751.53; 11/1/07 balance: \$16,328.56 – with no outstanding invoices. Anticipated expenses include 2007 election, December band order, Nov/Dec 2007 Journal, normal operating expenses, and invoices from Victory Engraving and Feico Inc. for awards and plaques.

**3rd Quarter 2007 Finances**

<u>Period</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
July 2007	\$4,798.18	\$1,660.50
Aug 2007	\$2,108.47	\$3,996.17
Sept 2007	\$2,749.41	\$3,399.23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,656.06</b>	<b>\$9,055.90</b>

**3rd Quarter By Department**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Bands	\$1,847.68	\$ 129.90
Membership	\$4,443.92	\$ 47.90
Journal	\$ 0	\$7,099.14
Awards	\$ 226.00	\$ 454.50
Affiliations	\$ 210.00	\$ 0
Advertising	\$ 518.62	\$ 0
Finchshop	\$ 34.60	\$ 0
Finch Save	\$ 0	\$ 0
Judges Panel	\$ 0	\$ 263.20
Misc	\$2,375.24	\$1,061.26
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,656.06</b>	<b>\$9,055.90</b>

Beginning Bank Balance: \$13,151.57

Ending Bank Balance: \$13,751.73

Current Bank Balance (as of 11/1/07) \$16,328.58

**YTD Totals 1/1-9/3/07**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Jan	\$ 7,097.53	\$ 5,868.09
Feb	\$ 4,156.80	\$ 1,084.38
Mar	\$ 3,778.27	\$ 2,279.61
Apr	\$ 2,754.82	\$ 1,750.87
May	\$ 2,927.17	\$ 3,911.58
June	\$ 2,290.95	\$ 203.16
July	\$ 4,798.18	\$ 1,660.50
Aug	\$ 2,108.47	\$ 3,996.17
Sept	\$ 2,749.41	\$ 3,399.23
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$32,661.60</b>	<b>\$24,153.59</b>

**YTD Totals by Department**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Bands	\$ 9,562.95	\$ 4,132.17
Membership	\$14,505.75	\$ 519.38
Advertising	\$ 2,866.62	\$ 0
<u>Department</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Judges Panel	\$ 220.00	\$ 263.20
FinchShop	\$ 44.98	\$ 0

YTD Totals by Department (Cont.)

Affiliations/Awards	\$ 2,708.50	\$ 1,244.14
Journal	\$ 0	\$14,257.66
Misc.	\$ 2,752.80	\$ 3,737.04
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$32,661.60</b>	<b>\$24,153.59</b>

Proposed 2008 Budget compared to Approved 2006 and 2007 Budgets:

DEPARTMENT	INCOME			EXPENSE		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Bands	\$14,200.00	\$11,950.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,993.73	<b>*\$6,009.00</b>	\$10,000.00
Finch Shop	\$3,300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,800.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Membership	\$22,687.00	\$22,500.00	\$17,625.00	\$2,350.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,400.00
Awards	\$2,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,325.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,800.00
Affiliations	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Finch Save	\$300.00	\$0	\$0	\$390.00	\$0	\$120.00
1st VP/Regional VP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4th VP/Judge's Panel	\$240.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$350.00	<b>*\$0</b>	\$150.00
Misc	\$500.00	\$850.00	\$450.00	\$1,495.00	\$615.00	\$2,850.00
Journal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,982.00	\$27,012.00	\$17,000.00
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$400.00	\$400.00
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$149.50	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	\$46,727.00	\$41,780.00	\$38,155.00	\$48,885.00	<b>**\$38,135.50</b>	\$34,770.00
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	(\$2,158.73)	<b>***\$3,644.50</b>	\$3,385.00	(\$2,158.73)	<b>***\$3,644.50</b>	\$3,385.00

This chart reflects the approved budget numbers.

\*These 2 departments increased their 2007 budgets (with full board approval) as follows:

Bands: Increased \$6009.00 by \$2200.00 = \$8209.00

4th VP: Increased \$0.00 by \$263.20 = \$263.20

\*\*Revised total expenses approved for 2007 changed to \$40,598.70

\*\*\*Revised total profit for 2007 changed to \$1,181.30

**FINCH SHOP REPORT - Sharon Dvorak**

Continue to use Café Press and Victory Engraving/Design. 3rd Quarter Income is \$34.60; Expenses: \$0. Website doesn't include Victory Engraving items. This impacts income potential as profits from those items can assist in developing our own inventory. Current vendors offer more items than we can afford to carry ourselves. Net Profit for the year is only \$94; however, we've only operated for ¾ of the year and advertising on the NFSS website is incomplete. Items available at no cost or within our \$500 budget to be researched. Keeping current vendors in place and supplementing with items unique to Finches is most beneficial. When website advertising is complete, an article in the Journal asking about items members want available may stimulate orders. Although profits are lower, current approach is the most fiscally responsible, and there has been no investment in inventory.

**AWARDS – Bob Peers**

To date 24 orders for a total income of \$1,980.00

**ADVERTISING REPORT - Gail Benson**

3rd Quarter Income for Advertising was \$518.6, 2nd Quarter was \$720.36, 1st Quarter was \$1,627.64, YTD Income of \$2,866.62

**SECRETARY – Rebecca Mikel**

"Events Calendar" created to assist with accountability for deadlines of major events & responsibilities. Work continues on Outstanding Business items assigned during prior meetings.

Special meeting called by Sally Huntington on 10/14/07 to vote on accepting Robert Mehl as Membership Director, Pro Tem. 16 BOD members present. Lisa Murphy motioned to accept; seconded by Danny Gonzales. A majority vote for Robert to serve in this position Pro-Tem. Harry Bryant motioned to close the meeting; Raspberry seconded. Meeting closed on 10/19/07.

The proposed by-law amendment, which would have required the publication of individual BOD members' votes on all motions in the BOD meeting minutes, and which was presented to the membership for a vote, did not pass.

Voting results are as follows:

IN FAVOR: 11 Members, 1 Affiliate

OPPOSED: 24 Members, 10 Affiliates

### **REGION 1 V.P. – Tom Keegan**

The Volunteer Clearinghouse was announced on both forums and in the Journal. Robert Mehl is also including volunteer applications in new member packets. We have had one response.

### **REGION 6 V.P. – Raspberry**

A copy of the Lifetime Membership article was submitted for inclusion in the Journal.

### **EDITOR REPORT – Katy Dodd**

Journal submission deadline timelines being set back to the following dates:

<u>Journal</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
Jan/Feb	12/20 – recommend earlier due to holidays
Mar/Apr	2/25
May/June	4/25
Jul/Aug	6/25
Sept/Oct	8/25
Nov/Dec	10/25

Printer needs affiliate and membership mailing list by the 15th day of the 1st month of each Journal (i.e. Jan 15, Mar 15, May 15, etc.). This is in line with the deadline for members who purchase or renew memberships for rec'g the current issue of the Journal and is necessary to ensure accuracy with ordered quantities.

### **FORUM(S) – John Wilson**

349 members on the Husbandry forum and 92 on the PP forum. Robert Mehl has worked to bring membership and subscribers under control and in the process cleaned up data base e mail addresses as well as prodded a good number of renewals.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**AUDITS:** Tom Keegan is in the process of completing the 2005 audit. Harry Bryant returned the 2006 records to Lisa Murphy on 11/19/07; audit was not completed and will be reassigned after the holidays

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP:** Raspberry is wrapping up the information he has gathered and will present at a later time.

**NEW BOARD PACKETS:** New/incoming BOD members will be directed to electronic copies of information available on the website. Ginny Allen will forward to Rebecca any information she has compiled during her year serving as Transition Coordinator

**LINKS ON NFSS WEBSITE FOR VICTORY ENGRAVING:** Not yet complete

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FROM THE FLOOR AT NCBS:**

Suggestion for name change from *National* Finch and Softbill Society to *International* Finch and Softbill Society. We do not presently represent international communities in the hobby in terms of

exhibition and education. This change would require a by-law change and the topic is tabled at this time.

Clarence Culwell reminds us of the need to submit the names of 3 judges for consideration for the 2008 NCBS and urges that the names be persons with whom contact has been made to verify their interest in serving in this capacity.

#### **UPCOMING DEADLINES AS OF 4th QUARTER BOD MEETING:**

12/20 – Income and Expense reports are to be mailed to the Treasurer

12/31 – Inventory totals are to be submitted to Treasurer with quantity and dollar value (Bands and Awards Departments)

#### **AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS**

Management: Bob Peers, current 1st VP and Awards Manager and President Elect, will relinquish Awards Manager responsibilities (an appointed position) January 1st,. Per the by-laws, these responsibilities will be combined with Affiliations position.

Vote: Clarification provided by Bill Parlee, when Affiliates were established, they were not intended to have a vote. However, their Delegate, who was required to be an NFSS member DID have a vote. When the requirement to have Delegates maintain an NFSS Membership was dropped in 2002, the BOD never realized the change in voting rights they had caused. A motion in 1999 by the BOD to remove the vote of the affiliates failed. The voting practice has continued 8 yrs after a challenge to the practice was sustained by the BOD. There is no substantiation in the by laws allowing them a vote, but there is 8 yrs of voting by the Affiliates following a vote by the BOD stating they didn't want the practice to stop. Changing a policy with "significant history" in the middle of an election cycle is not the perfect answer either. The value clubs place on their vote may be dependent on the relationship they seek with NFSS – Advertising only vs Partnership wanting a voice in our leadership. If the practice is to continue, it should be addressed by the By Law Review Committee. See Motion #2007-29.

Renewal Dates: Current club affiliation "year" is Jan 1 – Jan 1. Most clubs have their Annual General Meetings and elections at end or beginning of year. Changing to 3/1 – 3/1, gives Officers time to conduct annual meeting, elect new officers, and conduct club business of re-affiliating with NFSS. See Motion #2007-30.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP LIST INFORMATION**

The BOD is responsible to maintain the confidentiality of the personal information of all members. Various BOD members need all or parts of this information to conduct day to day business of the organization. Motions were made regarding the release, distribution, and use of this information. For more detailed information, see the "Motions" section of these minutes.

#### **PP FORUM EFFECTIVENESS**

Negative: Recently seems to have contributed more "negative" than "positive" & not effectively solve problems which members could address by contact with Regional VP, or a specific Department. Contacts for BOD members are listed in Journal & on website. Considerable time is spent by the BOD hashing over issues on this forum, taking time from meetings. If the PP Forum is closed, all policies, procedures, and contact points remain available to the membership. Total of 93 NFSS members are PP forum members – in December, 507 posts were made by 20 total persons – 7 of whom were on the BOD. This equates to 2% of the total membership – & is not a fair representation of the "entire" membership.

Positive: The PP forum serves as a useful tool in protecting the husbandry forum and provides a venue for communication of non-husbandry topics.

Consensus: Acceptable tone and topic can be expected. A trial period will be conducted to assure participants understand what constitutes non-husbandry conversation, combined with a more aggressive demand for civility. The BOD may act to close the PP forum if changes are not evident.

#### **INVITATION TO INCOMING BOD MEMBERS**

An invitation was extended to newly elected BOD members to the BOD forum to view 4th Quarter meeting. Although the discussions are not "secret", they are requested not to copy BOD discus-

sions to others outside the forum & out of context. Their comments, concerns, or questions should be sent to the BOD members' individual e mail addresses as opposed to posting to the BOD forum.

## Motions from NFSS BOD 4th Quarter Meeting - 2007

MOTION	COMMENT	BY	2ND	STATUS
2007-26	Privacy Policy (See Below)	Keegan	Weisemann	Pass
2007-27	Privacy Statement (See Below)	Mehl	Mikel	Pass
2007-28	Data Base Distribution (See Below)	Keegan	Raspberry	Fail
2007-29	Affiliate Votes (See Below)	Murphy	Mikel	Pass
2007-30	NFSS Club Affiliate dates run from 3/1 – 3/1	Peers	Murphy	Pass
2007-31	Appoint Gunnar Nitzkorski Region 5 VP Pro-Tem	Mikel	Hansen	Pass
2007-32	By Law Amendment Vote (See below)	Keegan	Raspberry	Pass
2007-33	Approve 2008 Proposed Budget	White	Hansen	Pass
2007-34	Approve minutes and Adjourn Meeting	Peers	Mehl	Pass

**2007-26:** The following will become the policy of NFSS with respect to the behavior of elected and appointed officers using NFSS membership information. The privacy of NFSS members being of utmost importance, the BOD will ensure the membership list data base is not used for any purpose other than the maintenance of NFSS membership privileges. Using this data for any purpose other than satisfying these privileges shall constitute action injurious to the society and be sufficient basis to initiate removal proceedings per the NFSS by-laws.

**2007-27:** Membership information will not be sold or released to a 3rd party and will only be used for internal NFSS needs and to fulfill membership requests for mailings, points, bands, and other departmental needs. (This statement will be printed in the Journal, on membership applications, and on the web page in those areas which address membership purchases or renewals.)

**2007-28:** The Membership Director shall release the entire membership data base or any portion thereof, within 2 weeks of the request, to any officer requesting this information for official NFSS business unless such release is specifically prohibited by the BOD or NFSS by laws.

**2007-29:** Affiliates of NFSS, not being actual members as described in the by-laws, will not have a vote in the society's elections.

**2007-32:** The President will report the results of the recent by-law amendment balloting (pertaining to the publishing of officer's votes in the meeting minutes) to the membership by providing these results to the Journal Editor for printing. These results shall include the number of votes cast by members, not to include Affiliated Clubs, for and against the proposed by law amendment.

Meeting Adjourned by Sally Huntington, December 31, 2007

Respectfully Submitted by Rebecca E. Mikel, NFSS Executive Secretary.



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## **NFSS AFFILIATED CLUBS/EVENTS**

**Liaison Officer - Club Delegates/Show Dates — Mr. Robert Mehl**  
 11108 Hollowbrook Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117  
 RobertMehl@aol.com

Fill out the Affiliation Agreement on the NFSS website  
<http://www.nfss.org/Clubs/Affil-FM.html>

*Note: Events may be held in states other than the home state of the club. Regional affiliates are those with no steady location, but should be checked for events near you.*

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Central California Cage Bird Club**

Delegate: Chryse Seeman

Club website: [www.myccebc.org](http://www.myccebc.org)

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Location: Manchini Hall, Modesto, CA

Show/Expo: 55th Annual Finch & Canary Show October 25th, 2008

Location: SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave, Modesto, Ca

Info contact: Chryse Seeman  
[chryse95320@yahoo.com](mailto:chryse95320@yahoo.com)

#### **Finch Society of San Diego**

Delegate: Sally Huntington

Club website:

[www.sandiegofinchsociety.com](http://www.sandiegofinchsociety.com)

Meeting Schedule: Sundays 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 6/15, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23

Location: Elks Lodge 13219 Poway Rd. Poway, CA 92064

Info contact: Sally Huntington  
[sallych@san.rr.com](mailto:sallych@san.rr.com)

#### **Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club**

Delegate: Shanna Dollarhide

Club Email: [scvcebc@yahoo.com](mailto:scvcebc@yahoo.com)

Club website:

[www.santaclarabirdclub.org](http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the

Month

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Show/Expo: Annual Show Dec. 6, 2007

Location: TBA

Info contact: Shanna Dollarhide,  
[Shanna@coloronthewing.com](mailto:Shanna@coloronthewing.com)

#### **West Coast Zebra & Society Club**

Delegate: Chryse Seeman

Show/Expo: Show July 26 2008, sales

and speakers on July 25 and 27th, 2008

La Quinta Downtown, Sacramento, CA  
 916 448-8100

(ask for BIRD SHOW RATE)

Judge: Garrie Landry

Info contact: Chryse Seeman, manager  
[chryse95320@yahoo.com](mailto:chryse95320@yahoo.com)

### **FLORIDA**

#### **Suncoast Avian Society**

Delegate: Mari Howard

Club website:

[www.suncoastaviansociety.org](http://www.suncoastaviansociety.org)

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Location: Mocassin Lake Park, Clearwater FL

Show/Expo: Show Aug. 2, 2008

Location: St Petersburg Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 34695

Information contact: Mari Howard,  
[whoward7@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:whoward7@tampabay.rr.com)

#### **Tri-State Avian Society**

Delegate: Barry Laster

Club website: [Tristateaviansociety.org](http://Tristateaviansociety.org)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Saturday of the Month

Location: Tallahassee, FL  
 Show/Expo: Spring Bird Fair May 17-18, 2008  
 Location: North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee  
 Info contact: Barry Laster, BarryL7523@comcast.net

## ILLINOIS

### The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland

Delegate: Jason Crean  
 Club Email: tascgcicago@aol.com  
 Club website: www.tasc-chicago.org  
 Meeting Schedule: Months with 5 fridays at 7:30PM  
 Location: Lombard Loglebin, Lombard, IL  
 Show/Expo: Midwest Bird Expo April 5, 2008  
 Location: Wheaton, IL  
 Info contact: Jason Crean, tascgcicago@aol.com

## INTERNATIONAL

### Canadian Finch and Softbill Society

Delegate: Vince Moase  
 Club Email: vmoase@rogers.com  
 Show/Expo: TBA

### Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Delegate: Alfred Mion  
 Club website: www.essexkentcbs.com  
 Show/Expo: Show Sept. 28, 2008  
 Location: Fogolar Furlan Club, Windsor, Canada  
 Information contact: Alfred Mion, julianne@mnsi.net

## IOWA

### Mid America Cage Bird Society

Delegate: John Thielking  
 Club website: www.MACBS.org  
 Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month  
 Location: Des Moines Botanical Center 909 Robert D Ray Drive

Show/Expo: Bird Fairs, March 23, May 18, August 24, 2008  
 Location: Des Moines Botanical Center  
 Info contact: John Thielking, Thielking@Iowalink.com

## MARYLAND

### Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Robert Mehl  
 Club website: www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org  
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month except May & Oct 2PM  
 Location: Towson Public Library, Baltimore County  
 Show/Expo: Spring Mart and Finch Show May 17, 2008  
 Location: Tall Cedars Hall, Parkville, MD 21234  
 Judge: Cecil Gunby  
 Info contact: Robert Mehl, robert.mehl@verizon.net

### Maryland All Canary Club

Delegate: Judith Minter  
 Club website: geocities.com/heartland/3575/mac.html  
 Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month  
 Location: Varies  
 Show/Expo: Show Oct. 4, 2008  
 Location: TBD  
 Info contact: Judith Minter canarylady7@earthlink.net

## MICHIGAN

### Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club

Delegate: Rebecca Mikel  
 Club website: greatlakeszebra&societyfinchclub.com  
 Show/Expo: Show Aug 23, 2008  
 Location: Livonia, MI  
 Info contact: Jim Heffernan, tielnmore@aol.com

### **Michigan Society of Canary and Finch Breeders**

Delegate: Jim Heffernan  
 Club Email: tielnmore@aol.com  
 Club website: www.societyofcanaryandfinchbreedersofmichigan.com

### **MISSOURI**

#### **Gateway Parrot Club**

Delegate: Christine Kinkade  
 Club website: gatewayparrotclub.org  
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month, June 2nd, Aug. no meeting 2PM  
 Location: Kirkwood Community Center, 1111S Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO  
 Show/Expo: All-American Hookbill Fair Aug 23-24, 2008  
 Location: Greensfelder Reception Complex, Queeny Park, Baldwin, MO  
 Info contact: Phyllis Cotton vicepresident@gatewayparrotclub.com

### **NEW YORK**

#### **Empire Finch & Canary Breeders Assoc.**

Delegate: John Lund, (516) 564-4692, email: IRMANPEREZ@aol.com  
 Show/Expo: Show Nov 8, 2008  
 Location: St. Marks Methodist Church, 200 Hempstead Ave, Rockville Center, NY  
 Judge: Robert Vargo  
 Info contact: Gabe Dillon 516-593-2841  
 Other Divisions: Colorbred, Type, Fife, and Gloster Canaries

#### **New York Finch & Type Canary Club**

Delegate: Stan Kulak  
 Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month except holidays  
 Location: Blvd. Park, Elmont (Long Island), NY  
 Show/Expo: Feather Show 7/22/08  
 Location: Blvd. Park, Elmont, NY  
 Info contact: Stan Kulak barstand@aaahawk.com

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

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

Delegate: James Dvorak  
 Club website: www.RDCBS.org  
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM  
 Location: Glen Eden Pilot Park, Raleigh  
 Show/Expo: Fair and Show 5/24/08  
 Location: NC State Fairgrounds  
 Judge: Cecil Gunby & Ken Gunby  
 Info contact: John Marquis, john@jamcosys.com  
 Other Divisions: 2 shows in one day

### **OREGON**

#### **Columbia Canary Club**

Delegate: KJ and Linda Brown  
 Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov 8-9 2008  
 Location: National Guard Armory, 10101 SE Clackamas Rd, Clackamas, OR  
 Judge: Alfredo Brugueras  
 Info contact: Linda Brown 503-266-7606  
 JeepersPeepers55@aol.com  
 Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred Canary

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

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

Delegate: Doris Rickards  
 Club Email: Info@ccbirdclub.com  
 Club website: www.ccbirdclub.com  
 Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month  
 Location: East Whiteland Township Bldg  
 Show/Expo date: 20th Annual Show & Mart November 8th, 2007  
 Location: Church Farm School, 1001 East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA  
 Info contact: Doris Rickards  
 Info@ccbirdclub.com

### **TENNESSEE**

#### **SE Tennessee Aviculture Society**

Delegate: Susan Murphy  
 Club website: www.stasbirdclub.com  
 Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the

Month

Location: Niota Elementary School  
Niota, TN

Show/Expo: Fall Show & Fair NFSS  
Region 2 Finch & Softbill Show, Sept  
27-28, 2008

Location: George R. Stuart School,  
Cleveland, TN 37312

Info contact: Lisa Murphy  
wlmurphy@usit.net

Other Divisions: NCS, NAPS

## TEXAS

### Fort Worth Bird Club

Delegate: Clarence Culwel

Club website: www.fwbc.org

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the  
Month

Location: Botanical Gardens, Fort Worth TX

Show/Expo: 55th Annual All Bird  
Show Region 4 NFSS Show 11/27/2008

Location: Grapevine Convention Center

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Info contact: Jerry Casor show@fwbc.org

### Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers

Delegate: Clarence Culwell

Club website: www.texasbirdbreeders.org

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly

Location: Varies

Show/Expo: Fair and Show 1/8/2008

Location: Mayborn Convention Center,  
Temple TX

Info contact: Clarence Culwell,  
COculwell@myfam.com

## WASHINGTON

### Cascade Canary Breeders Association

Delegate: Janel Johnson

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the  
month

Location: 120 West Sunset Way,  
Issaquah, WA 98027

Show/Expo: Finch & Canary show  
Nov 29-30 2008

Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds,

Monroe, WA

Info contact: Janel Johnson,  
Katbird57@aol.com

## WISCONSIN

### Central Wisconsin Cage & Exotic Bird Club

Delegate: Marlene Minor

Club website: www.cwwcbc.us/bc/

Show/Expo: Annual Bird & Garden  
Fair May 24,2008

Location: Marshfield Fairgrounds

Information contact: Marlene Minor  
mminor@tds.net

## REGIONAL

### Southeast Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Ginny Allen

Club website:

www.members.tripod.com/sebfg/

Location: Varies

Information contact: Ginny Allen  
gndallen@bellsouth.net

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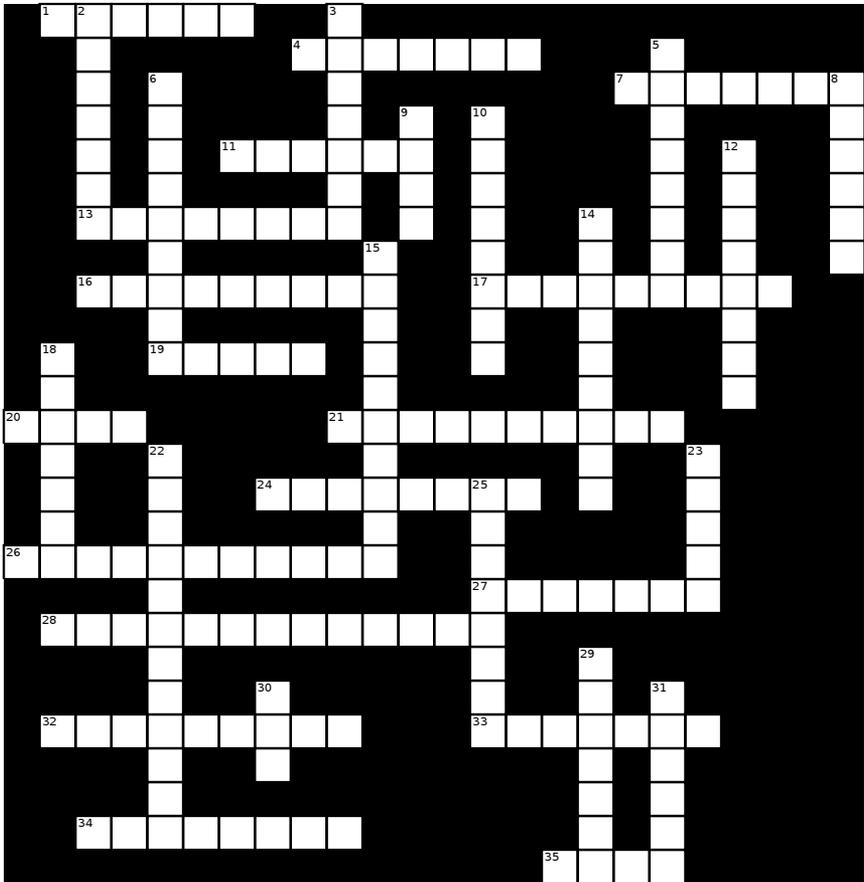
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**Across**

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 4 the process of getting a chick to eat on its own  
 7 hens need this mineral to help form eggs  
 11 this mineral may improve fertility in some birds  
 13 name for a chick who has opened its eyes  
 16 a new born chick is called this  
 17 a clear egg  
 19 male finches  
 20 what you check to determine the parents are feeding  
 21 the act of sitting on eggs to provide warmth  
 24 fertile eggs need a higher level of this to hatch  
 26 how a chick must be fed if its parents refuse to  
 27 glowing spots on the side of a nestling's mouth  
 28 crossbreeding species  
 32 taking eggs from one pair & giving them to another pair to raise  
 33 a good nesting material  
 34 testing eggs for fertility and growth  
 35 one way to tell for sure you have a hen

**Down**

- 2 feathers are composed of this  
 3 what a baby is doing to be fed  
 5 a breeding trigger that requires more hours of this  
 6 type of breeders Whydahs are  
 8 a type of seed that can be purchased as a  
 9 female finches  
 10 name for a chick who is feeding itself  
 12 what a male does to attract a female  
 14 name for a chick that has finally left the nest  
 15 common condition when a hen cannot pass an egg  
 18 handfed chicks and human babies are fed this  
 22 many breeders select or breed for this physical trait  
 23 available from Paula Hansen to keep track of your birds  
 25 the development of two embryos from a double yolked egg  
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# Finch and Softbill Save (FSS)

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Most finch and softbill species are not bred enough in the US and Canada, leading to a decline in the number of individual birds and bird species available today. A number of factors have contributed to this decline, including import restrictions, lack of motivation to breed these species, and difficulty finding other breeders with whom we can exchange bloodlines. Finch and Softbill Save strives to increase the number of captive-bred birds by sharing information that may lead to improved breeding success and by providing a way for breeders to work cooperatively.

### **NEW – Finch and Softbill Save is Going Online!**

Finch and Softbill Save is taking advantage of the web to make it easier to fulfill the program requirements and to improve our ability to analyze the data reported by participants. A web-based application is being developed that will allow participants to record their breeding results online along with observations about the environment and conditions that led to those results. The program will include the following features:

**Annual reporting routines** will evaluate the data reported by participants and tally the statistics provided for each species. Such analyses offer a snapshot of the state of aviculture for each species and can lead to species profiles to assist our breeding efforts.

**A studbook** will maintain the documented ancestral history of all birds in the program, providing pedigrees and tools to help ensure genetic diversity.

Breeders of rare species can easily **network to exchange bloodlines** and expand flocks, without sacrificing each participant's **control over private information**.

### **We Need You!**

No conservation effort, no matter how well conceived and well designed, can succeed without participation from the avicultural community. You can help by joining FSS and sharing your results. All species of finches and softbills that can be legally kept in captivity in the US and Canada are included except zebra finches, society finches, gouldian finches, and java rice finches, which are already well-established. There is no fee to join, but you must be a member of the National Finch and Softbill Society.

### **How to Join:**

**NFSS:** Visit the NFSS website at [www.nfss.org](http://www.nfss.org) or use the Membership form in this Journal.

**FSS:** Ensure your NFSS membership is current and join the Finch and Softbill Save Yahoo! group at: [http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Finch\\_SoftbillSave/](http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Finch_SoftbillSave/). Software development has just begun, but progress reports will be made to the Finch and Softbill Save Yahoo! group.

### **For more information, contact:**

Vonda Zwick ([VondaFSS@finchaviary.com](mailto:VondaFSS@finchaviary.com))  
Finch & Softbill Save Program Director  
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**THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY  
SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

(All persons may vote in this category)

Bryan Nagle

Write in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BRIAN NAGLE (Membership Director)**

I am 35 yrs old and live in Jersey City, NJ. I am a corporate account executive for a high-end cosmetics company and oversee 30 retail stores including Bloomingdales, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Nordstrom within NYC and New Jersey markets. I currently have 50 employees and maintain HR records, hiring, company ordering, forecasting, and budgets for each store. I handle financial records and budgets for over 250K annually, my region's retail volume is over 20 million. I have created several forms of record keeping during my career in Excel spreadsheets and Access databases. I am based out of my home and I have a flexible schedule. My love of birds started with Zebras, Cockatiels, and Lovebirds at 15 years of age. My true passion has always been the finch, in particular the Gouldian. I currently breed Gouldian Mutations, Societies, and Shaftails. My goal is to achieve quality babies and strong bloodlines. I found the NFSS back in 2004 and had to join. I feel that now is the time for me to take an active role within the organization. With my experience and flexibility, I feel I would transition into the Membership Director's role smoothly and without any inconvenience to you, the NFSS Member.

# NFSS BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

## *OPEN POSITIONS*

There will be a special election in the May/June journal for the following Board of Director positions, region 5 VP (Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY) which is currently being filled Pro Tem by Mr. Gunnar Nitzkowski and Region 8 (Canada) which is vacant. Any NFSS members from these regions interested in running for these offices please contact:

NFSS President Bob Peers at  
(630) 960-2562 or [r.peers@comcast.net](mailto:r.peers@comcast.net)

Anyone with web-design experience who would be interested in assisting with the NFSS website, please contact Andy Mordoh at [cmordoh@earthlink.net](mailto:cmordoh@earthlink.net)

## The New York Finch & Type Canary Club

*(Supports the Goals of Both NFSS & AFA)*

We meet the second Sunday of every month (Except July & August) and have a Feather Show in June (for young bred & banded birds) and a large Annual Show in October. Our President is an NFSS Judge and we have many outstanding breeders in our group. For friendship, fun, & education, join us.

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# Membership Application

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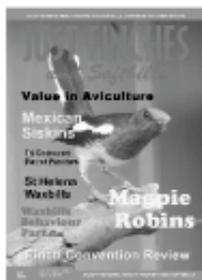
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