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**Presidents' Message:**

In this issue is the complete text of H. R. 5813, the "Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992" in the form in which it will be presented to the U. S. House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee in August. Following it is a list of the members of that Congressional Committee with their addresses and phone numbers. Included is the phone number for Mr. Gerry Studds (O - MA, 1Wth), the author of the bill.

I urge you to direct your questions and comments to the members of the Committee, especially Mr. Studds. Members of Congress do take notes of "letters from home" and respond to what they perceive to be the prevailing sentiment of their constituency.

Participate in the process. Write or call -- TODAY !!

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Dr. Al Decoteau.  
August 1, 1992

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Next Board meeting will be in August and will be conducted by mail. Again, if there is something that you would like to have presented, contact a Board member.

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**NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!**  
**A message from Membership Services**

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NFS has an outstanding publication we have come to know as the NFS Bulletin. This Bulletin is the lifeline to our members through articles, information, club functions, show dates and the ever popular census report. A complete list of all of the services the Bulletin offers would take many pages so I will just say: you, as an NFS member, will not want to miss a single issue. The best way to do that is to be certain that your membership is current and up to date.

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Miki Sparzak

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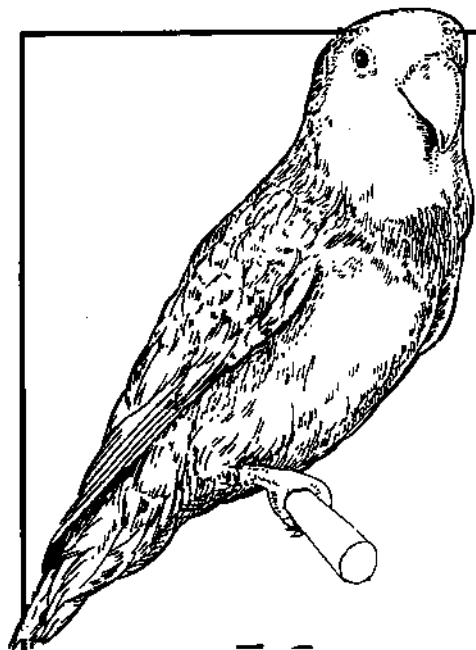
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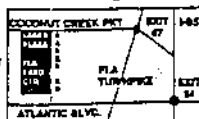
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SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5013 OFFERED BY  
MR. STUDDS**  
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June 30, 1992

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992."

**SEC. 2 FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds the following:

- (1) In addition to habitat loss and local use, the international pet trade in wild-caught exotic birds is contributing to the decline of species in the wild, and the mortality associated with the trade remains unacceptably high.
- (2) The United States, as the world's largest importer of exotic birds and as a Party to the Convention, should play a substantial role in finding effective solutions to these problems, including assisting countries of origin in implementing programs of wild bird conservation, and ensuring that the market in the United States for exotic birds does not operate to the detriment of the survival of species in the wild.
- (3) Sustainable utilization of exotic birds has the potential to create economic value in them and their habitats, which will contribute to their conservation and promote the maintenance of biological diversity generally.
- (4) Utilization of exotic birds that is not sustainable should not be allowed.
- (5) Broad international attention has focused on the serious conservation and welfare problems which currently exist in the trade in wild-caught animals, including exotic birds.
- (6) Many countries have chosen not to export their wild birds for the pet trade. Their decisions should be respected and their efforts should be supported.
- (7) Several countries that allow for the export of their wild birds often lack the means to develop or effectively implement scientifically based management

plans, and these countries should be assisted in developing and implementing management plans to enable them to ensure that their wild bird trade is conducted humanely and at sustainable levels.

(8) The major exotic bird exporting countries are Parties to the Convention.

(9) The Convention recognizes that trade in species that are threatened with extinction, or that may become so, should be subject to strict regulation.

(10) The necessary population assessments, monitoring programs, and appropriate remedial measures for species listed in Appendix II of the Convention are not always being undertaken in order to maintain species at levels above which they might become eligible for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention.

(11) Resolutions adopted pursuant to the Convention recommend that the Parties to the Convention take appropriate measures regarding trade in species of exotic birds that have significantly high mortality rates in transport, including suspension of trade for commercial purposes between Parties when appropriate.

(12) Article XIV provides that the Convention in no way affects the right of any Party to the Convention to adopt stricter domestic measures for the regulation of trade in all species, whether or not listed in an Appendix to the Convention.

(13) The United States prohibits the export of all birds native to the United States that are caught in the wild.

(14) This Act provides a series of nondiscriminatory measures that are necessary for the conservation of exotic birds, and furthers the obligations of the United States under the Convention.

### SEC. 3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to promote the conservation of exotic birds by--

(1) assisting wild bird conservation and management programs in the countries of origin of wild birds;

(2) ensuring that all trade in species of exotic birds involving the United States is biologically sustainable and is not detrimental to the species;

(3) limiting or prohibiting imports of exotic birds when necessary to ensure that--

- (A) wild exotic bird populations are not harmed by removal of exotic birds from the wild for the trade; or
- (B) exotic birds in trade are not subject to inhumane treatment; and
- (4) encouraging and supporting effective implementation of the Convention.

#### SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

##### IN THIS ACT --

(1) The term Convention means the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, as amended, signed in Washington on March 3, 1973, and the Appendices thereto.

(2) The term "exotic bird"--

(A) means any live or dead member of the class Aves that is not indigenous to the 50 States or the District of Columbia, including any egg or offspring thereof; and

(B) does not include-

(i) domestic poultry, dead sport-hunted birds, dead museum specimens, dead scientific specimens, or products manufactured from such birds; or

(ii) birds in the following families: Phasianidae, Numididae, Cracidae, Meleagrididae, Megapodiidae, Anatidae, Struthionidae, Rheidae, Dromaiidae, and Gruidae.

(3) Each of the terms "import" and "importation" means to land on, bring into, or introduce into, or attempt to land on, bring into, or introduce into, any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(4) The term "person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other private entity; or any officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, of an State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State, or of any foreign government: any State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State; or any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(5) The term "qualifying facility" means an exotic bird breeding facility that is included in a list published by the Secretary under section 7.

(6) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior or a designee of the Secretary of the Interior.

(7) The term "species"-

(A) means any species, any subspecies, or any distinct population segment of a species or subspecies; and

(B) includes hybrids of any species or subspecies.

(B) The term "United States" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

## SEC. 5. MORATORIA ON IMPORTS OF EXOTIC BIRDS COVERED BY CONVENTION.

### (a) IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM.-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF MORATORIUM. - The importation of any exotic bird of a species identified as a category B species in the report entitled "Report of the Animals Committee", adopted by the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, is prohibited.

(2) TERMINATION OF MORATORIUM.-A species of exotic birds shall be subject to the prohibition on importation established by paragraph (1) until the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for public comment-

(A) determines that appropriate remedial measures have been taken in the countries of origin for that species, so as to eliminate the threat of trade to the conservation of the species; and

(B) makes the finding described in section 6(c) for the species and includes the species in the list published under section 6(a).

### (b) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND IMPORTS OF LISTED SPECIES.-

(1) AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND IMPORTS.- The Secretary is authorized to suspend the importation of exotic birds of any species that is listed in any Appendix to the Convention, and if applicable remove the species from the list under section 6(a), if the Secretary determines that-

(A)(i) trade in that species is detrimental to the species.

(ii) there is not sufficient information available on which to base a judgment that the species is not detrimentally affected by trade in that species, or

(iii) remedial measures have been recommended by the Standing committee of the

Convention that have not been implemented; and

(B) the suspension might be necessary for the conservation of the species.

(2) TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION.-A species of exotic birds shall be subject to a suspension of importation under paragraph (1) until the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, makes the findings described in section 6(c) and includes the species in the list published under section 6(a).

(c) MORATORIUM AFTER ONE YEAR FOR OTHER SPECIES LISTED IN APPENDICES.- Effective on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the importation of any exotic birds of a species that is listed in any Appendix to the Convention is prohibited unless the Secretary makes the findings described in section 6(c) and includes the species in the list published under section 6(a).

(d) LIMITATION ON NUMBER IMPORTED DURING FIRST YEAR.-Notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, the Secretary shall prohibit the importation, during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, of exotic birds of each species that is listed under any Appendix to the convention in excess of the number of that species that were imported during the most recent year for which the Secretary has complete import data.

## SEC. 6. LIST OF APPROVED SPECIES.

### (a) LISTING.-

(1) IN GENERAL.-One year after the date of enactment of this Act and periodically thereafter, the Secretary shall, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, publish in the Federal Register a list of species of exotic birds that are listed in an Appendix to the Convention and that are not subject to a prohibition or suspension of importation otherwise applicable under section 5(a), (b), or (c).

(2) MANNER OF LISTING.- The Secretary shall list a species under paragraph (1) with respect to-

(A) the countries of origin from which the species may be imported; and

(B) if appropriate, the qualifying facilities in those countries from which the species may be imported.

(3) BASED FOR DETERMINATIONS.- In making a determination required under this subsection, the Secretary shall-



(A) use the best scientific information available; and

(B) consider the adequacy of regulatory and enforcement mechanism in all countries of origin for the species, including such mechanisms for control of illegal trade.

(b) CAPTIVE BRED SPECIES.- The Secretary shall include a species of exotic birds in the list under subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that-

(1) the species is regularly bred in captivity and no wild-caught birds of the species are in trade; or

(2) the species is bred in a qualifying facility.

(c) LIMITATION ON INCLUSION OF SPECIES LISTED IN APPENDIX TO THE CONVENTION.-The Secretary shall include in the list under subsection (a) a species of exotic birds that is listed in an Appendix to the Convention only if the Secretary finds each of the following:

(1) A scientifically-based management plan for the species has been developed which-

(A) provides for the conservation of the species and its habitat and includes incentives for conservation;

(B) ensures that the use of the species is biologically sustainable and maintained through the range of the species in the country to which the plan applies at a level that is consistent with the role of the species in the ecosystem and is well above the level at which the species might become threatened with extinction; and

(2) The management plan is implemented and enforced.

(3) The methods of capture, transport, and maintenance of the species minimizes the risk of injury or damage to health, including inhumane treatment.

(4) Each country of origin for which the species is listed is effectively implementing the Convention, particularly with respect to-

(A) the establishment of a scientific authority or other equivalent authority;

(B) the requirements of Articles IV of the Convention with respect to that species; and

(C) remedial measures recommended by the Parties to the Convention with respect

to that species.

## SEC. 7. QUALIFYING FACILITIES.

(1) DETERMINATION.- Upon submission of a petition under section 10 by any person, the Secretary shall determine whether an exotic bird breeding facility is a qualifying facility. Such determination shall be effective for a period specified by the Secretary, which may not exceed 3 years. The secretary shall, from time, to time, publish a list of qualifying facilities in the Federal Register.

(b) CRITERIA.-The Secretary shall determine under subsection (a) that a facility is a qualifying facility for a species of exotic birds if the Secretary finds each of the following:

- (1) The facility has demonstrated the capability of producing captive bred birds of the species in the numbers to be imported into the United States from that facility.
- (2) The facility is operated in a manner that is not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.
- (3) The facility is operated in humane manner.
- (4) The appropriate governmental authority of the country in which the facility is located has certified in writing, and the Secretary is satisfied, that the facility has the capability of breeding the species in captivity.
- (5) The country in which the facility is located is a Party to the Convention.
- (6) All birds exported from the facility are bred at the facility.

## SEC. 8. MORATORIA FOR SPECIES NOT COVERED BY CONVENTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.-The Secretary shall-

- (1) review periodically the trade in species of exotic birds that are not listed in any Appendix to the Convention; and
- (2) after notice and an opportunity for public comment, establish a moratorium or quota on-
  - (A) importation of any species of exotic birds from one or more countries of origin for the species, if the Secretary-

(i) does not make the findings described in section 6(c)(1), (2), and (3) with respect to the species; and

(ii) finds that the moratorium or quota is necessary for the conservation of the species or is otherwise consistent with the purpose of this Act; or

(B) the importation of all species of exotic birds from a particular country, if-

(i) the country has not developed and implemented a management program for exotic birds in trade generally, that ensures both the conservation and the humane treatment of exotic birds during capture, transport, and maintenance; and

(ii) the Secretary finds that the moratorium or quota is necessary for the conservation of the species or is otherwise consistent with the purpose of this Act.

(h) TERMINATION OF QUOTA OR MORATORIUM.-The Secretary shall terminate a quota or moratorium established under subsection (a) if the Secretary finds that the reasons for establishing the quota or moratorium no longer exist.

#### SEC. 9. CALL FOR INFORMATION.

Within one month after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a call for information on the wild bird conservation program of each country that exports exotic birds, by-

(1) publishing a notice in the Federal Register requesting submission of such information to the Secretary by all interested persons; and

(2) submitting a written request for such information through the Secretary of State to each country that exports exotic birds.

#### SECT. 10. PETITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.-Any person may at any time submit to the Secretary a petition in writing requesting that the Secretary exercise authority of the Secretary under this Act to-

(1) establish, modify, or terminate any prohibition, suspension, or quota under this Act on importation of any species of exotic birds;

(2) add a species of exotic bird to, or remove such a species from, a list under section 6; or

(3) determine under section 7 whether an exotic bird breeding facility is a qualifying facility.

(b) CONSIDERATION AND RULING.-For each petition submitted to the Secretary in accordance with subsection(a), the Secretary shall-

(1) within 90 days after receiving the petition, issue and publish in the Federal Register a preliminary ruling regarding whether the petition presents sufficient information indicating that the action requested in the petition might be warranted; and

(2) for each petition determined to present such sufficient information-

(A) provide an opportunity for the submission of public comment on the petition; and

(B) issue and publish in the Federal Register a final ruling on the petition, by not later than 90 days after the end of the period for public comment.

#### SEC. 11. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(a) PROHIBITIONS.-it is unlawful for any person to-

(1) import any exotic bird in violation of any prohibition, suspension, or quota on importation under section 5 or 8;

(2) import an exotic birds of a species that pursuant to section 6(a)(2)(B) is included in a list under section 6, if the bird was not captive bred at a qualifying facility; or

(3) violate any regulation promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to authority provided by this Act.

(b) BURDEN OR PROOF FOR EXEMPTIONS.- Any person claiming the benefit of any exemption or permit under this Act shall have the burden of proving that exemption or permit is applicable or has been granted, and was valid and in force at the time of the alleged violation.

#### SEC. 12. EXEMPTIONS.

Notwithstanding any prohibition, suspension, or quota under this Act on the importation of a species of exotic birds the Secretary may, through the issuance of import permits, authorize the importation of a bird of the species if the Secretary determines that such importation is not detrimental to the survival of the species and the bird is being imported exclusively for any

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(A) designed to promote the conservation of the species and maintain the species in the wild by enhancing the propagation and survival of the species; and

(B) developed and administered by, or in conjunction with, an avicultural, conservation, or zoological organization that meets standards developed by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 13. PENALTIES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) PENALTIES.-

(1) CIVIL PENALTIES.-

(A) Any person who knowingly violates, and any person engaged in business as an importer of exotic birds who violates, section 11(e)(1) or (2) or any permit issued under section 12 may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$25,000 for each violation.

(B) Any person who knowingly violates, and any person engaged in business as an importer of exotic birds who violates, section 11(a)(3) may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$12,000 for each such violation.

(C) Any person who otherwise violates section 11(a) or any permit issued under section 12 may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$500 for each such violation.

(D) A civil penalty under this section shall be assessed, and may be collected, in the manner in which a civil penalty under the Act of December 28, 1973 (Public Law 93-205), may be assessed and collected under section 11(a) of that Act.

(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.-

(A) Any person who knowingly violates, and any person engaged in business as an importer of exotic birds who violates, section 11(a)(1) or (2) or any permit issued under section 12 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both.

(B) Any person who knowingly violates section 11(a)(3) shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.

(b) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.-The several district courts of the United States, including the courts enumerated in section 460 of title 28, United States Code, shall have jurisdiction over any action arising under this Act. For the purpose of this Act, American Samoa shall be included in the Judicial District of the District Court of the United States for the District of Hawaii, and the Trust Territory of Palau and the Northern Marianas shall be included in the Judicial District of the District Court of the United States for the District of Guam.

(c) OTHER ENFORCEMENT.-The importation of an exotic bird is deemed to be transportation of wildlife for purposes of section 3(a) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3372(a)).

(d) REGULATIONS.-The Secretary shall prescribe regulations that are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.-The authority of the Secretary under this Act is in addition to and shall not affect the authority of the Secretary under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or diminish the authority of the Secretary under the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.). Nothing in this Act shall be construed as repealing, superseding, or modifying any provision of Federal law.

SEC. 14. EXOTIC BIRD CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.

(a) ASSISTANCE.-The Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, shall use amounts in the Exotic Bird Conservation Fund established by subsection (b) to provide financial and technical assistance for projects to conserve exotic birds in their native countries. In selecting projects for assistance, the Secretary shall give particular attention to species that are subject to an import moratorium or quota under this Act, in order to assist those countries in the development and implementation of conservation management program, or law enforcement, or both.

(b) FUND.-



(1) ESTABLISHMENT.-There is established in the Treasury as separate account, which shall be known as the "Exotic Bird Conservation Fund."

(2) CONTENTS.-The Fund shall consist of-

(A) all amounts received by the United States in the form of penalties, fines, or forfeiture of property collected under this Act in excess of the cost of paying rewards under section 13(c);

(B) donations received by the Secretary for exotic bird conservation; and

(C) such amounts as are appropriated to the Secretary for conserving exotic birds.

(c) REVIEW AND REPORT ON OTHER CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES.-The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate representatives of industry, the conservation community, the Secretariat of the Convention, and other national and international bodies, shall-

(1) review opportunities for a voluntary program of labeling exotic birds, certification of exotic bird breeding facilities and retail outlets, and provision of privately organized or funded technical assistance to other nations; and

(2) report to the Congress the results of this review within 2 years after the date of enactment of the Act.

#### SEC. 15. MARKING AND RECORDKEEPING.

(a) IN GENERAL.-The Secretary is authorize to promulgate regulations to require marking or recordkeeping that the Secretary determines will contribute significantly to the ability of the Secretary to ensure compliance with the prohibition of section 11, for-

(1) any exotic bird that is imported; or

(2) any other exotic bird that is-

(A) hatched after the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) offered for sale; and

(C) of a species-

(i) the export of which from any country of origin is prohibited; and

(ii) that is subject to a high level of illegal trade.

(b) AVOIDING DETERRENCE OF BREEDING.—The Secretary shall seek to ensure that regulations promulgated under this section will not have the effect of deterring captive breeding of exotic birds.

#### SEC. 16. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995 to carry out the purposes of this Act, to remain available until expended.

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Editor's Note:

The following is a list of members of Congress on the U. S. House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee that you may wish to write to or call about the Bill presently before them:

H. P. 5013 the "Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992".

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 The Bill was reported to be headed to the Ways & Means Committee to be marked up the end of the week of July 18th and reportedly will be before the full Committee in August.

Study it, make your own decisions and let your voice be heard.

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 Prepared by Brenda Geesey with the assistance of Mark Deckard and his scanner.  
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P. S. this should probably be saved for an NFS Apprentice Judges Test but -  
 - in case you were wondering --

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| Cracidae      | Guans & Currasows    | 45 species  |
| Melagruidae   | Turkeys              | 2 species   |
| Megapodiidae  | Megapodes            | 19 species  |
| Anatidae      | Swans, Geese & Ducks | 147 species |
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## BREEDING CUTTHROATS PART II

### Diet specifics

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by Fred Cotterell

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Editors Note: "Breeding Cutthroats - Part II" ran in the July/August 1991 issue. Fred Cotterell sent this second chapter to me shortly after that and I mailed it. Sorry Fred. Just lucky the dust balls under my desk didn't completely eradicate it!! It had literally slipped through a crack. Thanks for your patience!

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Our editor asked some rather good questions about egg binding in Cutthroat Finches, and about diet additions I use with my Cutthroats. This article covers what we feed in more detail and I hope that it helps someone with their finches.

**SEED MIX:** I feed a good quality seed mix to all of our finches. I use Kellogg's Finch mix to which I add Petamine at the rate of 3 pounds of Petamine to 25 pounds of seeds. I feel that good clean seeds with a dietary supplement such as Petamine will aid in the formation and laying of good eggs. Seed is changed daily with the old seed saved for "recycling".

**SPRAY MILLET:** I place half of a stalk in the cage as a treat and my Cutthroats clean it off just as good as any Budgie. I use a golden full-headed millet and buy it in 20 pound lots. It's fed weekly in the off breeding season and daily during the breeding season.

**BREAD RUSK:** I learned about bread rusk is an English publication given to me by a fellow fish fancier and decided to try it out on our birds. The Zebras and Societies like it and the Cutthroats devour it! We use wholewheat bread because I really doubt if the bleaching process used on white flour is good for the birds. We take 8 slices of bread and bake it at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Then, using a rolling pin, we grind it into powder and add 1/4 cup of Petamine. We store it in a jar and feed it daily all year round. Feed it in the morning and by nightfall it's gone.

**EGG FOOD:** We feed egg food daily. To make ours is simple. 6 eggs boiled for 30 minutes. Mash eggs after cooling and add 1/4 cup of Gerbers hi-protein baby food with 20 drops of a high quality avian vitamin. We feed ours on yogurt cup caps, 1 teaspoon per pair.

**GREENS - PARSLEY** I feed a variety of greens ranging from carrot tops to arisich. I mainly feed parsley. I find this to have a good laxative effect and to have a level of vitamins that our birds miss by being inside. I really can't give that by vitamins breakdown but I know that my birds' feathers and celsers benefit from parsley. Carrot tops are fed in summer only. I grow a couple of rows of carrots in our garden just for our birds. They will strip the soft tissue off the parsley and carrot tops and use the stalks in their nests.

On the whole, we feed a variety of foods to our Cutthroats. This list covers only "dead" foods. Ours also get 12 mealworms a day. They descend on them with relish.

I hope that this helps somebody, and answers Brenda's questions.

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Sure did cover my questions Fred, and I'm sure it'll help. Theoha. Brenda. I'm going to do something unusual here and just continue with the other article you included that almost became a victim to the dustballs too.

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## THE 1991 ST. LOUIS SHOW A Novice's Eye View

by Fred Cotterell

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I finally made it to a show. It seemed that every time that I planned to go to a show this past season, something came up and I had to find a good excuse to use. I no longer have any excuses to use up. This last show was my own club's show and I knew that to miss it was to incur the wrath of my mentor, NFS Regional Vice President, Tom Rood. He mentioned something about some pictures that he would print in the Illini Bird Fanciers Newsletter if I didn't attend, so I took him seriously.

Let me start this story two weeks before the show. Since I was new to this I figured that I had best get my "show team" together before it grew too late, so - off to the birdroom I wandered. I did the picking after my young "helpers" were asleep. This was to avoid certain distractions. I went through my holding cages and picked the best 8 birds. I went by condition and conformation. I did not put them into show cages right off as I didn't know what kind of stress this might cause. I waited until the week of the show to put the birds into their show cages. Then disaster struck! Two of my best Zebras, an orange-breasted and a grey Penguin cock, both lost a good number of feathers in their cheek patches. They had to be pulled and replaced. So, I went through the entire process once again three days before the show. I came up with two birds that I thought would be OK and caged them for the show. By now I had six Zebras and two Societies ready to go.

Friday, October 31, 1991. Boy, there were butterflies in my stomach! It finally was here - SHOW DAY! So I packed my partner and better half, the kids, clothes and birds and drove the harrowing 20 miles to the show site. After checking into our room, I took the wife and kids out to eat and go shopping. We arrived back at the hotel in time to check the birds into the show hall. I didn't know what to do, show entrywise, so I got my cage tags and entry forms and started to try and figure all this out. As I pondered about it, I walked our club's NFS delegate, Dennis Burhans. He calmly helped me through this part. We got the birds checked in and settled in for the night.

As Dennis and I were talking - who should appear? None other than my afore mentioned mentor and fellow finch fancier, Tom Rood. We were in for a real surprise as this fellow was carrying a couple of large show cages. The first words out of his mouth, as he greeted me, were "I said all of my finches and I've gotten into cockatiels." SAY IT'S NOT SO, I THOUGHT!! Tom's not leaving NFS is he? Is he going over to the A.C.S.? No way!! HE WAS JUST KIDDING!! He just brought down some birds for a good friend that had gone to an A.C.S. show up in Chicago.

After talking to Tom and Dennis for a while I decided I had better return to my family before my wife sent out the little "helpers" to find me. I returned to the room and the family decided to go swimming, so off we went to the pool. A quick dip and a session in the hot tub relaxed me enough to return to my room and go to bed.

The next morning, November 1st, 1991, I was awakened at around 6 a.m. by my five year old son whose sense of time and/or proper TV volume isn't that well developed yet.....anyway I was awakened and, BOY, they sure have some goofy stuff on that shopping network at that time!

At 7:30 a.m. I wandered down to the show hall to see if I could be of any help. By 9:00 a.m. we had almost all of the classes set up and arranged for the judge. Jon Hoffman, the NFS Panel Judge who handled the duties at this show, arrived then and waited patiently until all was ready. I found Jon to be very personable and knowledgeable. He handled the judging quickly and made some very interesting comments about some of the entries that filled in some of the gaps in the knowledge that I had gained from reading. I got so involved that I stayed for almost all of the judging and I really got into the various classes. I watched the Zebra classes with special interest because of my entries. I found, to my delight, that one of my "replacement birds" did very well. In fact, this particular bird was third best Zebra.

I made a few mental notes when it came to some of the comments Jon made concerning show cages and proper perch placement and about spraying birds to start them into a "preening mode" before the show. His comments on perches made me decide that next time I'm either going to borrow some box cages or lower the perches in my shelf cages to avoid making the birds think that they were going to hit their heads.

When the dust cleared at the end of the judging, I came away with each and every bird taking home some sort of a ribbon and the new knowledge that shows are fun! In the past I showed tropical fish but bird shows outclass that by a mile. there's no bitter rivalry and no pressure to keep your kids out of the show hall and I enjoyed that immensely.

That Tom Rood, he's one fellow that can take all of the sourness out of a person. It's folks like him that make this hobby great for me. He told me that I'd enjoy showing and he was right and I'm glad that I took him up on it.

If you're a novice and afraid to show off your birds - let me tell you that you'll not know what you're missing if you don't try it just once. When one of your birds has a ribbon hanging from its cage - it's worth all of the

days and nights in the birdroom looking after your feathered charges and setting up pairs to see what comes out. It's worth the drive from St. Louis to Shelbyville, Il in February to pick up some breeding stock to try to produce a show winner. It's worth it all to have your "little helpers" see all of the ribbons that reward all their help in the bird room. Yes - it's worth a million to me to see my birds in competition with some of the better breeders. Just remember the old saying.....TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

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## HOW TO TELL BLUE-CAPPED HENS FROM RED-CHEEKED HENS (CORDON BLEUS) AND OTHER NOTES

by Mary Gustafson

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Look at the 9th primary feather. Red-cheeks have a definite notch about 1/3 in from the tip while Blue-caps do not - their feathers are broad and unnotched throughout their length. Angolans are like Red-cheeks according to the literature. Although I don't have any I'm told that the difference is "obvious". If you try hard enough, differences are present between any 2 birds (same species or not).

I traded some Diamond doves for a Cordon Bleu hen from a store where I knew the manager. They had only carried Red-cheeks. All 3 of my Red-cheek chicks were hand-raised from day 8 or 10 after hatch - so I didn't trust size to determine sex and it turns out that the hen I raised is big. It also turns out that the hen I traded for is a Blue-capped.

All the birds made the move from Ohio to Maryland in stride although I hope to get much more reproduction next summer without a move. All 3 pairs of Goldbreasts laid eggs - only one pair incubated but abandoned the eggs three days before hatching. 7 of 8 eggs were fertile - 3 chicks survived chilling to hatch under Societies but were weak and died within 2 days although I fed them throughout the day. They're back on eggs now and I've got my fingers crossed.

This new place has an anthill in the back yard which I plan to harvest next summer. Derek Goodwin in Estrildid Finches gives a lot of information on harvesting ant pupae. I understand from a fellow graduate student that pupae are seasonal and can be gone from a hill as early as late August.

My experiences with Musca larvae are: (a) all of my birds love them, in inverse order of likelihood to breed. The Red-ears wolf them down and don't stop till they're gone. (b) they don't travel well in late summer when my Waxbills seem to be most interested in breeding.

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## THE CHAMP

by Kristina Hemenway

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I met him in a mall in Jersey in '85. I was on my lunch hour - having another bad day at work. He was hanging out in a crowd, keeping a low profile. As soon as I laid eyes on him I knew he was a special kind of a guy - big, handsome, and possessing a charisma that was unmistakable. I couldn't get him off my mind all afternoon. Something just told me that he was meant for great things and that we could go places together. As soon as 5 p.m. rolled around I raced back to the mall. He was still there. I purchased the cinnamon and white Society Finch and took him home to join my growing collection of birds.

After his requisite period of quarantine in a small carrier cage, I placed him in the immaculate, spacious flight cage with my other "show prospect" finches. I was certain he would enjoy all the room after the cramped quarters of the mall pet shop. Alas, he could not fly. Apparently, his wing muscles had atrophied during his time in a pet shop cage so crowded that he couldn't fly about. Time and time again he flapped his wings and attempted to make it up to the perches with the other birds. After a while, he stopped trying, rested the tip of his beak on the floor of the cage and stared dolefully at me. I knew I had to find a way to help him.

To avoid the possibility that other birds might bully him in his weakened state, I provided him with his own small cage. I just happened to place it on a table next to Sunshine's cage. Sunshine was a Pakin Robin who was much larger than my other finches and ate soft foods rather than a seed diet, so he lived in his own private quarters. From the beginning, the two birds seemed to be good company for one another as they chirped back and forth.

To encourage The Champ to try to regain his ability to fly, I would put a pencil or a stick through the bars of his cage and wiggle it around. He would flutter his wings to move out of the way. As the days went by, I noticed that his wings seemed to grow stronger.

Oh, it is important to mention Sunshine's exercise routine. He was very athletic and active, as most of his kind are. He would often do a complete flip off his perch and land right back on the same spot - a "10". More often than not, he would flip himself over, hang from the top of his cage, then neatly drop back down to the perch.

Well, one evening a couple of weeks after The Champ's arrival, I came home from work and sat down to say "hello". Sunshine responded by singing and doing his fancy flip. Then, unbelievably, The Champ let out a proud chirp as he too did a well-executed 360. Society Finches just don't do things like that - let alone one that couldn't even fly a few weeks before. I wish I had owned a

video camera at that time because Sunshine and The Champ were quite an exciting nightly show.

Bird show season was beginning and I decided that a bird as handsome, athletic and proud as The Champ would be a formidable contender. Well, he didn't let me down. Show after show that year he brought home the ribbons and the points. He invariably won the Society Finch section and usually managed to get onto the "top bench" for the division. There are numerous trophies, plaques and ribbons to his credit.

I wondered if The Champ would be as good a parent as he was a show bird. He and his mate raised several families, and his offspring were much sought after by other Society Finch enthusiasts. Several times he even assisted as a foster parent. He did everything I ever asked him to do, and with style.

I noticed the lump on his foot one day to my dismay. It appeared to be filled with blood. I took him to an avian vet who informed me that it was a tumor and that there was no way to remove a tumor from a tiny finch's leg. The only alternative was to amputate. I knew a one-legged bird had almost an impossible situation - difficulty in preening, eating, etc. I didn't want The Champ to have to deal with that. I took him home and watched as the tumor grew and appeared to be causing him pain. It began to bleed. With trepidation, we went to the vet's for the amputation. The staff had never performed an amputation on such a tiny bird, but they did a fine job. He came through his operation with flying colors - that was two years ago.

Of course it was quite a shock to him when he discovered his handicap. I did my best to design a home for him that would help him to cope. He has a little basket in his cage filled to the top with hay. He hooks his neck or the stump of his leg over the edge to balance himself, and there he spends his time surveying his domain. His food and water dishes are practically flat, and they are placed in the corners of the bottom of his cage. He does sort of a helicopter flying to the bottom of his cage, and then flops over to his dishes. He seems to manage. True to character, The Champ has incorporated a new athletic feat into his repertoire. After eating, he flies straight up from the bottom of his cage, hangs for a moment like a hummingbird, then drops directly down into his basket - dead center.

Just last night, I saw him struggling to balance himself on the special oval perch with grips that I bought for him. As he finally righted himself, he broke into a strong, bold song. Things are not what they once were for The Champ, but we have some great memories, and we still have each other.

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Tina adds in her letter that she is now back in her hometown area and is spending a lot of time with her dressage horse and enjoying Cape Cod's favorable weather. Exhibitors from the middle Atlantic states remember Tina and The Champ and we wish them both well. Please respect her "all rights reserved" statement.

The Editor.

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## BREEDING THE BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT

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by Jose Aleman

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Most aviculturists are familiar with the Cuban Melodious and the Olive Finches. Both are members of the Tiaris family. A third member of this family is the Black-faced Grassquit.

The male and female have olive green bodies and the male has an intense black head.

At one time we were housing the Cuban, Olive and Black-faced Grassquit pairs in the same planted outdoor aviary. To my surprise the Cubans were the only pair that successfully bred in this community situation. The Olive and Black-faced never even attempted to breed. Last summer we decided to remove the Olive and Cuban pairs and leave the Black-face alone in that aviary.

This winter, about the second week of February, I noticed the female sitting in one of the large wicker nests for extended periods of time. A few days later I could hear the chicks calling to be fed. By March 1st (1991) three chicks had emerged from the nest and were on the floor of the aviary, begging for food.

By mid-March the chicks were beginning to eat by themselves and were joining their parents in flight. It is recommended that you remove the offspring as soon as they are weaned to prevent mortality due to territorial fighting or fighting during mating by the parents. This also allows the parents the privacy to attempt breeding again.

It is almost impossible to bend the chicks due to the fact that the nest is guarded closely by the female and she will leave immediately if molested or endangered.

I strongly recommend housing the pair in a planted aviary by themselves. The large wicker basket proved to be the nest choice of this pair. It is also of great help to supplement their diet with high quantities of high quality proteins, such as egg and insects, either dried or fresh. A fortified finch seed mix is also important and clean, fresh water should always be present in their enclosure.

We are very proud to be honored with the First Breeding Award by the Sunshine State Cage Bird Society of Orlando, FL for the Cuban Melodious (March, 1989) and the Black-faced Grassquit (March, 1991). Presently we are working with the Olive Finch. We are hoping for success in breeding the Olives, perhaps by March of 1992.

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Editor's Note: We all hope the Olive finches have been successful for you and that if so, you'll write and tell us about it!

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## CHERRY FINCHES

by Dennis Burhans

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The Cherry Finch is an easily maintained, free-breeding, excellent shoubird which has very few drawbacks -- if any! They are from Australia, like many of the finches available today and are a plus to anyone's aviary.

Cherry Finches are beautiful little finches that are quietly colored, but if well cared for they become absolutely beautiful birds. The main colors, being brown and white, make it possible to overlook the birds at first glance but the cherry colored cap (especially on the male) makes them worth a second look and makes them quite attractive. There is now a faun mutation in which the browns are diluted to a beautiful "plywood faun" color. The cherry cap is still evident and the tail retains the dark brown color. Personally, I like the faun Cherry Finch more than the normals. The Fawns seem to be as strong and robust as the normals which is not the case in many mutations today.

I have been keeping cherry Finches for only a short time and have already given them second place in my list of favorites. They seem to breed without problems if they are given the chance to pick their own partners. My pairs seem to like small amounts of eggfood and very little, if any, live food. They love spray millet and a good finch seed mixture. They do well on this simple diet. They are just like any other Australian finch when it comes to incubation and rearing of the young. There seems to be no preference as to nesting receptacle, so I assume that they'll nest in anything suitable.

The Cherry Finch also makes a fine exhibition bird. If trained in a show cage correctly they will usually just sit there and pose for the judge. The reason I mention this is that they seem to be unusually calm by nature which makes them a natural for exhibition.

Cherry Finches don't seem to be very social birds and so it is good to put only one pair of Cherrys per flight cage to avoid problems. With the pairs that I have, the males will often disturb each other and disrupt breeding success if housed together. I find this true with many of the Australians that I raise so I try to keep only one pair of each species per flight.

Since Cherry finches are very picky about selecting mates they should be separated at a very early age from their brothers and sisters, before pair bonds form between the siblings. I find that if young males are separated from their sisters before this bonding takes place that I can then pair them up the way that I choose, not the way that they choose!

In conclusion, I would urge anyone interested in finches to obtain a pair or two of cherry finches and find out for themselves what excellent birds they are!

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Well, Dennis, I appoint you President of the Cherry Finch Fan Club! The Editor.

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FINCHSAVE REPORT -- JUNE 1992

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by FINCHSAVE Director, Linda Oja

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A FINCHSAVE meeting was held at the Bird Clubs of Virginia Convention in April. We discussed redefining some of the categories so as to have them adequately covered by the current number of available Group Managers. Although we realize that these changes are contrary to proper ornithological categorizations, they seem to suit our purposes better for the present. Buntings will be placed in the softbill group and Tuinspots and Pytilias will not be grouped with waxbills as the waxbill group is growing rapidly and may need to be divided.

The importance of conducting a national survey to determine how many and what species of finches and softbills are presently being kept and bred in this country was discussed. Certain species have been excluded from participation because it is assumed that they are being bred in sufficient numbers but there is no study to back up these assumptions. We also need to know specifically which species are most in danger of becoming unavailable. Several NFS members (Jan Hawn, Laura Sherman) have volunteered to work on the survey form and set up a program to process the information. NFS support is needed to publish the survey questionnaire in one or several of the bird publications such as American Cage Bird Magazine and/or Bird Talk to make it available to the general public. We can also ask NFS affiliated clubs to help distribute the questionnaires. This could be a very positive and important project for NFS as well as FINCHSAVE.

The first FINCHSAVE newsletter was mailed out in March. A copy was sent to all NFS Board members as well as participants. Our present participants are very enthusiastic and dedicated to their task. A majority of the participants are working with more than one species. FINCHSAVE presently has 12 participants with 23 different species, 198 birds all totaled, in the program as of June 1, 1992.

Our represented species are as follows: Softbills: Pagoda Mynah, Rothachilds Mynah, Zosterops, Cinnamon-breasted Rock bunting, Pakin Robin. Waxbills: Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu, Blue-capped Cordon Bleu, Black-cheeks, Orange-cheeked, Lavender, Strawberry, Green Avadavat, Yellow-bellied, St. Helena. Australian/Parrot: Owl Finch, Diamond Sparrow, Blue-faced Parrot finch. African: Red-breasted Bluebill, Scaly-crowned Weaver, Green Singer, Pater's Tuinspot, Cutthroat. We still need participants in all those categories and particularly in the following: Mannikins, Europeans and South American Finches.

I have received at least one (sometimes more) application each month since the beginning of the year. Our participants have played a large part in recruiting others into the program. We need to have a progress report in each

issue of the Bulletin so that all NFS members can see that the program is making a strong comeback.

There are a number of others who are interested in joining but have not obtained their birds yet. One important fact is that our participants are communicating. A number of participants are reporting successful breeding of their species. I am trying to set up a network to help participants and potential participants find birds.

The current FINCHSAVE Directors Committee consists of a few faithful helpers and participants are taking a more active role in the program. Some of the members of the original FINCHSAVE Committee have not been heard from in months. I would like to hear from them again and to hear from other individuals, whether or not they have birds to enroll at this time, if they have a desire to help the program go forward. People who do enroll seem to have given serious thought to this commitment and this is reassuring.

I have been asked to talk to several clubs in the coming months about FINCHSAVE. I am in the process of putting together a slide presentation for this purpose. Suggestions and slides would be most appreciated.

I thank the many Board members who have demonstrated their support for this program.

Please contact me directly for more information, for an application to join FINCHSAVE, with suggestions, offers of slides or other assistance. thank you for your interest.

Linda Ojs, 268 Exeter Road, Newport News, VA 23602 Phone (804) 874 8581

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#### Editor's Note:

I recently got a letter from a member who didn't feel comfortable joining the FINCHSAVE Program because of "all of those titled officials over me". This is a serious misconception of the intent of this "user-friendly" program! Those "titled officials" are members, just like you and me, who have volunteered their time and energy to assist in forming a network of individuals dedicated to the captive propagation of finches and softbills in a supportive and supported program. Their goals and their "job descriptions" are to keep communication going both ways to and from the FINCHSAVE Director and the participants and to provide whatever assistance is required by the Director and the participants.

If something (or anything) has kept you from joining the program I suggest that right now you read Section 12, (Exemptions), particularly (4) (A) and (B) of H. R. 5013 printed elsewhere in this issue. That should motivate you to (at the very least) contact Linda to clarify any other questions that you may have and begin the process of enrolling you and your birds in the FINCHSAVE Program.

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# Aspergillosis

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Aspergillosis is a disease caused by fungal infection, usually of the respiratory tract, and effecting a wide variety of mammals and birds. It is caused by the bacteria *Aspergillus fumigatus* and other *Aspergillosis* species, chiefly *Aspergillus flavus*.

The two forms commonly seen in birds are a "chronic" form and an "acute" form. The chronic form is related to immunosuppression of the patient leading to infection from normal background levels of *Aspergillus* spp. spores. The posterior thoracic and abdominal air sacs and the bifurcation of the trachea (syrinx) are the most common locations for lesions. The progression of the disease is directly related to the state of decompensation (weakness) of the bird's immune system, the virulence of the strain of the fungus (production of toxins) and the location of the lesions (do they cause obstruction?).

The acute form occurs as a result to an overwhelming number of fungal spores. In this form, multitudes of abscesses are formed throughout the parenchyma (air exchanging portion of the lungs). In pet birds, the author has seen this form of aspergillus in psittacines kept on corncob substrate. Other factors contribute as well, including exposure to spore laden environments, potting soil in nest boxes, fecal matter or other cage-bottom debris that dries and becomes powdery.

Early in the disease, the birds are presented with a history of good appetite. Often the birds have large watery areas around the feces, and yellowing or greenish urates (white matter) in the droppings. As the disease progresses, respiratory signs begin to develop, including dyspnea (labored breathing) and later, a milky-white discharge from the trachea.

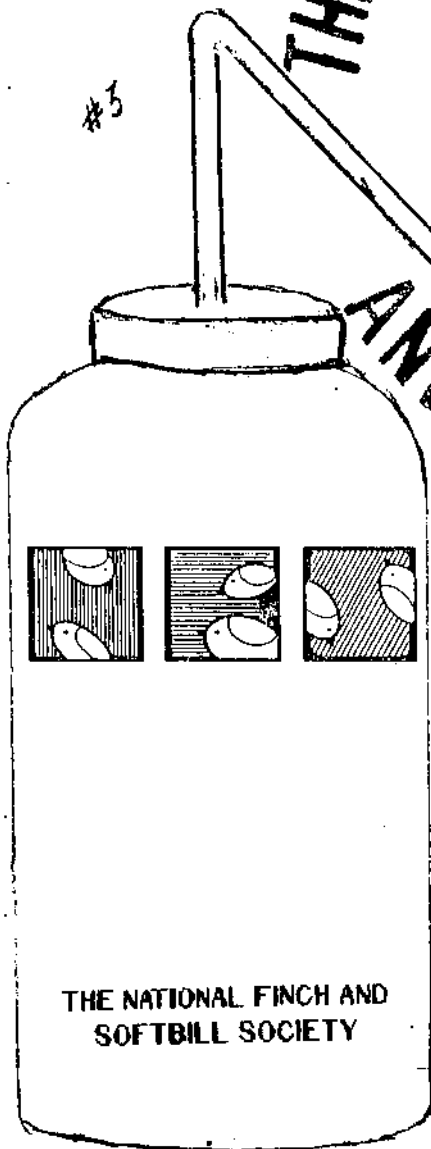
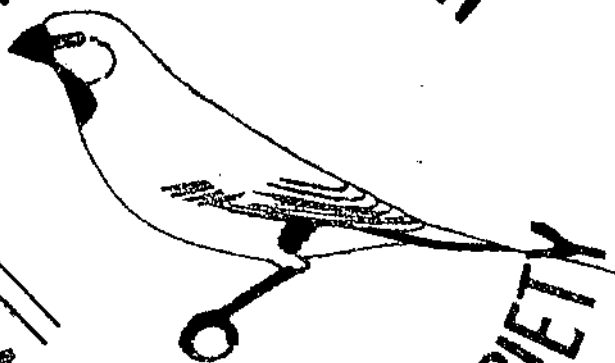
A diagnosis is made by a combination of blood tests, tracheal and air sac cultures, and microscopic examination of specific cells. Endoscopy and/or exploratory surgery will also assist the diagnosis confirmation.

An early, aggressive treatment is vital if therapy is to be successful. Additionally, good, supportive home care is essential. Prevention is important, and cleanliness, including removal of any old debris, and adequate ventilation to prevent continual inhalation of dust and airborne contaminants.

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AND...Bruce, the cut and paste master, got them all on one page! Hooray! The Editor.

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## NEWS & NOTES

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The June meeting of the NFS Board of Directors was held in Sturbridge, MA in conjunction with the New England Finch Fanciers All-Bird Symposium and Sale. In attendance were: Board members, Brenda Geeey, Dr. Al Decoteau, Denise Capezzi, Miki Spartzak, Russell Armitage, Jr., Jerry McCawley, Chris Voronovitch and Jim Foxwell and guests Debbie and Neil Stone.

The Recording Secretary's report was approved as printed in the previous Bulletin.

Band Secretary's report - as of June 5th NFS had purchased 31,700 bands of which 24,960 have been sold to over 300 members. Already this year we have sold more size D, E and L than were sold in all of 1991. The price of bands will have to increase for the 1993 bands. The price for a string of ten bands will increase to \$2.75 (including first class postage). Each member will still have the option to insure their band order if they so desire. Denise and Miki are researching purchasing padded envelopes in bulk to help control rising prices for supplies.

Corresponding Secretary's report - Al Decoteau said that Martha Wigmore is doing an outstanding job as corresponding secretary. Al commends Martha on her clear, concise and professional presentation of all NFS correspondence. The Board also appreciates her services. As many of you know, Martha has been working diligently on the revision of the Handbook, a lengthy and detailed process of re-typing and editing. She, and the NFS Board are pleased to announce that THE HANDBOOK IS DONE AND GOING TO THE PRINTER WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN !! Please congratulate Martha when you see her -- not only did she do a splendid job on the Handbook but she has another nifty new achievement. She and her husband have a brand new son, Morgen. He "hatched" on June 11th, just a few days after Martha finished incubating the new Handbook. This sets another record for the NFS Judges Panel. I'm sure this is the only national society in which an active judge had had two babies while on the judges panel. Kica going Martha! Great Handbook and greet baby-10 lb 3 oz!!

Treasurers report - Miki reports that as of June 4th NFS had \$7521.23 in checking and \$7062.10 in savings accounts and the new computerized accounting system that she has set up is functioning very well. A reminder to all of you who are holding checks that should be sent to Miki for deposit in an NFS account - the bank that she is dealing with considers a check over 30 days old to be "stale" and will not honor it. PLEASE, send all checks promptly and please send photocopies of all receipts that you need to be reimbursed for promptly too.

Membership services report - again Miki had commendable news. She is up to membership #1693 and completely comfortable with the computer program (after a few minor and major glitches) that is managing the membership lists. She has put an enormous amount of time and effort into entering all of this data in a new format and deserves a lot of credit for it. She also announced

that renewal postcards will not be used in the future, instead, she has redesigned the address label (see article in this issue) so that it contains more information in a new format. There will be a message on the label stating that it is time for the member to renew and another message on the next Bulletin label that this is the last issue the member will receive if they do not renew. This will give each member a few months notice of their expiration date, on the Bulletin itself.

Affiliations Directors report - Russ told us that 74 clubs had renewed their affiliations, (they have until June 30th to do so) and that 17 still haven't come in.

Standards Committees report - Al reported that several standards are in progress. The Fire Finch Standard was published in the May/June issue of the Bulletin and will be presented to the Board for a vote in the August '92 Board meeting. The Star Finch Standard was sent, with comments, back to Committee members for further revision. Kris Kroner reports progress on the Spice Finch Standard. There has been no response from Marty von Raesfeld and the Pekin Robin Committee. Tom Rood heads the committee to re-write the Society Finch Standard. An area of discussion in which this committee may be deadlocked concerns the exhibition of crested birds. Considering that responsible breeders of Society finches do not recommend breeding crested to crested because of the resulting multiple whorls of feathers, the committee is debating whether it is proper to show a crested with a crested or if exhibitors should only be permitted to show a crested with a non-crested, as this would be the only proper true breeding pair. Comments are solicited. At least three members of the judges panel, all also members of the Board, are strongly in favor of only exhibiting a crested with a non-crested. Please respond directly to Tom Rood on this issue. Jon Hoffman heads the committee to re-write the Zebra Standard and it is progressing well. We still need someone to head a committee to write a standard for Mynahs. Hiki Spartzak and Brenda Geasey will serve on that committee. If you have an interest, call or write to Dr. Al Decoteau.

Judges Panel Director's report - Al reported that all 1991 reports are complete. Any member who wants to know their accumulated point total can write to him, enclosing a SASE, and get that information. He also says that in the 1991 show season NFS had 78 affiliated shows and not one single complaint against any of our judges. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUDGES PANEL FOR THAT FINE PERFORMANCE!! Also, all judges have submitted their 1992 show schedule and the listing in the July/August Bulletin should be complete. Tom Rood has successfully completed one of his apprentice judging assignments. As you may have noticed, the show season starts early in Illinois. Congratulations.

FINCHSHOP - Jerry reports that FINCHSHOP sales are going well. The record keeping forms are a particularly "hot" seller. Thanks again to Roddy Geble for supplying them to NFS. Jerry's new job is keeping him on the road a lot but he is working overtime to keep up with the NFS members orders.

FINCHSAVE Directors report - Linda Oja and the FINCHSAVE committee request that the Board look into publishing a "Finch Census Form", (similar to

the one we publish annually in our own Bulletin) in one of the nationally circulated magazines so that we might attract the attention of non-NFS members in the FINCHSAVE program. The Board discussed buying space in American Cage Bird Magazine to print this survey since the largest response to ads, etc. has always come from ACBM readers. This motion was passed. Miki, Brenda, Linda and the members of the FINCHSAVE Committee will be working on the format, etc.. As always, respondents privacy will be respected but they will be asked to make their data available to share with other respondents.

Awards Director's report - Chris reports that all awards for shows being held in August and before have been sent out. The Board thanked her for her dedication to this huge task. The Board discussed the purchase of awards for the NFS Champion birds, to be presented at the National Show, during the annual general meeting. Chris will research suitable awards. The awards for Champion birds in future years was also discussed. The Board voted to make a donation (amount not yet decided) to a worthy avicultural cause, for the benefit of aviculture, in the names of the Champion birds and their owners. Suggestions as to the details of these awards are welcome and should be addressed to Chris Voronovitch.

Advertising Director's report - Miki reports that we now have 14 paid display ads in the Bulletin and she is looking for more. If you have an idea, please write or call her.

Publishing Committee - the May/June issue was mailed 5/30/92. The Bulletin is on time and all is running well. Brenda requested that the Board consider purchasing a scanner to remain the property of NFS and to be available for the use of the Bulletin Editor to make Bulletin preparation more efficient and quick. The Board agreed and earmarked a sum not to exceed \$900 for the purchase of a full-page scanner. Miki, Brenda and others will research the purchase of a scanner. If you have knowledge of scanners your advise would be appreciated. The big news is: THE HANDBOOK IS GOING TO THE PRINTER! A price has not yet been determined till printing is complete. It contains:

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1991 Finch and Softbill Census  
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#### The Complete NFS Judges Handbook

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Standard of Conduct  
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| Diamond Sparrow Standard     | Shafttail Finch Standard |
| Gouldian Finch Standard      | Society Finch Standard   |
| Green Singing Finch Standard | Zebra Finch Standard     |

You can see it'll be a gold mine of information about NFS!  
It'll be bound in a "three-ring" recycled paper binder so that as standards are added or things are changed you can easily remove the old pages and replace them with new pages.

Promotions Director's report - Jim Foxwell has a great source for large, strong, attractive canvas tote bags. Now that we're all using them instead of the disposable plastic ones (we are aren't we??) Jim feels that they would be a good source of income for NFS with our logo on them. He'll have some more info at the next Board meeting. He also feels that it's time to do another t-shirt and suggested asking for new designs to be submitted to him, both for t-shirt art and for a new logo to replace our present hard-to-read one. ARTISTS - send your suggestions to Jim.

Education Committee's report - Jon has a 47 minute video completed that contains 132 slides!! The narration is complete and Jon is taking it for a "test drive" the end of this month. Jon will put the finishing touches on it and we expect that it'll be ready for distribution sometime late in August. Nice work...we can't wait to see it! Thanks Jon.

No new business was introduced.

Old business - the Board discussed the matter of accepting closed traceable bands for NFS points from the Badger Canary Fanciers. After much discussion, it was decided that NFS cannot accept these bands. NFS stands firm on its' policy of only accepting closed traceable bands from any other national society for cross-registration with NFS for the purpose of gaining NFS Championship Points.

The Board also discussed sending a cash contribution to the Pittsburgh Aviary. It was decided to withhold a donation at this time. The situation is that the city of Pittsburgh has turned the Aviary over to a non-profit group. That group, Save The Aviary, Inc. has received \$200,00 from the city and about \$90,000 in other donations. Formerly, all employees at the Aviary were city workers, represented by a union. When S. T. A. took over the union was out and all employees who wanted to be transferred to other city (union) positions were transferrad. S. T. A. then began to hire replacement workers. A new director was hired, a man who has little or no experience managing birds of any kind. The position of curator of birds was eliminated! This means that this collection of rare, delicate birds, including producing pairs and their offspring that represent several "world's first breeding awards" are now

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without a curator who understands their needs. Dr. Lindaey Clack, the former curator, is no longer associated with the Aviary because his position was eliminated. Considering this, and considering that the intention of the NFS Board in agreeing to a donation was to assist in enhancing propagation in that facility, the Board has now decided to "wait and see" how S. T. A. intends to go forward. It is our hope that the focus will remain on providing a safe and nurturing environment that will continue to be conducive to reproduction for the species now housed there. Your comments should go to:

Save The Aviary, Inc., 415 E. Ohio, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The Editor would appreciate seeing copies of your letters to S. T. A..

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Next Board meeting: by mail, during the last half of August, results to be published in the (September/October) Bulletin. If there is something you would like to have the Board discuss, contact any member, all elected and appointed officers are members (phone numbers, inside front page). The last Board meeting of 1992: in conjunction with the N.C.B.S., Oklahoma City, November. First Board meeting of 1993 will be in conjunction with the Bird Club's of Virginia's Annual Convention in April, 1993.

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Jim Foxwell, P. O. Box 1052, Orange, VA 22960 by September 1, 1992.

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Finch Society of San Diego County; Sharon Russell, (619) 546 1078

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\*South Bay Bird Club; Gregory Aden, (213) 379 2416

Southern CA Finch & Mockbill Association; Gregory Aden, (318) 379 2416  
Shows: October 31, 1992 Redonde Beach, CA Panel Judge: Murty van Raenfeld  
November 1, 1992 Redonde Beach, CA Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

#### COLORADO

Colorado Cage Bird Association; Terri McAuliffe (719) 576 9889  
Show: October 3, 1992 Colorado Springs, CO Panel Judge: Dr. Vni Clear

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REGIONAL SHOW: November 7, 1992 Brighton, CO Panel Judge: Clayton Jeneo

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September 27, 1992 Frederick, MD Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

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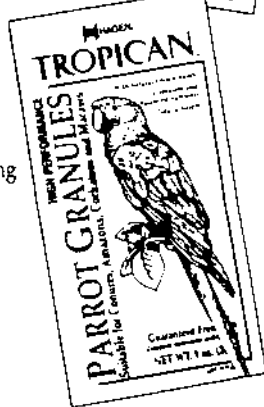
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Instead of merely "fortifying" like the others, essential nutrients are added to Forti-Diet according to a precise scientific formula developed by

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The most important benefit is the elimination of the guesswork normally

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