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SISKIN FINCH

Carduelis cucullata

NFSS wants to thank Paula Hansen for sharing the photo of this female Red Siskin. She is wearing an NFSS black band with white lettering which indicates a 4/2010 hatch. This hen was paired with a 2007 male, producing three chicks in April, 2011, and one chick in December 2011. Paula heads up the Finch Save Red Siskin *Group*.

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We've been well behind schedule with the Journals and are now close to catching up, thanks to the efforts of our new editor Gerta Noble and Second VP Barbara Jaquez. One of the consequences has been that members haven't been aware their memberships were expiring. Please check the mailing label date at the top of the address label; this is your membership expiration date.

It's also a good time to check the affiliates listings to make sure your club's contact and show information is listed accurately. Our goal is to work with clubs and individual members to promote the hobby but we need and appreciate your help in getting the job done.

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FINCH SOFTBILL SAVE THE SPECIES GROUPS AND CENSUS

The 2011 Finch Softbill Save census can be found on pages 27-35 of this issue or by visiting our website at *www.nfss.org* and following the links under the Finch/Save banner to the 2011 Census results at *http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census/CensusReport.aspx*.

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If you are interested in a species or presently keeping a species and looking for out-crosses the NFSS Census is an excellent place to locate other breeders. Under the Finch/Save program we have species groups.

These are internet lists whose focus is on a single or several closely related species (See Page 26). The groups as of this writing are

- NFSS-FSS Amandava—Strawberries Goldbreast
- NFSS-FSS Carduelis cucullata—Red Siskins
- NFSS-FSS Coliidae—Mousebirds
- NFSS-FSS Erythrura—Parrot Finches
- NFSS-FSS European—Softbills
- NFSS-FSS Pynonotus-Bulbuls
- NFSS-FSS Serinus—Group
- NFSS-FSS Uraeginthus—Blue-Purple Waxbills

If you keep any of these birds, look into joining the group. We're looking for leaders for the European-Softbills and the Serinus-Group. If you're breeding members of either group and would like to build a community of breeders we can help to make it happen.

The 2012 National Cage Bird Show this year is in St. Louis, Missouri, Thursday November 15 thru Saturday November 17, 2012 at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis. I hope to see you there.

John Wilson President NFSS

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RED SISKIN Carduelis Cucullata

by Ron Castaner

Former NFSS President AFA South Florida Regional Director E-mail: finches@bellsouth.net

he Red Siskin is a small red-and-black finch about 10cm, or four inches long. The male has a red-with-black head, bib, and tail. Its black wings have broad red bars across the flight feathers. The female is mainly light brown but more dusky on the wings and tail. She has a red rump, wings-bar, and primary bases. There is a red wash to the flanks but otherwise grayish. The song is a twittering series of trills and chatters; a raspy, jut-jut call.

This species is now very small and severely fragmented, primarily as a result of trapping for the cage-bird trade. Some of the forest destruction is contributed to their loss.

The range and population for the *Carduelies Cucullata* was common in the early 20th century but has become extremely rare in a now-fragmented forest range. It once occurred throughout the foothills of Northern Venezuela, but recent sightings are restricted to just four states. It has disappeared from Trinidad, where it was never anything other than rare. A small population persists north of Santader, Colpmbia, where a record in February 2003 is apparently the first since 1978. A population in Puerto Rico, derived from escaped cage-birds, has undergone a marked decline and there are very few recent records. The population has been estimated in the high hundreds or low thousands, but the paucity of recent records indicates that even this may be an overestimate.

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Found at a 900- to 4200-foot elevation (280-1,300m) they tend to move semi-nomadically and attitudinally to seasonally moist evergreen forest, preferring dry deciduous woodland and associated shrubby edge habitats. The main breeding period is from May to early June in the wild. They place their nest in clumps of Tillandsia bromeliads in tall trees.

The Red Siskins existence is enormously threatened due to the long-term (and since 1940, illegal) pressure from the bird trade because of its capacity to hybridize with canaries. Intensive agriculture continues to reduce available habitat. Diseases and the ability to get new bloodlines hamper captive-breeding programs. We hope with public awareness, captive-breeding efforts internationally and locally here in the United States we can get the population of the Red Siskin to a level of non-extinction

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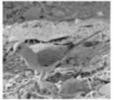
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2ND QUARTER • 2012 MEETING

All members were present for the meeting.

TREASURY

- 1/1/12 Bank Balance: \$33,631;
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- Michael Gravely and Cheryl Burns to complete audit of 2011 financials
- IRS 990 process complete

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• TOTAL: 25

REGIONAL SHOW ASSIGNMENTS

- Region 1: Baltimore Bird Fanciers: 10/20/12
- Region 2: Asociacion De Criadores de Finces, P Rico: 9/10/11
- Region 3: Greater Chicago Caged Bird Club: 11/3/12
- Region 4: Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers: 11/3/12
- Region 5: Columbia Canary Club, Oregon: 11/3/12

3rd VICE PRESIDENT

 Census in Nov/Dec Journal; awaiting responses from Journal participants; on-line participation continues

FINCH SAVE

GROUP	CAPTAIN	MEMBERS	ACTIVITY
Mousebirds	Kateri Davis	7	
Parrot Finches	Scott Golden	28	
European Softbills			Group Suspended Need Coordinator
Bulbuls	Sally Huntington	7	
Serinus		7	Need Coordinator
Blue-Purple Waxbills	Vonda Zwick	13	
Red Siskin	Paula Hansen	4	12 chicks bred this season (Oct. '11-May '12)
Strawberry Goldbreast	Sally Porter	9	

BAND DEPARTMENT

- See Journal ad for new band cutters available
- Increase in band prices forthcoming

NEW BUSINESS

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SISKIN BREEDING HINTS

Paula Hansen

Paula Hansen is a long-time member of NFSS. In addition to being the Band Secretary and volunteering to help whenever possible, she heads up the **NFSS FINCH AND SOFTBILL SAVE** Parrot Finches, *Erythrura* group.

The most important part of breeding is preparing the birds before breeding season begins, which is from October to April.

Soaked seed . . . Any oily seed can get rancid when wet and warm. Refrigerate soaked mixes and only prepare 2-3 days worth at a time and serve what will be eaten between feedings. Some breeders freeze pre-soaked seed for use later. Freezing does not hurt the seed or supplements you add in the mixture. It is vital to get parents used to foods you offer before eggs are laid. If you use soaked seed during your birds breeding season your young will not look so dehydrated. The additional moisture to their diet is a benefit. Upon fledging chicks will to learn to open (hull) seed easier. Parents also have an easier time feeding. I usually add extra oat groats to my mix because I have observed that is the first seed the parents go for.

SPROUTED MILLET . . . Pre-breeding season (January/February). Siskins seem to like dry millet as is. I offer it as a treat, not for breeding season. Non-breeding season (June to December), Siskins will dine on it. Millet is not necessary but a good addition to the diet.

FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT . . . Romaine lettuce, broccoli, peas, corn, zucchini, apple (sweet apple varieties) should be fed a few times a week all year long. Most prefer golden and red delicious apples. NOTE: They like their fruit and vegetables clipped to the cage, not lying on the floor. Use clothes pins; cheap and easy.

EGG FOOD . . . Whether they take it or not, it is important to feed mashed egg food from start to finish during breeding season. Mother will usually use egg food to feed her chicks from day one through day eight, then taper off to the soaked seed mix. I continue to offer the egg food because the chicks will start eating on their own and that is what they will start with.

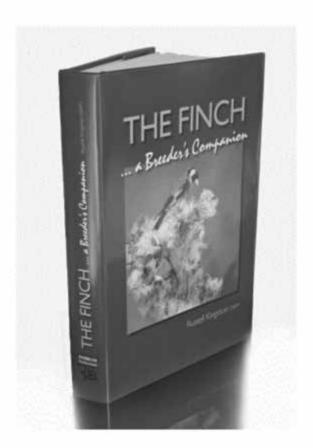
VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS . . . Yes, they are necessary. There has been no special recommendation made for Siskin pairs. Should you choose to do so, you can use a good, balanced vitamin supplement in their water. Do not let this treated water stand in direct sunlight, under warm environment because it will generate bacteria. Dry vitamins made to be sprinkled over egg food, fruit, and vegetables. I add water soluble mix to my soak seed mix. It is not recommended to sprout seed soaked in vitamin water mix. When purchasing from a shop check those expiration dates. Most female finches and Siskins need to replenish nutrients into their system vitamins & minerals can assist in this process during resting season and breeding season.

FOSTERING . . . Not at all necessary but should you consider to do so, now or later, use a female Canary. They are cheap and usually reliable. Make sure the female Canary is healthy and use quarantine practices prior to breeding season. Keep the canary pair in the same mode as the Siskin pair. Remove a few of the foster canary eggs and place under another canary. Babies should be placed under the foster canary when pin feathers appear (about 8-10) days old.

Please Note: Canary babies are much larger than Siskins, so a newly hatched Siskin may be too small for a large Gloster canary to feed. Try to foster with a smaller type, such as a Fife or Red Factor canary. I prefer doing this between one-half and one hour before the lights go out. Hens will be more willing to sit on the Siskin chicks.

Try this when you have some days off from work in order to monitor closely. When attempting this for the first time, only try one chick the first night leaving a few original canary eggs. If the female canary accepts and feeds the chicks, add the rest of the Siskin clutch the next afternoon or evening. Again, transferring the balance of canary eggs with the rest you already moved.

CHICK FOOD . . . Always feed a good soaked Siskin mix and hardboiled egg food sprinkled with supplements. Most breeders use the basic hand-feeding formula sprinkled over the fresh boiled egg. Other ingredients you could use are bee pollen or unmedicated game bird food ground to a powder. I use Skip's Soya Musca. There are many recipes out there to choose from.



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veryone should recognize and understand dehydration in birds. To dehydrate something is to remove all the moisture. When this happens the body and organs cannot operate normally and the disease will become stronger and harder to cure. Most sick birds die of dehydration first, not the illness that caused their problem. A sick bird drinks very little water or no water at all. Make sure there is water low in the cage, especially when the bird is unable to perch. At this point you must give electrolyte with a crop needle or by eye-dropper feeding.

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Both are good but you must realize the liquid is only good for 24 hours after it is opened. If you can find powder electrolyte it is better, lasts longer, and there is very little waste.

When birds are short of energy they lose their willingness to live, which is why they will not drink, causing escalation of the illness. While the electrolyte is important, the heat lamp is needed to keep the bird warm. The temperature should be maintained at 90 degrees with 80 percent humidity. This is a must, so the bird does not become dehydrated. When a bird loses body water the blood flows to the muscles and the fluid is withdrawn from the muscle tissues to compensate for water loss. Once water is taken from the muscle, it cannot function properly and the bird cannot fly. Even without infections, toxins, or starvation at this stage the birds are less able to fly and they become more stressed.

The sudden weight loss in sick birds is not protein loss, but in fact the loss of water. The bird is dehydrated. Birds can lose 30 percent of their body water (weight) and appear normal. By the time the weight loss is noticed, the bird is in very serious condition and the chance to turn this around is very hard, if not impossible, especially if it has been sick for a long time.

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PREVENTION

This is much cheaper than the treatment. Most birds taken to the vet. as emergencies have a history of inadequate water intake. Early fluid replacement will help the bird replace fluid without interfering with treatments.

Veterinarians have several ways to administer fluids: under the skin, into the muscle, intravenous, and into the bone marrow. These are things the average bird-keeper cannot do but they can administer oral supplements like electrolytes or Gatorade to prevent dehydration. This will help prevent damaging any internal organs more than they already are and will keep birds from becoming more stressed.

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

Another necessity is the hospital cage. Rather than try to determine if the bird is dehydrated, it is better to treat them as such. Sick birds pose a problem of what to do. Placing a sick bird in the hospital cage and electrolyte crop-feeding is a good start to the bird's recovery. The longer you wait the more damage is done to internal organs. To restore the bird to normal health after the effects of dehydration occur will take longer, if at all.

Sick birds stop eating. Instead, they spend most of the day in the seed bowl and drinking very little if any water. It is necessary to provide a high-protein, easily digested diet, and using the crop needle is the best way. In such cases a hand-feeding formula with a little papaya can be used for a few days then soft egg food with soaked seed. The high-protein diet and water is quickly absorbed, supplying the bird with desperately needed fluids to give it a better chance to start fighting any disease or infection it might have. Contact your vet. if the bird is not better in a few days.

QUARANTINE

One way to detect or eliminate problems before they enter your aviary is to quarantine all new birds.

The purpose is to detect or eliminate any potential problems before they can enter into your collection or aviary. You must observe all the birds in quarantine for any signs of diseases, like wheezing, gasping, weight loss, soiled vent, eye or nasal discharge, prolonged inactivity, eating too much, or always in the seed dish.

A few diseases are external parasites (lice and mites), internal parasites (worms), Protoza (canker, coccidia), Psittacos, nutrition, and others. They have been studying a new one the last few years called megabacteria. You will hear a lot about these bacteria in the future,

Managing finches is a little different from parrots and other birds. The finch's requirements are different. For one thing, they require more shelters. Solid walls are needed for safety so they feel more secure. Protection is needed, especially from direct winds or drafts, ventilation is a must, and the floor should be dry. Extremely important is making certain clean water is always available. And, don't forget, regular cleaning is needed. Seed mixes should always be fresh and clean. Seed-borne disease is very common so be careful.

Soak-seed should be supplied all year-round. Oil and herb seed should be used during the winter to provide extra energy and fat to withstand the lower temperatures. Many finches require insect protein which will keep them healthy and eliminate stress.

A good observation, rapid first aid, and professional help should save the birds. Ask for help from your bird club or ask other breeders for help. We are losing too many finches from inexperience.



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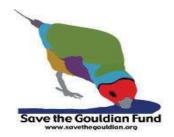
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Siskin, Society, Cutthroat Finch

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FORUM TIDBITS

Below are comments, tips, advice, and general information posted by NFSS members on the Forum. Please be aware articles are provided as a resource only. The validity and certainty of this information is not the responsibility of NFSS. NFSS cannot guarantee the results of the content.

LEARNING THE HARD WAY—#1. I have a 2-inch gap at the end of the foster cages. One day I found 3 Shaft-tail finches stuck there – all dead. **#2**. I once found a Shaft-tail dead in a net. **#3**. I let five Societies loose in the small aviary, not expecting one to go down to the ground. As I walked out I noticed a bird on the cage bottom. A few minutes prior it had been in my hand so I didn't realize I had stepped on it. *Please learn from my mistakes*.

SPIDERS—I have been raising finches for 20 years. I did not realize Black Widow spiders would colonize a bird net.

Bored Birds—Birds seem to have an infinite amount of time to creatively find ways of injuring or killing themselves. I once had a recently fledged chick hitch a ride out of the aviary by hanging on my back. I did not feel the chick until I noticed my little dog chasing it across the yard. Luckily, the chick was caught unharmed and returned to the aviary.

METAL-TIPPED BOTTLE SPOUTS—I also never realized that the metal-tipped spouts on glass drinking bottles would freeze solid.

WATER—The most common way we lose our birds is water-related. Sometimes the ball at the end of a water bottle will get stuck. Not realizing this, the birds are unable to get water. Now I shake each bottle to make certain water comes out the ball.

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FLIGHT DOORS—My walk-through flights allow walking from flight to flight. I decapitated two diamond Fire-tails in one swing of the door going from one flight to the other.

SQUINTING BIRDS—Watch for and learn to react to squinting. Thirsty birds squint. I've likely saved more birds repeating this than by anything else I've ever said. My source: Robert Black. Good advice pays off over and over.

CHECKING WATER BOTTLES—I learned the hard way to always check water bottles. Now, before I leave the aviary each morning I check *each* bottle and say "They have water, they have water." By doing this double-check I rarely miss a cage now.

STARVED BIRDS—I knew someone who put sprays of millet in the bird seed Planix jars along with the bird seed. They did this thinking the birds would get a treat now and then. When they returned home from being gone several days they found dead birds on several of the cage floors. The spray millet had blocked passage of the seed, causing many birds to starve to death, even though they had full jars of seed.

Button Quail with Many Lives—I noticed my buttonquail was missing. She had popped up in the air, as buttonquail often do, and landed in a bucket of diluted bleach-vinegar water. I found her floating and limp. I held her upside down, stroked her chest toward her mouth. As a little water came out of her mouth I noticed her flinch. I put her in a bowl and laid her in the sun, where she slowly came around. Months later she was literally blown out of the aviary during a freak storm. The doors have spring closers and latches. The latch to one door wasn't fastened and blew open. I found her two days later walking in the yard. She lived an un-eventful life after that. And yes, I realize this story is a little odd.

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FINCH AND SOFTBILL SAVE PROGRAM

The Finch and Softbill Save program **(FSS)** was established in 1988. Over the years program requirements have changed but the definition and purpose of the program has not.

LONG-TERM GOAL—To establish a consortium of breeders of finches and softbills dedicated to producing and maintaining a viable captive-bred population of finches and softbills in the United States and Canada.

SHORT-TERM GOAL—To establish consistent breeding success with participating species in the United states and Canada.

FSS benefits conservation by maintaining studbooks of domestically bred birds in the program. In addition, **FSS** provides a hub for networking. To participate, you must be an NFSS member in good standing and it is required all birds in the program be banded with numbered bands. Closed bands are preferred but **FSS** understands this is not always possible and imported birds cannot be closed-banded.

BIRD INFORMATION—When ownership of a bird is transferred, the bird's records can be transferred to the new owner. Data collected by this program is for its own analysis and not intended to replace your records. Therefore, it is imperative you keep your own separate records.

FSS GROUPS

- NFSS-FSS—Amanday—Strawberries Goldbreast
- NFSS-FSS—Corduelis cucullata—Red Siskins
- NFSS-FSS—Coliidae—Mousebirds
- NFSS-FSS—Erythrura—Parrot Finches
- NFSS-FSS—European—Softbills
- NFSS-FSS—Pyronotus—Bulbuls
- NFSS-FSS—Serinus—Group
- NFSS-FSS—Uraeginthus—Blue Purple Waxbills

All NFSS members are strongly encouraged to join one or more of the above groups. For information, please contact the **FSS** Director.

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2011 FSS CENSUS RESULTS

The 2011 Census is now over. We ran the Census this year in January and February, but the Census was held open through May because of the delay in receiving Journals with the Census announcement.

Thank you to everyone who participated. As always, we still have a lot of work to do to reach many of the hobbyists out there, but we will keep pushing in that direction. All help spreading the word about the Census to members and non-members alike is greatly appreciated.

We had a total of 6,562 birds entered in the 2011 Census, with 86 people participating and 189 species being represented. Included in this journal are the total counts by species and mutation. For more detailed statistics and contact information from hobbyists who chose to share that information, please visit the Census results online at http://www.nfss-fss.ora/Census

Thank you for participating! Vonda Zwick, FSS Director

2011 FSS CENSUS

Note: One record was omitted from the tallies and the Census data reported herein because of the high likelihood that the record was inaccurate or made in error. This record was made by an anonymous participant and it was the only record entered by this participant. The following was the data in the removed record: Zebra Finch (Fawn-cheeked): 2,000 hens, 2,000 cocks, 4,000 unsexed.

Species	Cocks	Hens	Un- sexed	Total Birds	Partici -pants
FINCHES	-	-	-	-	-
African Citril (Serinus citrinelloides)	2	2	0	4	1
African Silverbill (Lonchura cantans)	1	2	5	8	4
African Yellow Canary (Serinus flaviventris)	3	3	0	6	1
Beautiful Firetail (Emblema bella)	5	5	5	15	2
Black And White Mannikin (Lonchura bicolor)	9	9	0	18	3
Black-bellied Firefinch (Lagonosticta rara)	9	5	0	14	3
Black-cheeked Waxbill (Estrilda erythronotos)	1	0	0	1	1
Black-crested Finch (Lophospingus pusillus)	3	1	0	4	1
Black-faced Firefinch (Lagonosticta larvata)	1	1	0	2	1
Black-rumped Waxbill (Estrilda troglodytes)	3	4	3	10	4
Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu (Uraeginthus angolensis)	3	2	0	5	2
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu (Uraeginthus cyanocephalus)	35	39	0	74	14

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Species	Cocks	Hens	Un- sexed	Total Birds	Partici -pants	
FINCHES						
Blue-faced Parrotfinch (Erythrura trichroa)	85	91	69	245	7	
Bronze-winged Mannikin (Lonchura cucullata)	4	3	6	13	5	
Canary (Serinus canaria)	67	64	1	132	11	
Cherry Finch (Neochmia modesta)	14	11	0	25	6	
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (Sporophila castaneiventris)	2	2	0	4	1	
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin (Lonchura castaneothorax)	19	9	25	53	4	
Chinese Grosbeak (Eophona migratoria)	1	0	0	1	1	
Collared Warbling Finch (Poospiza hispaniolensis)	1	2	0	3	1	
Crimson Seed Cracker (Pyrenestes sanguineus)	2	0	0	2	1	
Crimson-breasted Finch (Rhodospingus cruentus)	1	1	0	2	1	
Cuban Bullfinch (Melopyrrha nigra)	1	0	0	1	1	
Cuban Melodious Finch (Tiaras canora)	44	41	16	101	4	
Cutthroat Finch (Amadina fasciata)	13	17	3	33	5	
Diamond Firetail (Stagonopleura guttata)	11	12	26	49	6	
Dybowski's Twinspot (Euschistospiza dybowskii)	4	5	0	9	1	
European Goldfinch (Carduelis carduelis)	5	4	1	10	5	
Firefinch, Senegal (Lagonostica senegala)	21	20	0	41	7	
Goldbreasted Waxbill (Amandava subflava)	44	48	22	114	17	
Golden-billed Saltators (Saltator aurantiirostris)	2	2	0	4	1	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Blue Body	23	16	27	66	13	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Dilute Body	30	1	4	35	10	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Normal	252	242	334	828	41	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Other (Body Color)	11	5	0	16	1	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Pastel Body	11	2	0	13	6	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Silver Body	6	4	4	14	5	
Gouldian Finch (Chloebia gouldiae) - Yellow Body	49	39	26	114	20	
Gray Headed Oliveback (Nesocharis capistrata)	1	0	0	1	1	
Green Singer (Serinus mozambicus)	27	29	10	66	15	
Green-backed Twinspot (Mandingoa nitidula)	1	2	0	3	2	
Green-winged Pytilia (Pytilia melba)	2	1	0	3	2	
Grey Singer (Serinus leucopygius)	6	5	0	11	2	

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FINCHES					
Heck's Shafftail (Poephila acuticauda hecki)	13	12	1	26	4
Indian Silverbill (Lonchura malabarica)	3	4	7	14	4
Jacarini (Volatinea jacarini)	2	2	0	4	1
Java Rice Finch (Lonchura oryzivora)	19	19	14	52	7
Lavender Finch (Estrilda caerulescens)	7	6	12	25	7
Lemon-breasted Canary (Serinus citrinipectus)	5	3	0	8	1
Little Green Singer (Serinus mozmbicus)	10	12	0	22	1
Madagascar Mannikin (Lonchura nana)	1	0	0	1	1
Magpie Mannikin (Lonchura fringilloides)	1	1	1	3	1
Masked Grassfinch (Poephila personata)	23	20	31	74	8
Napoleon Weaver (Euplectes afra)	3	5	0	8	1
Orange Bishop (Euplectes orix franciscana)	5	4	0	9	4
Orange-cheeked Waxbill (Estrilda melpoda)	33	25	24	82	17
Owl Finch (Taeniopygia bichenovii)	90	84	122	296	21
Owl Finch - Black Rumped (T. bichenovii annulosa)	20	25	15	60	2
Painted Firetail (Emblema picta)	9	8	0	17	1
Paradise Whydah (Vidua paradisaea)	2	2	0	4	3
Parson Finch (Poephila cincta)	4	3	2	9	3
Peales Parrotfinch (Erythrura pealii)	42	70	47	159	3
Pin-tailed Nonpareil (Erythrura prasina)	2	0	0	2	1
Pin-tailed Whydah (Vidua macroura)	4	5	0	9	2
Purple Grenadier (Uraeginthus ianthinogaster)	14	20	4	38	2
Red-billed Fire Finch (Logonosticta senegala)	1	1	0	2	1
Red Siskin (Carduelis cucullata)	18	8	8	34	2
Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch (Lagonosticta senegala)	1	2	0	3	1
Red-billed Firefinch (Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima)	4	4	0	8	1
Red-browed Finch (Neochmia temporalis)	2	2	1	5	1
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (Uraeginthus bengalus)	32	33	3	68	14
Red-collard Whydah (Euplectes ardens)	1	0	0	1	1
Red-crested Cardinal (Paroaria coronata)	6	7	2	15	4
Red-crested Finch (Coryphospingus cullatus)	6	6	0	12	4

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FINCHES					
Red-faced Crimson-wing (Cryptospiza reichenovii)	1	2	0	3	1
Red-faced Pytilia (Pytilia hypogrammica)	2	2	0	4	1
Red-headed Finch (Amadina erythrocephala)	6	4	0	10	2
Red-headed Parrotfinch (Erythrura cyaneovirens)	59	52	48	159	8
Red-throated Parrotfinch (Erythrura psittacea) - Normal	19	16	19	54	6
Red-throated Parrotfinch (Erythrura psittacea) - Pied	14	16	23	53	4
Red-throated Parrotfinch (E. psittacea) - Seagreen	6	11	6	23	3
Roller Canaries (Serinous canaria)	12	12	0	24	1
Rosy-rumped Waxbill (Estrilda rhodopyga)	12	12	7	31	2
Saffron Finch (Sicalis flaveola)	8	10	0	18	5
Shafttail (Poephila acuticauda)	29	25	52	106	9
Siberian Goldfinch (Carduelis carduelis major)	0	0	2	2	1
Society Finch (Lonchura striata domestica) - All White	148	159	37	344	9
Society Finch (L.s. domestica)—Chestnut/White Pied	33	15	43	91	13
Society Finch (L. striata domestica) - Chestnut Self	17	9	14	40	8
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) – Choc. and White Pied	39	16	22	77	15
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) - Chocolate Self	17	10	22	49	6
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) - Crested (Any Body Color)	23	17	13	53	12
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) - Euro Black Brown	14	13	2	29	4
Society Finch (Lonchura striata domestica) - Euro Grey	1	1	6	8	4
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) - Euro Red Brown	5	8	9	22	2
Society Finch (L.s. domestica) - Fawn and White Pied	21	9	6	36	11
Society Finch (Lonchura striata domestica) - Fawn Self	6	6	4	16	5
Society Finch (Lonchura striata domestica) - Other	21	24	19	64	4
Society Finch (Lonchura striata domestica) - Pearl	11	14	4	29	6
Spice Finch (Lonchura punctulata)	13	7	17	37	11
St. Helena Waxbill (Estrilda astrild)	2	2	13	17	6
Star Finch (N. ruficauda) - Isabelle (Any Head Color)	2	6	1	9	3
Star Finch (Neochmia ruficauda) - Normal (Red-faced)	35	27	5	67	13
Star Finch (Neochmia ruficauda) - Yellow-faced	3	5	8	16	5
Straw-tailed Whydah (Vidua fischeri)	1	1	0	2	2

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FINCHES							
Strawberry Finch (Amandava amandava)	35	27	8	70	7		
Swee Waxbill (Estrilda melanotis)	2	1	1	4	2		
Timor Zebra (Taeniopygia guttata)	10	8	0	18	1		
Tri-colored Nun (Lonchura malacca)	6	4	6	16	2		
Tri-colored Parrotfinch (Erythrura tricolor)	13	14	20	47	3		
Violet-eared Waxbill (Uraeginthus granatina)	3	5	0	8	2		
Western Bluebill (Spermophaga haematina)	3	2	0	5	3		
White-bellied Canary (Serinus dorsostriatus)	3	1	0	4	1		
White-headed Nun (Lonchura maja)	5	3	0	8	3		
Zanzibar Red Bishop (Euplectes nigroventris)	3	5	0	8	1		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Black-breasted	12	9	0	21	5		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Black-cheeked	6	5	0	11	4		
Zebra Finch (T.c. castanotis) - Black-faced	6	5	0	11	3		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Chestnut-flanked White	41	59	12	112	8		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Crested	2	0	1	3	2		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Dominant Silver	0	1	0	1	1		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Eumo	7	5	2	14	1		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Fawn	11	16	0	27	8		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Fawn-cheeked *	2	2	0	4	1		
Zebra Finch (T.g.) - Florida Fancy	11	10	6	27	2		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Lightback	5	3	0	8	4		
Zebra Finch (T.c. castanotis) - Normal Grey	198	142	48	388	22		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Orange-breasted	17	16	10	43	5		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Other	43	43	50	136	3		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Penguin	33	32	8	73	3		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - Pied	1	3	0	4	3		
Zebra Finch (T.g. castanotis) - Silver Isabelle	1	0	0	1	1		
Zebra Finch (Taeniopygia guttata castanotis) - White	12	10	0	22	6		
Totals	2289	2086	1455	5830	78		

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SOFTBILLS					
Allen's Gallinule (Porphyrio alleni)	1	1	0	2	1
Amethyst Starling (Cinnyricinclus leucogaster)	7	6	0	13	3
Bali Mynah (Leucopsar rothschildi)	2	0	0	2	2
Barbary Shrike (Laniarius barbarus)	1	1	0	2	1
Bearded Barbet (Lybius dubius)	4	4	0	8	2
Bearded Reedling (Panurus biarmicus)	1	2	0	3	2
Black-collared Starling (Sturnus nigricollis)	1	0	0	1	1
Black-spotted Barbet (Capito niger)	9	7	0	16	3
Blacksmith Plover (Vanellas armatus)	1	0	0	1	1
Blue-gray Tanager (Thraupis episcopus)	7	5	5	17	4
Blue-naped Mousebird (Urocolius macrourus)	12	10	3	25	3
Blue-necked Tanager (Tangara cyanicollis)	1	1	0	2	1
Burnished-buff Tanager (Tangara cayana)	2	1	0	3	2
Cissa (Cissa chinensis)	1	1	0	2	1
Collared Finchbill (Spizixos semitorques)	4	1	0	5	1
Collies Magpie Jay (Calocitta colliei)	2	3	0	5	2
Common Mynah (Acridotheres tristis)	4	4	3	11	2
Crowned Hornbill (Tockus alboterminatus)	2	1	0	3	1
D'arnaud's Barbet (Trachyphonus darnaudii)	1	1	0	2	1
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill (Tockus flavirostris)	1	0	0	1	1
Emerald Starling (Coccycolius iris)	1	1	0	2	1
European Blackbird (Turdus merula)	1	4	0	5	1
European Robin (Erithacus rubecula)	2	2	0	4	2
European Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)	1	0	1	2	2
Golden Bellied Grosbeak (Pheucticus chrysogaster)	1	1	0	2	1
Golden Tanager (Tangara arthus)	1	0	0	1	1
Greater Blue Eared Glossy Starling (L. chalybaeus)	0	2	1	3	1
Green Aracari (Pteroglossus viridis)	4	4	0	8	1
Green Honeycreeper (Chlorophanes spiza)	1	0	0	1	1
Guinea Touraco (Tauraco persa)	1	1	0	2	1
Hwamei (Garrulax canorus)	1	0	0	1	1

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SOFTBILLS					
Indian Hill Mynah (Gracula religiosa)	5	5	0	10	2
Kikuyu White Eye (Zosterops poliogaster kikuyuensis)	1	1	0	2	1
Laughing Kookabura (Dacelo novaeguineae)	3	2	0	5	2
Lesser Blue Eared Glossy Starling (L. chloropterus)	1	1	0	2	1
Livingstone's Turaco (Tauraco livingstonii)	0	1	0	1	1
Long-tailed Hornbill (Tropicranus albocristatus)	2	1	0	3	1
Long-tailed Mockingird (Mimus longicaudatus)	0	0	2	2	1
Magpie Robin (Copsychus saularis)	1	1	0	2	1
Montane White Eye (Zosterops poliogastrus)	1	0	5	6	2
Oriental Pied Hornbill (Anthracoceros albirostris)	1	1	0	2	1
Paradise Tanager (Tangara chilensis)	1	1	1	3	2
Pekin Robin (Leiothrix lutea)	16	19	0	35	6
Plush-crested Jay (Cyanocorax chrysops)	2	2	0	4	1
Purple Glossy Starling (Lamprotornis purpureus)	1	0	1	2	2
Purple Honeycreeper (Cyanerpes caeruleus)	4	4	0	8	3
Purplish Back Jay (Cyanocorax beecheii)	1	1	0	2	1
Red - Yellow Barbet (Trachyphonus erythrocephalus)	4	5	0	9	2
Red-billed Blue Magpie (Urocissa erythrorhyncha)	2	2	0	4	1
Red-billed Hornbill (Tockus erythrorhynchus)	12	9	0	21	6
Red-crested Turaco (Tauraco erythrolophus)	9	11	3	23	5
Red-faced Mousebird (Urocolius indicus)	1	0	0	1	1
Red-legged Honeycreeper (Cyanerpes cyaneus)	3	3	0	6	2
Red-vented Bulbul (Pycnonotus cafer)	4	7	2	13	3
Red-winged Laughing Thrush (Garrulax formosus)	2	0	0	2	1
Ross' Turaco (Musophaga rossae)	4	2	0	6	3
Silver-beaked Tanager (Ramphocelus carbo)	1	1	0	2	1
Silver-eared Mesia (Leiothrix argentauris)	6	5	0	11	2
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill (Ceratogymna brevis)	3	2	0	5	1
Snowy-crowned Robin-chat (Cossypha niveicapilla)	3	3	0	6	1
Southern Ground Hornbill (Bucorvus leadbeateri)	2	1	0	3	1
Speckled Mousebird (Colius striatus)	3	4	0	7	3

Species	Cocks	s Hens	Un- sexed	Total Birds	Partici -pants	
SOFTBILLS						
Spotted Tanager (Tangara punctata)	1	1	0	2	1	
Spur-winged Plover (Vanellus spinosus)	3	2	0	5	1	
Superb Starling (Spreo superbus)	2	5	0	7	2	
Taiwan Scimitar Babbler (Pomatorhinus musicus)	1	1	0	2	1	
Taiwan Yuhina (Yuhina brunneiceps)	2	2	1	5	2	
Troupial (Icterus icterus)	3	3	1	7	1	
Trumpeter Hornbill (Ceratogymna bucinator)	5	5	0	10	3	
Turquoise Tanager (Tangara mexicana)	1	1	0	2	1	
Violaceous Euphonia (Euphonia violacea)	4	4	0	8	3	
Violaceous Turaco (Musophaga violacea)	5	10	0	15	5	
Von Der Decken's Hornbill (Tockus deckeni)	13	7	2	22	3	
Wattled Starling (Creatophora cinerea)	1	0	0	1	1	
Western Grey Plantain-eater (Crinifer piscator)	1	1	0	2	1	
White Crest Turaco (Tauraco leucolophus)	1	1	1	3	1	
W-H Black Bulbul (Hypsipetes madagascariensis)	3	4	0	7	1	
White-backed Mousebird (Colius colius)	14	14	12	40	3	
White-cheeked Turaco (Tauraco leucotis)	4	5	12	21	2	
White-crested Thrush (Garrulax leucolophus)	1	0	0	1	1	
White-eared Bulbul (Pycnonotus leucotis)	9	10	0	19	3	
White-necked Raven (Corvus albicollis)	1	1	0	2	1	
White-rumped Shama (Copsychus malabaricus)	12	11	0	23	3	
White-rumped Shama (ssp indicus) (C.m. indicus)	6	6	0	12	2	
Yellow Bellied Grosbeak (Pheuticus chrysogaster)	3	3	3	9	1	
Yellow-breasted Cissa (Cissa hypoleuca)	4	6	0	10	1	
Yellow-hooded Blackbird (Chrysomus icterocephalus)	1	1	0	2	1	
Yellow-rumped Cacique (Cacicus cela)	1	0	0	1	1	
Totals	279	263	59	601	23	

Species	Cock	s Hen	s Un-	Total Birds	Partici -pants	
DOVES, QUAILS, AND RAILS						
Black-naped Fruit Dove (Ptilinopus melanospila)	2	3	0	5	1	
Button Quail (Coturnix chinensis) - Normal	22	11	0	33	5	
Button Quail (Coturnix chinensis) - Other	1	1	0	2	1	
Button Quail (Coturnix chinensis) - Silver	2	1	0	3	2	
Cape Dove (Oena capenis)	0	1	0	1	1	
Diamond Dove (Geopelia cuneata)	26	23	19	68	5	
Ringneck Dove (Streptopelia risoria)	0	4	0	4	2	
Roul-roul Partridge (Rollulus rouloul)	6	5	0	11	2	
Zebra Dove (Geopelia striata)	2	2	0	4	2	
Totals	61	51	19	131	14	

A Little Bit of Yesterday

NFS started with five affiliated clubs and three more considering affiliating.

Affiliated Clubs

Connecticut Association for Aviculture

New Hampshire Avicultural Society

Boston Society for Aviculture

Long Island Cage Bird Association

Maryland Cage Bird Society

Clubs Considering Affiliation

Western New England Cage Bird Society

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

Harrisburg (Central Pennsylvania Cage Bird Association)

In September 1984 NFS had grown to 10 affiliated clubs.

Connecticut Association for Aviculture

New Hampshire Avicultural Society

Boston Society for Aviculture

Long Island Cage Bird Association

Maryland Cage Bird Society, Inc.

Central Pennsylvania Cage Bird Association

Astoria Bird Club, Inc.

Maryland Cage Bird Society, Inc.

Western New England Cage Bird Society

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association, Inc.

2011 SHOW REPORTS

Columbia Canary & Finch Club • Portland, Oregon

DATE: November 5, 2011
JUDGE: Laura Bewley

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: 70 NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS: 16

Awards	Species	BAND No.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1st	Isabel Shaft-tail hen	02646-10-NFS	KJ Brown	7
2 nd	Blue-bill Mannikin	KJ 701-11	KJ Brown	6
3rd	Normal English Zebra Cock	11921-10-NFS	KJ Brown	5
4 th	Red-face Isabel Star Pied Cock	09081-11-NFS	KJ Brown	4
5 th	CFW Zebra Cock	713-10-NFS	Dezirae Lord	3
6 th	Sea Green Parrot Finch Cock	0366-11-NFS	KJ Brown	2
7 th	Red Siskin Cock	1582-10-NFS	Paula Hansen	1
8 th	Dilute Chestnut Society		Katie Kramer	0
9 th	Dilute BH Blue Gouldian Cock	07908-10-NFS	Shirley Perkins	0
10 th	Green Singer Cock	KJ 596-10	KJ Brown	0
Junior	CFW Zebra Cock		Dezirae Lord	0
Unflighted	Normal English Cock		KJ Brown	0

Novices: #1, Dilute Chest Society, Katie Brown

#2, African Silverbill, Sharon Mrokowski #3, Silver Button Quail, Sharon Mrokowski BEST FINCH NFSS PLAQUE: Isabel Shaft-tail Hen, K. J. Brown

JUDGE'S AWARD: Blue-cap Waxbill, K. J. Brown
JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD: Normal Java Unsexed, Bill Smith

JUDGE'S OBSERVATIONS: Nice mix of birds shown. Gallery was full and I enjoyed their

curiosity. Great show with super helpers.

South Florida Bird Breeders Association • Miami, Florida

DATE: November 11, 2011

JUDGE: Ken Gunby

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: 134 NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS: 5

Awards	Species	BAND No.	EXHIBITOR	PTS.
1st	Zebra		Alex Villareal	10
2 nd	Shaft-tail		Luis Garcia	9
3 rd	White Zebra		Raul Morales	8
4 th	Fawn Shaft-tail		Osmani Rodriguez	7
5 th	Mask Finch		Raul Morales	6
6 th	Normal Gouldian		Osmani Rodriguez	5
7 th	Java Sparrow		Raul Morales	4
8 th	Zebra		Raul Morales	3
9 th	Lavender		Luis Garcia	2
10 th	Zebra		Alejandro Villareal	1

Judge's Observations: Great show. Fantastic helpers

2012 NFSS Affiliated Clubs

AFFILIATIONS AWARDS DIRECTOR: JODY LEWIS 755 N. 4TH Ave. • Canton, IL 61520 • 309-645-7773 affiliationsdirector@nfss.org

The National Finch and Softbill Society is a non-profit organization comprised of many volunteers who work hard to promote the hobby, local clubs, bird shows, and conservation. NFSS is proud of its affiliated clubs and societies. If you are not one of our clubs, we invite you to affiliate with NFSS and become part of our society. A few of the benefits we offer follow.

- Receipt of the bi-monthly Journal six times per year
- Free listings for the Clubs will be published in the Journal
- The opportunity to join one of our many programs dedicated to promote aviculture and the preservation of all birds
- Plastic and aluminum closed bands
- A professional panel of sanctioned judges, each with many years experience
- Clubs can purchase the following awards:
 Rosettes
 Plagues with NFSS logo for service, show awards, breeder awards

The annual club affiliation fee is \$30.00. To affiliate with NFSS, please contact our Affiliations Awards Director, Jody Lewis (see above). If it is more convenient, you may also go to *http:www.nfss.org* and sign up online. **NOTE:** If you are an Affiliated Club and need to revise your information, please contact the NFSS Affiliations Director, Jody Lewis, or the editor.

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Aviculture Society, Montgomery

President: Ted Sexton, 1967 Ragan Chapel Road, Ohatchee, AL, 36271. 256-892-3072; tedsexton@bellsouth.net. Meetings: 2nd Sunday, 2-4 p.m., at Montgomery Zoo, Montgomery Educational Dept., Montgomery, AL. http://www.caasociety.com

CALIFORNIA

Avicultural Society of America

Steve Duncan, P.O. Box 3161, San Dimas, CA 91773. Founded in 1927, this is the oldest aviculture society in the United States. http://www.asabirds.org/home.html

Central California Cage Bird Club, Modesto

Janna Place, 209-862-3792. **Meetings:** 3rd Sunday, Mancini Hall Modesto, 718 Tuolumne Blvd., Stanislaus, CA 95351. http://www.mycccbc.org

Finch Society of San Diego

Sally Huntington, 5634 Carnegie St., San Diego, CA 92122. 858-452-9423; sdfinchsociety@gmail.com. **Meetings:** 4th Sunday, 2-4 p.m., Poway Elks Club, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064; 1/22, 2/26, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 8/28, 10/28, 12/2. http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com

CALIFORNIA [continued]

Santa Clara Bird Club

Cecile Aguilera, P.O. Box 3466, Santa Clara, CA 95055; 408-716-7776; showinfo@santaclarabirdclub.org. **Meetings:** Sunday, noon. http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org

West Coast Zebra & Society Finch Show, Sacramento

Richard Renshaw, 247 Grandridge Ct., Ventura, CA 93003; 805-644-4156; rrenshaw@yahoo.com. No club meetings, show committee meeting in July.

COLORADO, Brighton

Mountain States Avian Society

Gary Morgan, 15341 Kingston St., Brighton, CO 80602; 303-659-9554; burdmn@aol.com. NFSS Delegate: Jesse Avila, 7910 Greenland Road, Franktown, CO 80116; 303-664-0399, pjbavila@aol.com. Meetings: 1 p.m., 2nd Saturday, Animal Central, 8308 Church Ranch Blvd., Westminster, CO 80021. www.msasbirds.org.

FLORIDA

Florida Canary Fanciers, Inc., Clermont

Officer: Ruth Ann Stearns, 15832 Tower View Dr., Clermont, FL 34711; ra.canary@gmail.com Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 3rd Sunday, Perkins Restaurant, Exit 55 I-4; July 15, September 16, November 18; December, Annual Show. http://community.webtv.net/FCF-2009/Florida Canary

Colorbred Canary Club of Miami

Nora Trincado, P.O. Box 441261, Miami, FL 33144-1261; 305-720-4798; threefox21@aol.com; Armondo Lee, 2825 SW 36 Terrace Cape, FL; 239-462-2998. ALEE21@comcast.net, http://www.colorbredcanaryclubofmiami.webs.com

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club, Port Charlotte

Alexander Villarreal, 1419 Collinswood Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL. **Meetings:** 7 p.m., Wednesdays. *vetagator@yahoo.com*.

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club, Stuart

Tim McCormick, 1425 SE Appomattox Terr., Port Salerno, FL. **Meetings:** 1 p.m., 4th Sunday, Port Salerno Civic Center, 4950 Anchor Ave, Stuart, FL. http://www.tcexoticbirdclub.com

Tri-State Avian Society, Tallahassee

Barry Laster, 10508 Lake Lamonia Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312. 850-364-4666; barryL7523@comcast.net. Quarterly Meetings: Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church, 4738 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL. http://www.tristateaviansociety.org

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, Chicago

Robert Wild, 305 Grosvenor Ct., Bolingbrook, IL 60440; 630-980–4416. wild@comcast.net. Contact: secretary@gccbc.org. Meetings: 3rd Friday, except November and December, at Yorkfield Civic Center, 15W354 Lexington St., Elmhurst, IL, 60126. http://www.gccbc.org

ILLINOIS [continued]

Heart of Illinois Bird Club, Peoria Metro Area (Pekin)

Jody Lewis, 309-645-7773, balu716@yahoo.com. **Meetings:** 2 p.m., 3rd Sunday (unless holiday), Avanti's Dome, 3401 Griffin Ave., Pekin, IL 61554. http://www.hoibirdclub.org

National Institute of Red Orange Canaries (NIROC), Westchester

President: Joaquin Torres. 312-259-2779, jtorres@sbcglobal.net. Joel Wojotowicz, 708-352-9319, cwojto8877@aol.com. Meetings: 7 p.m., 4th Friday, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester Ave. Westchester, IL 60154. No meetings August or November. http://www.niroc.org

Finch & Softbill Breeders & Exhibitors Club, Chicago

President: Bob Peers, 525 W. 61st St., Apt D, Westmont, IL 60559; 630-740-7389. *r.peers@comcast.net*. NFSS Delegate: Gail Benson, 44 N. Clyde Ave., Palatine, IL 60067-0912, *gailsgouldians@comcast.net*. **Meetings**: 2nd Thursday.

Illini Bird Fanciers Inc., Springfield

P.O. Box 13006, Springfield, IL 62791, www.illinibirdfanciers.com. Contact: Karen Williams, 217-391-4648. **Meetings**: 12-4 p.m., 4th Sunday, Little Flower Quonset Building, 800 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL http://www.illinibirdfanciers.com

IOWA

Mid America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines

President: John Thielking, 8209 Twana Dr., Urbandale, IA 50322-1522; 239-851-8132. *Thielking@lowalink.com* Meetings: 2-5 p.m., 4th Sunday, Swartz Room, Des Moines Botanical Center, 909 Robert D Ray Dr, Polk, IA 50316. Exceptions: fairs are held in March, May, and August; no meetings November, December. Holiday party, 1st Sunday of December. Check calendar for dates and times. http://www.gkcas.org, http://www.MACBS.org

KENTUCKY

Bluegrass Bird Breeders, Shepherdsville

Josh Perkins, 2631 Zoneton Road, Shepherdsville, KY 40165; 270-234-4176, perkinstiels@yahoo.com. NFSS Delegate: Christine Orowitz, 1776 Walter Boone Road, Rineyville, KY 40162. chrisbirdsnthings@gmail.com.

MARYLAND

Maryland All Canary Club, Baltimore

Richard Drought, 4513 Salem Bottom Road, Westminster, MA 21157-7939; 410-875-9417. rmdrought@yahoo.com. NFSS Delegate: Jonathan Smith, 1849 Westwind Way, VA 22102-1611. **Meetings:** Quarterly, 2 p.m. (check website for information), 8112 Bon Air Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.

Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Christine Roberts, 11 Prettyboy Garth, Parkton, MD 21120; 410-343-1807, compteacher@yahoo.com. NFSS Delegate: Ray Reter, 10310-L Malcolm Cir., Cockeysville, MD 21030; info@baltimorebirdfanciers.org. Meetings: 2 p.m., 3rd Sunday, Towson Library, 320 York Road, Balimore, MD 21204-5179. http://www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org

MICHIGAN

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders of Michigan, Livonia

Jim Heffernan, 780 Fairwood St., Inkster, MI; 48141, 313-247-5900. tielnmore@aol.com. **Meetings:** 3rd Saturday. Location varies, please call. http://www.scfbmichigan.com

MISSOURI

Gateway Parrot Club, Kirkwood

Christine A. Kinkade, 2412 Angela Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049; 636-343-8097, *President@GatewayParrotClub.org.* **Meetings:** 2 p.m., 3rd Sunday, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63122. **Exceptions:** no meetings June 10, Sept 19, Dec. 9 (second Sunday), and August. *http://www.gatewayparrotclub.org*

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society, Grandview

Clay Behrman, 3523 NE 49th St., Kansas City, MO 64119; 816-217-7263, birdman79@live.com. NFSS Delegate: Anthony Day, 1608 S Crane, Independence, MO 64055; 816-252-1120. dayforthebirds@aol.com. Meetings: 2nd Sunday, Coronation of Our Lady Church, 13000 Bennington, Grandview, MO 64030. http://www.gkcas.org

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society, Manchester

Ray Schwartz, 19 Olde Common Dr., Atkinson, NH 03811; 603-362-6106; President@BOAF.com. Contact: member.support@BOAF.com. Meetings: 2nd Monday. http://www.boaf.com

NEW YORK

Kings County Canary Club, Brooklyn

Kathleen Guise Schaefer, 5 Frank Ct., Brooklyn, NY 11229; 718-332-3413, kanarykate@aol.com. Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 5 Frank Ct., Brooklyn, NY 11229.

New York Finch & Type Canary Club, New York

Stan Kulak, 17 Pembrook Loop, Staten Island, NY 10309; 718-967-6899, barstand@verizon.net. **Meetings:** 1-4 p.m., 2nd Sunday, except July and August.

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club, Portland

http://www.columbiacanaryclub.com. Contact: KJ and Linda K. Brown, 3258 Oakcrest Dr. NW, Salem, OR 97304; 503-341-8823. jeeperspeepers55@yahoo.com. Meetings: 2 p.m., 2nd Sunday, Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Ave., Milwaukee, OR.

PUERTO RICO

Asociacion de Criadores de Finces Inc.

Juan Alicea, 12203 Urb Serenna, Los Prados, Apt. L-302, Caguas, PR 00727; 787-479-7405. *juanalicea@yahoo.com*. **Meetings:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Las Catalina's Mall, Food Court Area.

PUERTO RICO [continued]

Puerto Rico Finch Club, Guraba

Jorge Mojica, Urb Lomas del Sol, 175 Calle Acuario, Gurabo, PR 00778-8930; 787-550-3163, puchosbirds@yahoo.com. NFSS Delegate: Alejandro Santana, Villa Carolina c/82 bldg 108-29, Carolina, PR00985. 787-309-0964. alexdeskjet_2012@hotmail.com. Meetings: Wednesday, Caquas in Plaza Centro Mall Caguas, Caguas, Puerto Rico. http://www.przfc.com

RHODE ISLAND

Northeast Bird Group, Scituate

Donna Rosciti, P.O. Box 50, North Scituate, RI 02857; 401-641-0994, donna@rosciti.com, http://www.northeastbirdgroup.com

TENNESSEE

Heart of Tennessee Aviculture Society, Murfreesboro

Lisa Murphy, 918 Georgia Ave, Etowah, TN 37331. 423-263-0483; wlmurphy@usit.net. **Meetings**: 6 p.m., every 4th Friday, 1954 S. Church St., Murfreesboro, TN. 37130. http://www.heartoftnavculturesociety.com

TEXAS

Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Association, Arlington

Clarence Culwell, 4211 Kelly Elliott Road, Arlington, TX 76016-4607; 817-220-5568. coculwell@verizon.net. http://www.texasbirdbreeders.org

Fort Worth Bird Club, Fort Worth

Meetings: 2 p.m., 2nd Sunday, Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center, 3220 University Dr. (north of I-30 in Fort Worth). http://www.fwbc.org

VIRGINIA

Peninsula Caged Bird Society, Newport News

Deb Wilson, 709 Paul St., Newport News, VA 23605; dwilson789@aol.com. NFSS Delegate: Peggy Duvall, 212 E 39th St., Norfolk, VA 23504; 757-623-4786, finchbreeder@earthlink.net. Meetings: 2:30-5 p.m., 3rd Sunday, Columbian Center, 12742 Nettles Dr., Newport News, VA 23606. http://www.vapcbs.com

WASHINGTON

Cascade Canary Breeders Association, Issagna

Brian Johannson 208 155th PL SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012; 425-743-5025, coleenandersen@gmail.com. Meetings: 1 p.m., 3rd Sunday, 145 NE Gilmon Blvd., Issagna, WA 95027. Exception: no meetings on holidays. ttp://www.cascadecanary.com

WISCONSIN

Central Wisconsin Cage & Wild Bird Connection

Meetings: Monthly, usually at members homes. Marlene Minor, *mminor@tds.net*, 715-884-2659.

REGIONAL/NATIONAL AFFILIATES

American Dove Association, Frederick, Maryland

President: James Kell, http://www.doveline.com

Avicultural Society of America

Steve Duncan, P.O. Box 3161, San Dimas, CA 91773. Founded in 1927, this is the oldest aviculture society in the United States. http://www.asabirds.org/home.html

National Institute of Red Orange Canaries (NIROC), Westchester

President: Joaquin Torres. 312-259-2779, *jtorres@sbcglobal.net*. Joel Wojotowicz, 708-352-9319, *cwojto8877@aol.com*. **Meetings:** 7 p.m., 4th Friday, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester Ave. Westchester, IL 60154. No meetings August and November. *http://www.niroc.org*

West Coast Zebra & Society Finch Show, Sacramento

Richard Renshaw, 247 Grandridge Ct., Ventura, CA 93003; 805-644-4156, rrenshaw@yahoo.com. No club meetings. One show committee meeting in July. http://www.efinch.com/show

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES

CANADA

Durham Aviculture Society of Ontario

P.O. Box 4, Pickering, ON L1V 2R2. **Meetings:** 7:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday (no meetings in July or August), Rotary Park Pavilion, South Side of Lake, 151 Driveway West, Ajax, ON. (If the entrance is dark, it is across from house #150.)

Canadian Finch & Softbill Society, Ontario

Vince Moase, 1078 Roundelay Ct., Oshawa, ON L1J 7R7 Canada; 905-723-1978, vmoase@rogers.com

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 519-948-6398, julianne@mnsi.net, http://www.essexkentcbs.com.

UNITED KINGDOM

Foreign Bird League, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands

Bryan Reed, 4, St Andrews Drive, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 1PR.

Phone: 01384 258154. http://www.foreignbirdleague.com

NOTICE TO AFFILIATED CLUBS

FROM THE EDITOR

Please carefully proof club information, both in the affiliated clubs section and the club events section. If you see any discrepancies, typographical errors, or omissions, let me know as soon as possible at gertanoble@aol.com

2012 NFSS Affiliated Club Events

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If you are an NFSS Affiliated Club and need to revise your information, please contact Jody Lewis, NFSS Affiliations Awards Director.

SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2012

Bluegrass Bird Breeders • Shepherdsville, KY

Annual Show: Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown, KY 41065. For show information, contact: Josh Perkins, 504-741-6767. perkinstiels@yahoo.com

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Central Alabama Aviculture Society . Montgomery, AL

The organization's claim to fame is the bird fair and shows produced each year on the Labor Day weekend. http://www.caasociety.com

SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

Heart of Tennessee Aviculture Society • Murfreesboro, TN

Fall Show and Fair: Middle Tennessee State University, 1720 Greenland Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37130, Judge: TBA. Show Contact: Wilma Crawford, 615-396-8440. tnmla2@comcast.net, http://www.heartoftnaviculturesociety.com

SEPTEMBER 15. 2012

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society • Manchester, NH

Annual Fall Show and Mart: All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Road, Hillsborough, NH; 603-669-4644. http://www.boaf.com/birdShow.htm

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2012

Mountain States Avian Society • Brighton, CO

4th Annual Show: Adams County Fairgrounds, Al Lesser Memorial Building, 9755 Henderson, Brighton, CO 80601. Contact: Jesse Avila, 7910 Greenland Road, Franktown, CO 80116; 303-664-0399, pjbavila@aol.com. www.msasbirds.org.

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2012

Durham Avicultural Society of Ontario

33rd Annual Exotic Bird Show: Ajax Community Centre, Ajax, ON, Canada. Visit website for more information. http://www.birdclub.ca

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society 37th Annual Show

Fogolar Furlan-Dante Costa Hall, 1800 EC Row, N Service Road, Windsor, ON, Canada. Judge: Clarence Culwell. Contact: Dave Sylvester, 519-727-3766. d.sylvester@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

Central California Cage Bird Club . Modesto, CA

Annual Show: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Judges listed on website, http://www.mycccbc.org

SEPTEMBER 23. 2012

Finch Society of San Diego • San Diego, CA

Annual bird event • club anniversary • famous bird raffle lunch and social hour. Members only. http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

New York Finch & Type Canary Club • New York

Annual Show: St. Jude Church, 1677 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn NY. Entries: 8-10 a.m.; Judging, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Judge: TBA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Illini Bird Fanciers Fall Fair . Springfield, IL

9 a.m. – 4.p.m.: Illinois State Fairgrounds, Twilight Ballroom, Springfield, Illinois Contact: Gail or Karen, 217-391-4648, fairs@illinibirdfanciers.com

OCTOBER 12, 2012

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club • Port Charlotte, FL

2nd Suncoast Canary & Finch Club Annual Show: Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gordo, FL 33950. Contact: 941-661-1115. http://community-2.webtv.net/suncoastcanaryclub2010/SUNCOASTCANARYCLUB/

OCTOBER 13. 2012

Kings County Canary Club, Brooklyn

Annual Show: St Jude's Hall, 1696 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236.

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders of Michigan . Livonia, MI

Annual Show: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Livonia Elks Lodge #2246 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. http://societyofcanaryandfinchbreedersofmichigan.com

OCTOBER 20, 2012

Baltimore Bird Fanciers • Baltimore, MD

Baltimore Bird Fanciers Annual Show and Mart: Tall Cedars Hall, 250 Putty Hill Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234. Show contact: Christine Roberts. 410-343-1807. compteacher@yahoo.com, http://www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org

OCTOBER 20-21, 2012

Cascade Canary Breeders Association • Issagna, WA

44th Annual Canary and Finch Show: Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. SE, Monroe, WA. Show Contact: Brian Johannson, 604-465-8047, brian.johannson@canadapost.ca

OCTOBER 30, 2012

Heart of Illinois Bird Club . Pekin, IL

Fall Fair: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Avanti's Dome, 3401 Griffin, Pekin, IL 62520. Contact: hoibc@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club . Chicago, IL

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club Show (Region 3 Regional Show): Weitendorf Agricultural Center, 17840 Laraway Road, Joliet, IL 60433. http://www.gccbc.org

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Association • Arlington, TX

Annual Show: 9 a.m., Mayborn Convention Center, Temple, TX. Open to public, 9 a.m.; Judging starts, 10 a.m. Show Contact: Clarence Culwell, 817-220-5568. http://www.texasbirdbreeders.org

NOVEMBER 3-4, 2012

Columbia Canary Club • Portland, WA

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