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In this issue:

Wow! This issue is overflowing! For the breeder and bird lover in each of us there are **articles** on Owl Finches, Indian Hill Mynahs, whydahs, Red Siskins, and weavers. *Thank you to our contributors!*

The main reason for this oversized issue is the terrific response NFSS received to the annual **Census** request. President Steve Hoppin and Census Chairman Tom Rood both share some thoughts about the Census with us.

The **Show Classifications** are published here for NFSS affiliates to use in their 1994 show catalogs. Ask your local club(s) to make sure their catalogs reflect the most recent NFSS classes.

Those interested in entering the **NFSS Apprentice Judge** program this year will find details in this issue.

The results of the **1st Quarter 1994 Board Meeting** are included. And reviving an early NFSS tradition, we welcome **new members**.

Check out the new **NFSS logo contest**, too!

With all this, I'm *certain* that you won't mind waiting until next issue for the **Cumulative Index By Author**.

Incredible, isn't it? Here's to your birds!



**Deadline for the next issue is
June 1st.**



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 Kirsten, homeschooled for most of her education, currently attends
 the Classical Academy and art classes in Minneapolis, MN.
 She is twelve years old.



President's Message

By Steve Hoppin

In the infant years of NFSS, the Society was being inundated with letters from members requesting NFSS to assist them with buying babies or odd birds to complete pairs of finches and softbills. Attempting to respond to the members' needs, NFSS published the first NFSS Census results in the July/August 1987 *NFSS Bulletin*.

This voluntary bird census was then and continues to be a valuable tool to the finch and softbill breeder. The Census results published in *The NFSS Bulletin* not only enable the breeder to connect with other interested parties, but helps NFSS (including FINCHSAVE) identify species kept or bred in the United States. Members names, state, phone number and a listing of birds kept and/or bred are published. Addresses are withheld in the best interest of the breeders. NFSS had the strong

desire to accommodate the breeder back in October 1984, when the first census information request was published, and has provided this valuable service to the breeders in every year but one since 1987.

The past Census' have provided information regarding babies available (BA) or not available (NA). It has been brought to our attention from various breeders that the status of availability is subject to change throughout the year and could become outdated quickly. Also, the symbol (NA) would possibly deter contact or communication between breeders. Thus, the Census Department has opted to omit the status of availability in the 1993-94 Census. Members need simply to contact each other for current status information.

The number of breeders participating in the Census has slowly increased over the years. In 1987, a mere 38 breeders responded. Over a seven year period NFSS has had a three-fold increase of respondents.

Greater diversity of bloodlines revealed

Our Census Chairman, Tom Rood submitted the following report on the 1993-94 Census. This year a total of 110 breeders responded from all over the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. He was very pleased to note that the compiled information indicated many breeders are working with several more pairs per specie

**Coming
In the Next Issue:**

**Breeding the
Grey Singing Finch**

**More on NFSS'
10th Anniversary**

Show Preparation Begins

**Cumulative Index by
Author**

**1994 Regional Shows
and more!**

than in the past. This is certainly what NFSS likes to hear as this will help to insure a diversity of bloodlines that breeders will have to work with in the future. Also, the number of softbills, African finches and European finches being worked with have increased! You'll find the entire 1993-94 Census Results published in this issue.

Just as there has been a need for this service in the past, NFSS has an ever increasing and dedicated need to continue to publish a complete Census to assist breeders in their conservation efforts, especially since the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 has gone into effect.

NFSS will continue to respond to its members' needs. Every once in awhile NFSS will request *your* assistance with important matters. The next time you see the NFSS Census

*Plan Now To
Attend!*

**'94 NFSS General
Membership
Meeting**

National Cage Bird Show
Manchester, New Hampshire
**Saturday, November 19,
1994**

time to be announced

*The National Finch and Soft-
bill Society and the "Show of
Shows" Welcome You to
New Hampshire and the
NFSS National Show!*

NFS Panel Judge:
Daren Decoteau

Judging Friday,
November 18, 1994

published in the *Bulletin* remember what a valuable tool and beneficial service it truly is. When the time comes, fill in a Census information form and send it in! It is in your, the breeder's, best interest.

**Many thanks to Tom Rood,
Census Chairman and Mid-Central
Regional Vice President for the
fine work he has done on the NFSS
Census. He certainly is a credit to
the Society!**



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Aviculture!*

NFSS News & Notes

Compiled from NFS Directors

Welcome to NFSS!

At the Spring Board of Directors meeting, the initials for the Society were changed from NFS to NFSS, and the Home Office was officially changed to 18913 Boston St. NW, Elk River, MN 55330-1155.

And we'll need a new logo...

The Society, with the new initials NFSS, needs to enter its second decade with a new logo. Details of the **logo design contest**, open to everyone interested, appear elsewhere in this issue. A \$50 cash award is one of the prizes being offered to the individual who enters the winning design. *Send in your idea!*

New Conservation Committee Formed

In response to comments received at the Spring Board Meeting, a Conservation Committee chaired by Kris Kroner has been created by NFSS. The Committee is to establish a budget, policy and procedures with NFSS for contributing to qualified breeding programs. *(See Board Meeting minutes in this issue for more.)*

Time to Review Show Classifications

A review of the NFSS Show Classifications is underway, and you are welcome to participate. The committee consists of Dr. Al Decoteau, Steve Hoppin, Tom Rood and Martha Wigmore. Please send any suggestions for improvements to the classifications to Dr. Decoteau (*see page 8 for address*).

Comments On Proposed Pekin Robin Standard

The proposed Pekin Robin Standard is included in this issue. Your comments are valued and considered, and your participation is welcome! Please address your items to Dr. Al Decoteau, Standards Chairman.

Advertising Manager Change

Lynda Bakula is now NFSS' advertising manager and will be glad to talk with anyone interested in advertising in the *Bulletin*. If you would like Lynda to contact a prospective advertiser for you, just drop her a note (*see pg. 8 for address*). One thousand issues of the *Bulletin* reach serious bird fanciers bi-monthly.

And a big **thank you** to Miki Spzarak for all the work she has done for the *Bulletin* and NFSS as past advertising manager!

Champion Bird Awards Will Be Changing

The award for a Champion Bird (a bird which has earned over 50

When is Your NFSS Membership Due for Renewal?

How to Read Your Mailing Label:

Your mailing label shows the issue through which your membership is paid (i.e. **Expire: 05/01/94**).

When your membership is up for renewal, your mailing label will have highlighted: **MEMBERSHIP DUE**.

If you have not paid by the following issue you will see highlighted the sad tidings: **LAST ISSUE**.

show points) will be changed this year as has been suggested by members. But sorry, Tom, it still won't be a mini-van! We hope to see some new Champions this coming show season.

Affiliation Deadline Nears - 5/31/94!

The deadline to affiliate (or reaffiliate) with NFSS this year is May 31st. For information contact Russ Armitage, NFSS Liaison Officer (*see page 8 for address*).

Band Delay Rectified

Orders for bands in 1994 so far exceeded early 1993 orders that by mid-February Band Secretary Denise Capazzi was already placing a second order. The second order was received late and numerous orders were delayed pending its arrival. Denise worked overtime for NFSS when that order finally arrived and the backorders were cleared.

By mid-March of this year, 21,170 NFSS bands had been sold!

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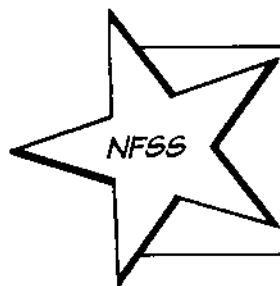
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SEND US YOUR IDEAS!



THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL
SOCIETY'S

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

A second decade even more successful than its first! And the National Finch and Softbill Society would like to enter this exciting period with a new logo.

All members and friends of NFSS are invited to enter their logo ideas in the NFSS logo design contest.

The prize for the winning logo design will be a choice of ★ \$50 cash plus two years paid membership in NFSS, or ★ five years paid membership in NFSS!

Entries must be sent to

NFSS President
Steve Hoppin
3836 Hidden Acres Cir.
N. Ft. Myers, FL
33903.

Entries must be
postmarked on or before
September 15, 1994.

We hope to have several designs to select a winner from at the NFSS Board Meeting at the Great American Bird Show in Des Moines, IA, on October 1, 1994.

Good luck to all!



Complete form below and attach to your entry.

NFSS LOGO CONTEST FOR 1994 ★ ENTRY FORM ★

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Send entries to:
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*I am entering the attached design and/or artwork in the **NFSS LOGO CONTEST FOR 1994**. The contents of this entry are my original work and I am sole owner of the material. I transfer and assign any and all copyrights to NFSS.*

Signature _____

Print Your
Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

From my flock . . .

by *Martha Wigmore*
Editor

*Except for the final product which you hold in your hands. I don't like to put too much of myself into the Bulletin, but as we are already half-way through this year, may I share with you my thoughts about where we've been so far this year?
I like the view ahead!*

Every breeding in finch and softbill aviculture contains some essential truth about what it takes to rear our birds in captivity. Whether the breeder is a beginner or advanced aviculturist is immaterial - the breeding success, or near-success (as is quite often the case) is what counts. Some piece of it, when disseminated through the pages of *The NFSS Bulletin*, carries with it tremendous potential to help with a next breeding somewhere in the hobby.

The NFSS Bulletin is looking for more articles on any aspect of the hobby. quick articles on basic care, hints, ideas on cage setups, stories on past experiences—good or bad, funny anecdotes, photographs, artwork, comics, anything!

We (obviously!) are not the **MTV** of the bird publishing business, but we offer something here that *no other* publication brings you. In our pages you'll find finch and

softbill husbandry, breeding information and natural history, and *only* for finches and softbills. The *Bulletin* differs from other fine finch publications, such as *The Estrildian* advertised in this issue, in that its readers, you and I, belong to a society - a pretty special one, too! As the mouthpiece of this club, the *Bulletin* takes a broad look at things: our view includes not just the finches and softbills themselves, but all that impacts the birds and the people who share our enjoyment and the challenges in our hobby.

Our individual reasons for belonging to NFSS are as diverse as our geographic locales and here in the pages of *The NFSS Bulletin* the Society hopes there is something for everyone.

The *Bulletin* began this new year, under a new Board, and in front of a new keyboard. Some important old business has been brought current in recent issues. Take the time to explore these items. For instance, you can use the Cumulative Index to revisit the treasures in the *Bulletin's* first ten year's issues.

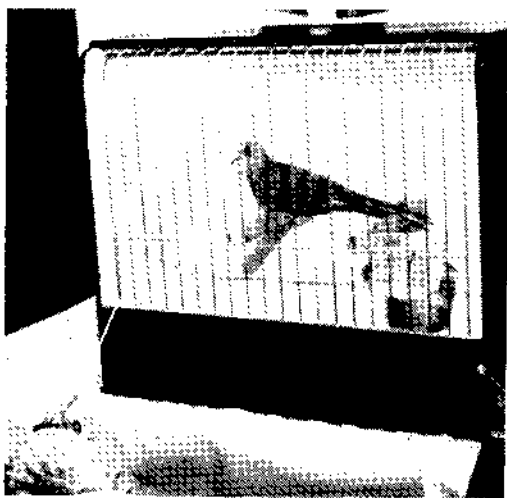
. . . to your's!

Several proposed and approved standards have been printed recently. NFSS standards were never meant just for exhibitors. Bird owners rely on them for identification and breeders evaluate the quality of their breeding stock using NFSS high standards.

Show results keep us aware of the breadth and depth of breeding activities across the country. The majority of top show finishers are avid and consistently successful breeders, who thoroughly enjoy sharing their techniques and the fruits of their labor with others at shows. And they *love* to have fun!

In our six issues each year, it is the goal of the Society to devote about one-sixth of the total content to the art and excitement of exhibiting, and dedicate the remaining five-sixths to the myriad aspects of aviculture, such as care, diet, species understanding, breeding discussions, and, to a lesser extent, the important "business" of the National Finch and Softbill Society, which exists solely to help us to help each other in this terrific hobby.

There is no magic faucet from whence cometh items for the *The NFSS Bulletin*. There is no backlog of articles and other items for



SHOWING PAYS A COMPLEMENT TO BREEDING - an NFSS closed banded Normal Diamond Dove bred and exhibited by ye ole editor.

publication. Would you pretend that NFSS just called and asked you to write a piece about your birds for the *Bulletin*?

"What (NFSS) will be is what you will make it," our first NFSS President Bill Parlee noted in the first issue of the *Bulletin*, ten years ago. Hope to hear from you soon.



Notice of Upcoming 1994 NFSS Board of Directors Meetings

2ND QTR 1994

"By Mail"

Agenda mailed to Directors approximately May 22, 1994.

3RD QTR 1994

Kaytee Great American Bird Show
- Des Moines, Iowa
Friday, September 30, 1994
at 7:30pm (tentatively).

4TH QTR 1994

National Cage Bird Show
Manchester, New Hampshire
Thurs., November 17, 1994
in early evening.

Breeding the Australian Finches

The Owl Finch

Poephila bichenovii

Also known as

Bicheno or Double barred finch

by Linda Oja
FINCHSAVE Director

I first became involved with the Owl finch when our club, Peninsula Caged Bird Society, decided to adopt this species and begin a breeding program for them. Fellow club member, Bea Rogers, and I acquired a total of five pairs between us. We took great pains to obtain birds from different sources so that at least some of the birds would not be related. Since neither of us had bred Owls before, we made a special effort to purchase some from a well recommended breeder. At first we were unable to raise chicks unless the eggs were fostered to Societies. As we gained more experience and exchanged information with other

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General behavior and requirements

The Owl finch tends to be highly active and nervous and therefore should be housed in a large cage (24"x36") or flight. Don't overcrowd as they can be aggressive towards each other and panic more easily under these conditions. I have found them to breed well both in a colony set-up and in cages, one pair per cage. With the colony set-up you have less control over mate selection and inbreeding is more likely to occur. I have better success using no more than two bonded pairs per cage, and even then they sometimes bicker over nesting sites. Owl finches prefer to sleep in a nest and providing one may prevent "night frights".

Owl finches are a highly social species and do not do well as single specimens. They have been known to pile into a single nest at night somewhat like Societies. Owls are described as fairly peaceful but I have found them to be aggressive towards their own kind when overcrowded and disruptive to other breeding birds in a mixed aviary. The disruption is due more to their high level of activity and curiosity.

**A TRIO OF OWL
FINCHES,**
bred and photo-
graphed by
Santee Gregorich.
Minneapolis, MN.



Be observant! Because of their curiosity and activity level, I have found some Owls that have gotten themselves into potentially fatal situations. Two managed to slip into the top of a satellite hanging feeder I use. I now tape the sliding top shut. Another Owl wedged itself in between the tightly packed cedar branches and the mesh in a mesh bag (the kind onions come in) nest. In both instances I found the birds in time. So far none have caught their bands and all my birds are closed handed. This goes to show we must be alert to all potential hazards in their environment.

Native Habitat

Area of distribution includes Northern and eastern Australia. Owl finches are often found near water

sources and the landscape usually includes tall grasses, bushes and small trees. They frequently inhabit areas such as sugar cane fields, gardens and parks. Most of the Owl finches commonly available are the white rumped variety. In the Northern Territory and Groote Eylandt (one of the northern islands) is a nominate which is black rumped (*P.B. annulosa*).

Housing and environment

Minimum breeding cage for one pair should be 24" x 24". Sometimes two pairs can be bred in a 24" x 36" cage if they all get along well. Ideal setting is a planted flight cage indoors or outdoors depending on climate. Location of the cage or aviary should be in a relatively quiet area.

Owls will tolerate temperatures down to 50°F but should be kept considerably warmer when breeding to prevent egg binding. Like many Australian species they stop brooding the young after one week thus requiring a warm climate to ensure survival of chicks. Lighting should also be provided if they do not receive enough natural light. Perches of varying thickness or natural branches should be available.

Sexing

It is difficult for me to visually sex Owl finches. Bea is much better at it. Generally the males have bolder dark brown neck and chest bands and the white is much brighter on the face and chest. Also males are said to have whiter spots on the wings. **Females lay eggs and males sing.** At least I haven't found a female who sings although this occurs frequently with Waxbills. It is possible to identify males as they will tend to sing if separated from other Owl finches.

Diet

Provide a high quality finch seed mix as your basic diet. I had to try several brands until I found one that contained the right mixture of seed that the Owls preferred. They also tend to like half-ripe seed heads and millet sprays. Offer them a variety of leafy greens: kale, spinach, dandelion and chickweed, as well as other vegetables (fresh corn, grated carrots) and fruits.

Other additions to the diet should include cuttlebone, finely

ground boiled eggshell, digestible mineral grit, sprouted seed, Petamine or vitamin-mineral supplement, and a protein food. The protein can be in the form of egg food, CeDe mix, dried or live *musca domestica*, mealworms, fruit flies, aphids—whatever source is available and readily consumed. I offer egg food mix (home made) to my Owls daily and they consume most of it. Bea offers CeDe mix (sometimes she moistens it). Some of my Owls greedily devour mealworms and others won't touch them. It is possible to keep Owls in top condition without having to give them live food as long as they get some type of protein food.

Also remember that Owls tend to be ground feeders. Mine are always pecking and scratching at the bottom of the aviary.

Breeding

Owls can be difficult to breed as they are not as calm as Gouldians. However, once they settle down and are provided proper housing, diet and nesting facilities they can be quite prolific. I've gotten to the point where mine will raise their own but they are not exactly what I'd call prolific. Part of the problem is due to lack of space.

A breeding pair should be housed in a cage at least 24" x 24". You may be able to colony breed a limited number of pairs (2 or 3) in a large flight provided the pairs are bonded and you can closely observe the birds for proper record keeping. You can encourage a pair to bond by keeping them caged together, excluding all other Owl finches. After a

while they will start sitting together and preening each other. Once you feel they are strongly bonded you can put them with another bonded pair. Be careful that related offspring don't bond to each other. Owls mature at a surprisingly young age.

For cage breeding it is recommended that a hinged top nest box be mounted on the outside. Feeders and waterers should be mounted outside to allow more room and less disturbance during daily maintenance. The hinged top nest box also allows for easy access to the eggs and chicks for egg transfers and handling.

Owls will also use a closed wicker nest and even a two liter plastic bottle with a large opening stuffed with evergreen branches. Disposable cardboard nest boxes are convenient and cut the risk of disease and mites since they are not re-used.

Nesting materials usually consist of dried grasses and shredded burlap. It is interesting to note that in their native habitat, eastern populations of Owl finches line their nests with feathers whereas those in the north and northwestern areas do not. Both birds engage in nest building and both incubate the eggs although the female usually spends more time in the nest.

Sometimes it is necessary to present live food in order to stimulate the Owls to breed. I have not been able to pinpoint a specific breeding season for Owls. They seem to breed all year long. They have also been found to nest at



different times in their natural habitat.

An open water dish is usually provided at all times for bathing. Not only because they love to bathe but breeders feel the moisture helps maintain proper humidity for the eggs. I have had instances where unhatched eggs were found to be dried up when opened. As gross as it may sound, you should open eggs that have been long abandoned or gone at least a week past their hatching date. You can determine whether the eggs were fertile, if the chicks did in the shell, and whether there was sufficient moisture. Eggs usually have to be incubated one week to detect signs of fertility (presence of red blood vessels in yolk).

Fostering

Sometimes the birds just will not incubate or will destroy the eggs. In these instances it may be necessary to foster the eggs to Societies or Zebra finches. For the best results do not mix the Owl eggs or chicks with those of other species. You run the risk of lowering the Owl chick's chance for survival. Remove the Owl

chicks as soon as they are independent and place them with their own kind to prevent imprinting on the foster parents. Every once in a while I hear an owl sing a very strange Society-like song, not that Owls have what you would call a melodious song. Fostered birds can and do grow up to be successful parents.

Hatching and care of young

Owl chicks are smaller than society or Zebra chicks. They are fuzzy and light-skinned when first hatched but the skin color gradually darkens. The parent birds should have plenty of protein food to raise healthy chicks. The protein food should be well accepted by the parents before the chicks hatch.

Owl chicks should be banded at about 7 days old with an "A" size NFSS closed band. You will find that the parents will leave the nest for longer periods by this time so it should be less disturbing. The chicks' eyes should be just opened at this age.

The following is an example of how well my Owls have progressed in raising their own. As the weather began to get cooler I was forced to move my finches to warmer indoor cages. This particular hen had a chick in the nest that was just beginning to feather in (her other eggs did not hatch). Hoping against all odds, I placed the chick and nest in the indoor cage which was much smaller and crowded. I kept checking the nest but none of the Owls would go in and feed the chick. In desperation I attempted to hand feed the chick

but knew I could not continue this due to my work schedule. As a last resort I took the chick out of the nest and placed it on the floor of the cage hoping one of the Owls would take pity on it and feed it. The chick could not fly. It just sat in the corner looking pathetic. After a while I heard begging noises and noticed that someone was feeding the chick. I breather a sigh of relief. From then on the chick was well fed. Fortunately, it was feathered out enough to maintain its body heat while out of the nest.

Egg Food Recipe

- 1 hard boiled egg
- 1 teaspoon dry vitamin-mineral supplement (Prime, Vionate, Toppers, etc.)
- 1 tablespoon 90% soy protein (soy concentrate has less sodium than soy isolate)

Boil egg 15-20 minutes. Cool, then finely grate egg and add powdered ingredients. You can add more soy protein to get a dryer texture. You can also add scraped cuttlebone or crushed calcium tablets if extra calcium is needed. Do not add any oils.

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The Mynah Birds Called Indian Hill

By Dr. Al Decoteau
Groton, Massachusetts

As people talk to me at shows, seminars and fairs, it has occurred to me that the majority do not know the differences between the various so-called Indian Hill Mynahs.

Not all Hill Mynahs come from India. The main genera name is GRACULA—now one can see where the name grackle came.

Gracula religiosa intermedia, the Greater Hill Mynah, is the one we most often see. It is quite renowned for its talking ability. It is ten to twelve inches in length and must be differentiated from the Lesser Hill Mynah, *Gracula religiosa indica*. The Lesser is not as good a talker.

In the Greater, the yellow wattles are separated only by a very small area of black feathers behind the eyes: these wattles end on the nape in a broad hanging lobe. The Lesser has a narrower beak and its wattles extend from the nape to the crown in a very narrow line. The black patch of feathers below the eye is much wider than that seen in the Greater.

The Greater comes from Thailand to northern India to the Himalayas. The Lesser comes from South West India.

The very large Javan Hill Mynah will go 15 to 16 inches and comes from Sumatra and Malaysia. Its wattles are separated from a small area of bare skin below the eye. The Javan is an excellent talker. When you see a giant Javan, you'll know it. It is much larger than the Greater Hill Mynah.

To give you an idea as to their occurrence in the U.S., there were about 75,000 to 100,000 of the Greater brought into the U.S. in the late 1980's, while less than 200 Javans were imported.

We occasionally see a single Javan: it would be nice to pair up these singles and attempt to breed this magnificent Mynah. *Gracula religiosa religiosa*.



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Breeding the African Finches

Red-headed Weaver Clutch Hatched Under Societies

By Jim Cody
Swannanoa, North Carolina

The well-known Cutthroat finch has a rarer, more beautiful cousin—*Amadina erythrocephala*, the **Red-headed finch**, sometimes known as the Aberdeen finch [or Paradise Sparrow. The male's head is a dull red. The breast is covered with scaly black and white markings on a fawn background. Females are barred in black. The hen has no red, and is mottled grey-brown.

Native to South Africa, north to Angola, it inhabits dry savannah and semi-arid regions.

[It] can become aggressive with smaller birds, especially when breeding. I bought two pairs from a quarantine station in November 1991. One hen was lost. The remaining hen promptly paired with a male and three weeks later began laying. They were in a flight with other finches of the same shipment.

The pair selected a half-fronted nest box and stuffed it with hay. Five large white eggs were laid, and incubated. Three were fertile and hatched. Whether they fed at all, I don't know but the young were thrown from the nest. The hen laid three eggs in a coconut and two in a wicker nest. These were put under two male Societies where four hatched. Because of their large size,

and coloration—all black—I was anxious about their success. All four were fed and left the nest at 22-24 days.

Three females left first and then, two days later, a male came out. He lived only four days. The young were very wild for about a week and I think he injured himself. After about a week the hens became nearly as tame as some of my canaries.

After this round, my Cordon Bleu's were attempting to nest, so the Red-heads were removed from the flights and the hen put with the hen canaries, the two males were put with the male canaries. No aggression has been shown.

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This is a beautiful finch which we should try to keep. It is very nest sensitive and will abandon it with the slightest provocation. It will cross readily with the Cutthroat but this is not recommended as we should keep the stocks pure.

My birds came from a quarantine station and a month later were as tame as canaries. I have enjoyed them greatly.

This article originally appeared in the May/June 1992 issue of Bird's Eye View, newsletter of the Smoky Mountain Cage Bird Society, Asheville, N.C., and was reprinted in the January 1993 issue of The Virginia Finch Forum.

Flocking Together...



Our readers have the following questions for the NFSS membership:

❖ A problem I have is that ants become a serious threat here in the warmer months, and several babies last year were killed in the nest by ants. Is there something safe I can use to protect them against this problem? I put their egg food dish in a water-filled saucer, and keep the cage as clean as possible.

J.P., Bermuda

❖ What can NFSS do to recognize the accomplishments of breeders, to the same extent that show exhibitors are spotlighted?

T.L., Houston, TX

Send your answers c/o the Editor, The NFSS Bulletin.

Want to correspond with fellow NFSS members who share your interest in a particular species or who may have met a challenge in their bird room similar to the one you are facing? Use the NFSS **FLOCKING TOGETHER** column to send a call out to the membership. Mail your request to the Editor, *The NFSS Bulletin*.

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Conservation effort **The Red Siskin Project**

*By Yvonne Patterson
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Habitat destruction and illegal trapping have devastated many species of birds. The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) is a nonprofit conservation organization which seeks to preserve wild birds in their natural habitat and where appropriate, through captive breeding. The AFA's Red Siskin Project (RSP) is a model breeding program for endangered species of birds. It is run by private aviculturists, much like the NFSS FINCHSAVE program.

The Venezuelan Red Siskin is a beautiful little bird at 3 1/2" long; it is about the size of a Zebra Finch. The male is gorgeous with his black hood, black wings and tail, and red wing bar. Although red, his feather patterns resemble his cousins from North America, the American Goldfinch. Like the male Red Siskin, the female has black wings and tail and red wing bars but has an overall grey coloration.

The Red Siskin was chosen as the model bird for this breeding program because it is the only Red Siskin in the world. Most siskins have green and yellow patterns while some are black.

Since the early 1800's, the red Siskin has been trapped for the caged bird trade and shipped all over the

world. By the late 1800's it was discovered that Red Siskin males could be hybridized with canary hens. All of the red canaries in aviculture today were derived from cross-breeding with the Red Siskins. Another factor leading to its demise were the skins/feathers to adorn ladies' hats. Both greatly reduced the wild Red Siskin population.

In the last 50 years the wild population has been reduced to two small fragmented groups. One in northwest Venezuela and the other in the north-central region. In the early 1980's, the late Sadie Coates, a field biologist, along with Professor Antonio Rivero, the world's most noted authority on wild Red Siskins, performed field studies to determine the remaining population of these birds. They found the wild isolated flocks to number between 600-800. At a 1993 meeting with Professor Rivero we learned it is very difficult to locate birds in the wild today.

Breeding in captivity

Because there are so few Red Siskins left in the wild, we do not wish to encourage their entrapment for our breeding purposes. Therefore, the RSP is working with Red Siskins that are currently found in aviculture. We will reintroduce captive bred Red Siskins back into their native Venezuela only if there is guaranteed protection from trapping. If this species becomes extinct in its native territories, then the captive population must be managed in captivity to prevent the complete extinction of the species.

We are applying for permits to import captive-bred Red Siskins from other countries, which are being donated to this cause. Because there has been so much hybridization within the Red Siskin captive populations, we are performing isoenzyme analysis to determine the extent of hybrids in our program, along with other countries' breeding programs.

If you are an independent breeder of Red Siskins, then the AFA-RSP would be willing to trade birds with you so that we both could benefit from the exchange of bloodlines. We would also ask you if you could donate siskins to this program from your flock.

Milton was quoted as saying "Nature, she hath done her part, do thou but thine..." A successful project will show the U.S. Fish & Wildlife officials that we as private aviculturists can participate in conservation-oriented cooperative breeding programs. And if guaranteed protection is given, we can put birds back into their native habitat. We have the collective expertise and the unlimited collective resources to really make a difference in the survival of endangered species of birds.

Siskin Summit '94

The first part of August this year, we will be holding a Siskin

Summit at the AFA convention in Knoxville, Tennessee. You are invited to join us and hear and meet successful Red Siskin breeders.

There will be a question/answer session and a roundtable discussion between breeders. The '94 AFA convention will feature African and Australian species. Separate registrations are available for only the Siskin Summit or the entire three-day convention. For more information, please contact the author at the address below.

The RSP is offering for sale a VCR presentation of Professors' Rivero and Smith's talks at the '93 Siskin Summit. Rivero discusses the habitat, nesting and food sources of wild Red Siskins. Smith presents the Venezuelan government's proposals for faunal preserves they are creating to protect the Red Siskins. (Smith's Siskin Summit trip was sponsored by the Venezuelan government). The cost of this video is \$22.95, which includes shipping. It will be a wonderful addition to your bird club's library. Please send your check payable to the **AFA-RSP** to Yvonne Patterson, Promotions Director, 10735 East 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64055. Please indicate in the Memo section of your check, your knowledge of this came from NFSS. We thank you, and so do the Red Siskins!

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Member #43 reflects upon NFSS—The First Ten Years

*By Tom Rood
NFSS Member #43
Shelbyville, Illinois*

Having just received my Jan/Feb 1994 issue of the *NFSS Bulletin*. I found an extra little letter from editor Martha Wignore stapled inside. Martha's letter was sent a very small number of people who are still part of the first 200 NFSS members since its formation in 1984. She referred to us as "a very special group within NFSS." I had the pleasure of discussing this subject with Martha during a telephone conversation in early February. Now that's not what she called me when we talked! I think she said I was one of the original "Old ---'s" of NFSS. By the way, I've also seen that title printed on baseball caps in gag gift shops!

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The purpose of Martha's letter to "a very special group within NFSS" was to remind us that 1994 is the 10th Anniversary of the National Finch and Softbill Society and we are "invited" to put a few of our thoughts on paper concerning the past 10 years. Actually, after thinking about it for awhile, it's quite an honor to be included in this group as I'm sure that names like Parlee, Decoteau, Geesey, Gunby, Clear, Hoppin, and others are also included. *Way back in 1984*. I was assigned NFSS membership #43 and I am proud to say that I still own this number today.

It's really hard to put my thoughts on paper concerning NFSS over the past 10 years. So much could be written! Rather than go through my stack of past *NFSS Bulletins* for ideas. I think I will just keep writing from memory and see where this article takes me (us).

Hooked on NFSS

I think my first recollection of actually being an NFSS member came at the first "Kaytee Great American Bird Show" in Chicago, Illinois (October 1986). It was at this show that I first met many of the original NFSS members on Martha's elite list. The 1986 Kaytee Show was also my first "official" NFSS show as an exhibitor. I had shown finches for many years prior to the formation of the National Finch and Softbill Society, but your first NFSS affiliated show is always a memorable one.

Having read about names like Parlee, Decoteau, Hoppin, Gunby, Armitage, and Geesey in prior *NFSS*

Bulletins, it was really exciting to actually meet and talk with these people. Dr. Al Decoteau was the NFSS Panel Judge for the Kaytee Show, and Bill Parlee was there as a member of the overall Best in Show judging team. I remember arriving in Chicago expecting the largest and most competitive finch entry I'd ever experienced. Other than the 1984 Chicago National (not yet affiliated with NFSS), I had only exhibited my finches at local club shows. I remember sitting in the gallery watching *every single* bird come in front of Dr. Decoteau. By the completion of the section judging, I had 2nd Best Society with a dilute crested and 2nd Best Australian with a white Shafttail. I could have gone home at that point very excited and very happy. However, following the Top Bench judging, Al had put my white Shafttail as 8th Best in Show. What a thrill it was to see a large pink NFSS rosette hanging from my show cage. I still have that rosette today! I know that Brenda probably had birds on the Top Bench *above* 8th place, but her encouragement and excitement for my win will never be forgotten. I recall Cecil Gunhy's normal Shafttail taking Best in Show and I'll always remember Steve Hoppin's Pintailed Nonpareil as 2nd Best in Show. Needless to say, I left Chicago very excited and truly hooked on the National Finch and Softbill Society.

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One of Martha's suggestions in her letter about writing an article for the NFSS' 10th Anniversary was something significant that NFSS has done. Responding to this idea could fill volumes of *NFSS Bulletins*! My opinion on the significance of NFSS is that it put the finch hobby on the map and on equal ground with the other variety specialists. I don't know how it was in other parts of the country, but in the section of the U.S. where I could participate, finches certainly played "second fiddle" to canaries, budgies, and cockatiels. Since most other varieties of cage birds were already supported by specialists organizations, finch breeders and exhibitors were certainly in the minority. Ten years ago, the National Finch and Softbill Society started to change all of that.

Bypassing unaffiliated shows

I remember the first cage bird show I ever exhibited in had a total of *two* sections for finches and softbills. Zehras were shown in the zebra section and *all* other finches and softbills were shown in the A.O.V. section. That was it! There was no Best in Division or Top Bench judging, and the thought of a Best Unflighted finch was unheard of.

Once the National Finch and Softbill Society came on the scene,

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bigger and better things started happening for finch breeders and exhibitors. When local clubs learned that finch breeders would by-pass non-affiliated shows and travel long distances to NFSS affiliated shows...well, you can probably guess what happened next. Many affiliated clubs updated their finch division with the accepted NFSS classification system. Finch entries rivaled canary entries, and many eyes were opened a little wider. Best Unflighted became a sought after award and other members of the cage bird hobby realized that young finches *could* be bred and close banded. Finch entries at many National Shows in the past 10 years have been near the top. How many

of you remember the 347 finches and softbills at the Dearborn National? I know my good friend, Earl Courts, remembers! None of this would have been possible without NFSS.

Credit to Parlee and Geesey

As you may have guessed, this article suggests that I am a strong believer, supporter, and promoter of the National Finch and Softbill Society. I must give most of the credit to our two past Presidents, Bill Parlee and Brenda Geesey. Without these two people, I am sure that NFSS would not be where it is today. As much as I enjoy the hobby, I know I

And from member #184 Congratulations!! on the NFSS Ten Year Anniversary

*by Jose Aleman
NFSS Member #184
Orlando, FL*

It seems like just the other day that I joined the NFSS, but to my surprise when I looked recently, the very first NFSS publication I received was dated March/April 1985. I missed NFSS' very first year, but was in 1985 assigned NFSS # 0184. Since that time I have been a supporting member of our organization and I have managed to collect all of the *NFSS Bulletins*, from April 1984 to the present. The information provided by this publication has been of great help to my breeding program. Excellent articles written by breeders like myself are always helpful, to both the novice and the experienced breeder.

It feels very good to know that I'm one of the 42 members, out of the first 200 that is supporting our organization. Some of the ways that I have been able to contribute to NFSS include articles I wrote titled "Breeding the Cuban Melodious" (in the Jan/Feb 1989 issue of the *Bulletin*) and "Breeding the Black-faced Grassquit" (in the July/August 1992 issue).

I have exhibited closed handed finches in shows affiliated with NFSS in 1987, '88, '89, '91 and '92. I have also supported NFSS at the times that I have been the guest speaker in many of Florida's bird clubs. At these times, I urge the local club members to join and participate in NFSS. I have been recruiting members since 1985.

I'm looking forward to the next ten years of NFSS. During this time I will try to materialize some of my dreams, like becoming an apprentice NFSS judge and eventually become a panel judge. I would also like to participate in the NFSS FINCHSAVE program.

To everyone affiliated with NFSS...

THANK YOU!!! for ten wonderful years.

Tom Rood, continued

will never be able to thank Bill and Brenda enough for their dedication and hard work which allows me to enjoy the hobby. Without them, we wouldn't have been...

In conclusion, I hope NFSS continues to progress as positively as it has for the past 10 years. I'm glad to be considered one of the original "Old ---'s" in NFSS. I accept that title with pride.

*Letter to the Editor***More on the Viduine Whydahs**

I was very pleased to see the short article on Viduine Whydahs in the March/April issue. This genus has been largely neglected in aviculture. I would like to point out that there are at least three other species of parasitic Whydahs.

PARASITIC WHYDAH**HOST ESTRILID**Baka Indigobird (*Vidua larvaticola*)Masked Fire Finch (*Lagonosticta larvata*)Wilson's Indigobird (*V. wilsoni*)Bar-breasted Firefinch (*L. rufopicta*)Jambandu Indigobird (*V. raricola*)Black-bellied Fire Finch (*L. rara*)

I am not sure whether any of these are currently found in aviculture. It is very hard to distinguish between the various species of Indigobirds. However, as they all imitate the song of their host species, aviculturists with a keen ear and host Fire Finches to compare to should be able to ensure that they have the correct host.

I would like to encourage others to try to breed these fascinating birds while there is still time. They can be successfully established in captivity. A viable captive-bred population of Pin-tailed Whydahs has been established in Australia even though there have been no imports since 1960.

Mark Sproule
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

New NFSS Conservation Committee!

The NFSS Conservation Committee has been created to establish a budget, policy and procedures within NFSS for contributing to qualified breeding programs and consortiums.

Chairperson **Kris Kroner** will be happy to hear from members with ideas about this and other work NFSS can do to support conservation of finches and softbills. *You can find her address and phone number on page 8.*



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Watch upcoming issues for calls for your articles, etc. on other *SPECIAL FEATURE* topics. Readers' requests for *SPECIAL FEATURE* subjects are invited.



Photo of "Oscar", a Red-crested Touraco hand-fed by Steve Hoppin.

The Eagle

The sun's rays

Lie along my wings

And stretch beyond their tips.

Papago Indian

The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992

The Impact of The Legislation

by *Martha Wigmore*
Elk River, Minnesota

Proposed Regulations Under WBCA: published 3/17/94

The other night I had the rare pleasure of watching the Northern Lights for the first time. The river of light flowed directly overhead, from horizon to horizon. Its undulating currents and ripples made it seem as though the heavens had been reversed with the rivers from earth. It got me to wondering, as nature often does - wondering a great big metaphysical *why*?

I realized this morning that this delightful sense of *why* has visited me many times, and most often, though more subtly, when I'm watching our finches and softbills behaving in ways which are so natural to them, and so different than we humans. Our contact with nature - actual physical involvement, not that which is filtered to us in words, photographs or on film, draws out of us the larger issues of life. Not such a bad thing, is it?

The other night I was also reading the Proposed Regulations under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA) published by the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in the Federal Register on March 17, 1994. You're right if you guessed that this was not nearly as pleasurable as watching the Northern Lights!

In brief, the WBCA restricts **who** can import birds (*see the Summary of Effects printed in the Mar-Apr '94 issue of The NFSS Bulletin*) and **what** birds can be imported, covered in part in this latest set of proposed regulations.

Some birds are classified as *Captive-Bred Species* under the proposed regulations, and importable with less hassle. The captive-bred list currently includes only 37 species of exotic birds (*see list*).

If a species is bred in captivity in large numbers, but individual birds of that species are still taken from the wild, that species cannot be included as a captive-bred species.

Importable *Captive-Bred* Finch and Dove Species

Gouldian finch
Painted finch
Chestnut-breasted finch
Society finch
Pictorella finch
Star finch
Long-tailed grassfinch
Double-barred finch
Parson finch
Zebra finch
Masked finch
Rock dove

Source: Federal Register, 3/17/94

With a few exceptions which do not really impact finch and softbill fanciers, when a species is still taken from the wild, the species is classified by USFWS as a Non-Captive-Bred Species. Exporting countries must meet rigorous requirements before being granted approval to send non-captive-bred birds into the U.S.

When these regulations are finalized, and applications have been processed, the Service will publish a list of approved non-captive-bred species for import. It appears that gaining approval will be *very* difficult, and imports will remain for some time at extremely low levels.

The proposed regulations also present criteria for qualifying foreign facilities that breed exotic birds in captivity. Captive-bred birds from qualified overseas facilities can be imported with much less difficulty. But at present, the few overseas breeding facilities which might be qualified would not be able to fill the import gap to a any significant degree.

All comments needed

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) proposes simpler requirements to qualify overseas breeding facilities and encourages aviculturists to send their comments to the USFWS. The AFA laments that earlier only 96 comments, including those sent by animal rights activists were received regarding proposed regs. AFA states "when you don't write, USFWS believes

you are not interested or do not care about the regulations!".

The USFWS is willing to answer any questions about the WBCA and regs. Mark Phillips with the Office of Management Authority working on the regulations, asked that callers *read* the regulations before calling. He stated that there are tremendous misconceptions about the regulations in the avicultural community, and we should understand that the Service is not out to get the cage bird community. But few of the aviculturists who have called, he added, have taken the time to read the regulations.

The comment period on much of the regulations discussed here ended **MAY 16th** (not April 16th as first published in the Federal Register). But comments on the requirements to determine importable non-captive-bred species may be received until **JUNE 15th**.

Need more information or a copy of the regulations? Call Susan Lieberman with the Office of Management Authority (703) 358-2093. The **American Federation of Aviculture** also keeps current with the regulatory proposals. Write to them at P.O. 273112, Concord, CA 94527. You can also contact **Bird Clubs of America** for their excellent *The Government and Birds* newsletter. Contact Dick Ivy, PCBS, P.O. Box 2005, Yorktown, VA 23692. (804) 898-5090.

And I, of course, have a copy of the regulations which I'll gladly lend you next time the Northern Lights are out!



Proposed Pekin Robin Standard

Leiothrix lutea

Proposed by the *National Finch and Softbill Society* - Revision 2
 May 1994
 (Revision 1 was published in Mar/Apr 1993 *Bulletin*)

Any comments should be sent to:

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CONFORMATION	50 POINTS
Head and Body	20 pts
Wings	15 pts
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CONDITION	20 POINTS
COLOR AND MARKINGS	15 POINTS
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CONFORMATION (50 POINTS) (distributed as follows)

HEAD AND BODY: 20 POINTS The Pekin Robin should measure approximately five inches from the crown to the tail tip. The head should be nicely rounded, blending with a thick neck. There should be a slight dip between the head and the backline. The Pekin Robin should be a robust and full-bodied bird showing good substance. The eyes should be large and dark.

WINGS: 15 POINTS The wings should be held close against the body and the tips should meet evenly just above the base of the tail.

TAIL: 15 POINTS The Pekin Robin has a forked tail, the tips curving slightly outward. The tail is approximately two inches in length.

CONDITION (20 POINTS)

While the Pekin Robin is not extremely difficult to keep, excellent condition is expected on the show bench. All feathers should be present, clean and shiny and smooth. Legs and feet should be clean. Pin feathers, missing feathers, soiled or frayed feathers, missing toes or toenails are all condition faults.

COLOR AND MARKINGS (15 POINTS)

COCKS: The upper mandible must be red while the lower mandible must be a dull brownish black. Behind the beak is a pale pink area covering the lores drawing a sharp dividing line between a dark and light area over and behind the eye. The head is a dark olive shading gradually into a greyish olive over most of the upper parts. The tip of the tail becomes blackish while the primary flight feathers are edged in bright yellow. Several fine lines of yellow show along the length of the flight feathers in contrast with lines of deep rust orange. A yellow throat patch under the chin fans down into a rusty orange. The underparts are a pale olive becoming very light in the abdomen, vent and undertail coverts.

HENS: There is very little difference between the sexes: hens have a paler yellow in the throat patch. In some cases, there is a duller orange on the wings.

DEPORTMENT AND PRESENTATION (15 POINTS)

DEPORTMENT: 10 POINTS The Pekin Robin should be very active in the cage moving back and forth. It should be extremely alert. Crouching on the perch is to be faulted.

PRESENTATION: 5 POINTS Perches should be firmly attached and of suitable size for the Pekin Robin. Show cage must be clean. As in all softbills, food and water must be in the cage.

We wish to thank Clayton Jones for single-handedly taking on this project.

The National Finch and Softbill Society **Region NEWS**

News from Region 2: Southeast

Dale Laird - Regional V.P.

The big news from the Southeast region is the three breeding consortiums we have established in Central Florida. Suncoast Avian Society has Red-eared Waxbills and Fire Finches. The Central Florida Bird Breeders have the Bronze-winged Mannikin. The Greater Brandon Avian Society presently has Love Birds but have been discussing various finch species with me.

Suncoast has registered their consortium with FINCHSAVE and I have given the paperwork to Central Florida Bird Breeders to register theirs. All three of these clubs have allocated the funds to buy the birds in the consortium, then the birds are placed with various breeders in the club and set up for breeding. The rules change a bit at this point for the different clubs. Suncoast splits the resulting off-spring with the breeder.

Suncoast is presently applying to have their consortium recognized by the Florida Fish and Game. This is a prelude to recognition at the federal level.

All three of these clubs have based their consortiums on a generic set of rules Dwight Greenberg of the Florida Federation of Avian Societies developed. He provided the basic paperwork to the different clubs for modification to fit their specific goals. Dwight has graciously offered his services to anyone in the country who desires to set up a consortium and needs a place to start. He can be reached by calling (407) 631-9800. Dwight is a very early riser so please no calls after 9:00pm EST.

In most areas of the country the bird show season is a fall event. The exception to this rule is the Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show. This is a unique show in that each division is sponsored by a different bird club in Florida. The Gulf Coast Bird Club sponsored the Finch and Softbill division for a two day event held on 19 & 20 February. There were 127 Finches and Softbills on the 19th and 111 on the 20th. Earl Courts picked a Persa Touraco for Best in Show on the first day owned by the Region 2 V.P. Dale Laird. Dr. Al Decoteau selected a Black Crested Finch for Best in Show on the second day owned by the NFSS President, Steve Hoppin.

Dale has sent an information packet to each non-affiliated club in his region to encourage their consideration of the benefits of affiliation with NFSS.

He has also been in contact with each affiliated club to review Regional shows and to present them copies of the new membership brochure.

News from Region 3: Mid-Central

Tom Rood - Regional V.P.

At the start of this year, Tom contacted the delegates of his Region's affiliated clubs. His information packet for delegates included a list of the new NFSS officers, a discussion of 1994 affiliations, a copy of the new NFSS membership brochure, news of his first year as an NFSS Panel Judge, and his pledge to again provide his special awards to their clubs' shows.

News from Region 5: Mountain

Julie Kern - Regional V.P.

The annual Regional meeting in the Mountain Region will be held on Sunday, October 2, 1994, at

1:30pm in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture's 32nd annual bird show on October 1 and 2, 1994.

The Mountain Region will also be having a finch and softbill seminar with as many knowledgeable breeders and keepers as we can drum up. Hopefully this get-together will prove beneficial to all interested in finches and softbills. Contact Julie for more information. *All are invited to attend!*

News from Region 7: Caribbean

Dwight Smith - Regional V.P.

During February of this year, Dwight presented two *Finch Talk Shows*. At the Ponce Women, the women enjoyed the talk, especially the slides, and some seeds of interest in the hobby were planted.

All of the people who attended the *Finch Talk Show* at the Organizacion Puertorriquena de Aves Exoticas (OPA) were very interested in finches. Some of the members of NFSS were at the meeting, and at least two new members were signed up.

Dwight has prepared a Spanish translation of the "Benefits of Membership" page from the Jan/Feb 1994 *Bulletin*.

1993-94 Annual Census Report

*By Tom Rood
Census Chairman*

It is with great pleasure (and relief!) that I am able to submit another annual census to the members of the National Finch and Softbill Society. I think as the years go by, each census gets longer and longer with more species of birds being submitted. This year's report is no different.

As the census entry forms started arriving at my home, it was very exciting opening each one to see the variety of finches and softbills being kept and bred by the membership. However, as the census was well underway, I thought it would

never stop! It finally got to the point where my wife kept teasing me each day with "more green sheets in the mail today!"

As you look through this census, I think you will be happy about the number of names working with the various species of birds being put on import ban lists. What you cannot see (from the green sheets) is that many members are now working with more pairs of these birds—not just one or two pairs as in past years. Of course, this is good news for the National Finch and Softbill Society. Many of these members should be contacting the FINCHSAVE group and signing up with the birds being worked with.

We are hoping that this year's format is easy to read and understand. We thought that maybe names would mean more than membership numbers. Should you wish to contact someone working with a bird you are interested in, simply look on the master list and give him/her a call.
HAPPY READING!



Is your local club an NFSS affiliate?

*The deadline for affiliating with NFSS for 1994
is May 31, 1994.*

*For details contact
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MI--M. Rue, OR--S. Akins

MYNAH -- CHINESE CRESTED
MI--M. Rue

MYNAH -- PAGODA
FL--D. Laird, MO--K. Archer

NUNS -- BLACK-HEADED
LA--R. Chachere

NUNS -- TRI-COLOR
CA--J. Tiedmann, FL--J. Aleman, MI--K. Branham, P. Sycamore, NV--C. Hayden, NC--L. Miller,
PA--G. Blake

NUNS -- WHITE-HEADED
IL--S. Cybulski, MI--P. Sycamore, NY--L. Krall & E. Bahlman, S. LaCroix, NC--L. Miller

ORANGE CHEEK WAXBILLS
Que. CN--J. Montes, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--J. Bradley, J. Tiedmann, CO--N. Kelly,
FL--D. Laird, J. Aleman, H. Bennett, S. Hoppin, F. Bonilla, D. Pittman, IL--J. Marcott, D.
Engel, S. Cybulski, LA--R. Chachere, MD--M. Gustafson, MI--K. Branham, MN--A. & J. Carlson,
S. Malzhan, MD--R. Petrie, K. Archer, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipiski, P. Goonan, C. Galusha,
NC--L. Barwick, L. Miller, OR--S. Akins, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, P. & M. Krichten, VA--L.
Oja, J. Davis, J. Archer, M. Rogers

OWL FINCHES (BICHENO)

Ont. CN--V. Moase, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--J. Bradley, J. Tiedmann, G. Iannetta, CO--L. & A. Garcia, FL--D. Laird, J. Aleman, D. & B. Brady, D. Ward & D. Chamblin, H. Bennett, GA--J. Scogin, IL--K. Meyers, J. Marcott, J. Hopman, S. Cybulski, L. Ross-Delph & B. Delph, LA--R. Chachere, MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, C. Fry. MD--M. Gustafson, MI--K. Branham, P. Sycamore, MN--A. & J. Carlson, S. Maizahn, S. Gregorich-Peterson, MO--K. Archer, Y. Patterson, NV--C. Hayoen, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--P. Filipski, P. Goonan, S. LaCroix, J. Trost, M. Masters, NC--L. Barwick, L. Miller, OH--H. Bryant, OK--G. Miller, OR--S. Akins, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, P. & M. Krichten, V. Fellerman, TX--F. Merentess, VA--L. Oja, V. Sorenson, M. Rogers, WI--M. Cahow

PARROT BILLED SEEDEATERS

NV--C. Hayden

PARROT FINCHES -- RED HEADED

Ont. CN--V. Moase, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--G. Iannetta, FL--D. Laird, H. Bennett, S. Hoppin, R. Hurtado, GA--S. Scogin, S. Sooy, MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, MI--K. Branham, P. Sycamore, MO--Y. Patterson, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NV--C. Hayden, NY--M. Masters, C. Galusha, P. Filipski, S. LaCroix, J. Trost, PA--V. Fellerman, R. Maddox, G. Blake, TX--F. & S. Hudson, F. Merentess

PARROT FINCHES -- RED HEADED PIED

MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, NY--J. Trost

PARROT FINCHES -- RED HEADED SEA GREEN

MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales

PARROT FINCHES -- BLUE FACE

Ont. CN--V. Moase, AZ--T.L. Cox, CA--I. Lazzeroni, G. Iannetta, J. Tiedmann, J. Bradley,
 FL--F. Bonilla, H. Bennett, S. Hoppin, IL--S. Hopman, MA--A. Decoteau, L. Claflin & J. Bikales,
 NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--S. LaCroix, J. Trost, NC--L. Miller, VA--J. Davis, J. Archer, WI--M.
 Cahow

PARROT FINCHES -- LUTINO BLUE FACE

MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales

PARROT FINCHES -- FORBES BLUE BREASTED

MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, NY--J. Trost

PARROT FINCHES -- PEALES

MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, NY--J. Trost

PARROT FINCHES -- BLUE BREASTED

CA--G. Iannetta

PARROT FINCHES -- ORANGE HEADED & PIED

NY-- J. Trost

PARROT FINCHES -- BAMBOO

FL--S. Hoppin

PARROT FINCHES -- PINTAILED NONPARIEL

CA--G. Iannetta, FL--S. Hoppin, MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, NY--J. Trost, M. Masters, PA--V.
 Fellerman

PARSON FINCHES

Que. CN--J. Montes, AZ--L. Hinojosa, CA--G. Iannetta, CO--J. Kern, FL--R. Hurtado, IL--S. Cybulski, MA--A. Decoteau, MD--M. Gustafson, PA--P. & M. Krichen

PARSON FINCHES -- FAWN

PA--P. & M. Krichen

PEKIN ROBINS

Ont. CN--J. Montes, CA--J. Tiedmann, IL--D. Engel, LA--R. Chachere, MO--K. Archer, NY--S. LaCroix, NC--L. Barwick, K. Whitlow, TX--L. Turner, VA--S. Broderick, WA--A. Kredlo

PURPLE GALLINULE

NY--V. Youngaitis

PURPLE GRENADIER

Que. CN--J. Montes, FL--R. Hurtado, GA--J. Scogin, MD--M. Gustafson, MO--R. Petrie

QUAIL FINCHES

Ont. CN--J. Montes, MO--R. Petrie

RED EARED WAXBILL

CA--J. Tiedmann, CO--N. Kelly, J. Kern, FL--F. Bonilla, D. Pittman, IL--D. Engel, S. Cybulski, IA--L. Bakula, MD--M. Gustafson, MN--A. & J. Carlson, S. Malzahn, MI--P. Sycamore, MO--R. Petrie, NV--C. Hayden, NY--M. Masters, NC--L. Barwick, PA--M. Lamp, G. Reba & G. Goodling, WI--M. Cahow

RED HEADED FINCHES

NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--C. Galusha, NC--L. Miller, VA--L. Ivy

SAFFRON FINCHES

GA--J. Scogin, NY--P. Filippski

SHAFTTAILS -- NORMAL

P.R.--D. Smith, AZ--T.L.Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--G. Iannetta, J. Tiedmann, J. Bradley, CO--J. & E. Moser, FL--J. Aleman, D. Laird, S. Hoppin, GA--S. Scogin, IL--L. Moriarty, LA--R. Chachere, MI--K. Branham, P. Sycamore, MN--A. & J. Carlson, S. Malzahn, MO--G. & J. Allies, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--P. Filippski, C. Galusha, P. Goonan, NC--L. Barwick, L. Miller, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, V. Fellerman, TX--F. Merentess, F. & S. Hudson, VA--J. Archer, V. Sorenson, M. Rogers

SHAFTTAILS -- FAWN

P.R.--D. Smith, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CO--J. & E. Moser, FL--S. Hoppin, E. Goss, H. Bennett, MI--P. Sycamore, NY--P. Filippski, P. Goonan, M. Masters, C. Galusha, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, K. Bolton, PA--V. Fellerman, TX--F. Merentess, F. & S. Hudson

SHAFTTAILS -- WHITE

CA--G. Iannetta, FL--S. Hoppin, E. Goss, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--P. Filippski, PA--K. Bolton, TX--F. & S. Hudson

SHAFTTAILS -- ISABEL (CREAM)

FL--S. Hoppin, PA--V. Fellerman, TX--F. Merentess

SHAMA THRU

Ont. CN--V. Noase

SILVER EAR MESIA

FL--D. Laird, LA--R. Chachere, MD--J. Eckman, NY--S. LaCroix, PA--P. & M. Krichten, TX--L. Turner, VA--J. Davis

SILVERBILLS --AFRICAN

CA--J. Tiedmann, FL--J. Aleman, S. Hoppin, IL--S. Cypulski, KS--J. Cowan, LA--R. Chachere, MA--A. Decoteau, MD--M. Gustafson, MN--A. & J. Carlson, NY--C. Hayden, NJ--P. Filipski, P. Goonan, SC--L. Georgi, TX--L. Turner, F. & S. Hudson

SILVERBILLS -- INDIAN

IL--L. Ross Deiph & B. Deiph, MI--P. Sycamore, MN--A. & J. Carlson, PA--P. & M. Krichten, G. Reba & G. Goodling, TX--F. Mercentess

SILVERBILLS -- PEARL HEADED

IL--S. Cypulski, VA--V. Sorenson, WI--M. Cahow

SOCIETY FINCHES -- MISC.

P.R.--D. Smith, CA--J. Bradley, J. Tiedmann, CO--L. & A. Garcia, J. & E. Moser, FL--J. Aleman, IL--S. Cypulski, MA--C. Fay, MD--M. Gustafson, MN--S. Gregorich-Peterson, S. Malzahn, MO--G. & J. Alles, NY--P. Goonan, S. LaCroix, J. Trost, M. Masters, K. Free. OR--S. Akins, PA--R. Maddox, K. Bolton, TX--D. Gihronson, F. & S. Hudson. VA--J. Davis, J. Archer, V. Sorenson, WA--U. Sears, WI--M. Cahow

SOCIETY FINCHES -- CHOCOLATE & WHITE

CA--G. Iannetta, J. Bradley, CO--N. Kelly, J. Kern, FL--J. Piccola, D. Pittman, IL--J. Marcott, L. Moriarity, KS--J. Cowan, LA--R. Chachere, MD--M. Gustafson, MI--P. Sycamore, MN--M. Wignore, A. & J. Carlson, NY--P. Filipski, C. Galusha, V. Youngaitis, K. Free. PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, VA--L. Oja, M. Rogers, WI--P. Jackson, P. Ripple

SOCIETY FINCHES -- FAWN & WHITE

CA--J. Bradley, G. Iannetta, CO--J. Kern, J. & E. Moser. FL--F. Bonilla, J. Piccola, D. Ward & D. Champaign, IL--L. Moriarity, KS--J. Cowan, MI--P. Sycamore, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NV--C. Hayden, NY--C. Galusha, K. Free, P. Filipiski, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, G. Blake, VA--M. Rogers, L. Oja, WI--P. Ripple, P. Jackson

SOCIETY FINCHES -- CHESTNUT & WHITE

CA--G. Iannetta, KS--J. Cowan, MD--M. Gustafson, NY--P. Filipiski, C. Galusha, WI--P. Ripple

SOCIETY FINCHES -- DILUTE

CA--G. Iannetta, FL--S. Hoppin, D. Pittman, F. Bonilla, IL--T. Rood, NY--P. Filipiski, C. Galusha, WI--P. Ripple

SOCIETY FINCHES -- CHOCOLATE SELF

CA--G. Iannetta, FL--S. Hoppin, F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, T. Rood, KS--J. Cowan, NY--C. Galusha, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, G. Blake

SOCIETY FINCHES -- FAWN SELF

CA--G. Iannetta, FL--S. Hoppin, D. Pittman, F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, KS--J. Cowan, NY--P. Filipiski, C. Galusha

SOCIETY FINCHES -- WHITE SELF

CO--J. Kern, KS--J. Cowan, MA--C. Fay

SOCIETY FINCHES -- CRESTED

P.R.--D. Smith, CO--L. & A. Garcia, J. & E. Moser, FL--J. Piccola, D. Pittman, IL--L. Moriarity, MI--P. Sycamore, NV--C. Hayden, NY--C. Galusha, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, VA--L. Oja, M. Rogers, WA--U. Sears

SPICE FINCHES

CA--J. Tiedmann, CO--L. & A. Garcia, FL--J. Aleman, IL--J. Marcott, S. Cybulski, LA--R. Chachere, MI--K. Branham, MN--S. Maizahn, MO--K. Archer, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipiski, S. LaCroix, M. Masters, NC--L. Miller, TX--L. Turner, WA--U. Sears, WI--M. Cahow

ST. HELENA WAXBILLS

AZ--L. Hinojosa, CA--J. Tiedmann, Mejia & Ivers, FL--H. Bennett, F. Bonilla, IL--S. Cybulski, MI--P. Sycamore. NY--P. Filipiski, PA--G. Reba & G. Gooding, VA--M. Rogers

STAR FINCHES -- NORMAL

P.R.--D. Smith, AZ--F.L.Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--J. Bradley, J. Tiedmann, CO--L. & A. Garcia, J. Kern, FL--D. Laird, J. Aleman, E. Goss, GA--J. Scogin, IL--J. Marcott, LA--R. Chachere, MA--A. Decoteau, MN--A. & J. Carlson, S. Gregorich-Peterson, MI--P. Sycamore, K. Branham, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipiski, S. LaCroix, M. Masters, C. Galusha, NC--L. Miller, L. Barwick, OH--H. Bryant, OR--S. Akins, TX--F. Merentess, F. & S. Hudson, VA--V. Sorenson, WI--M. Cahow, WA--A. Kredlo

STAR FINCHES -- YELLOW FACE

Que. Cn--J. Montes, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--G. Iannetta, CO--L. & A. Garcia, FL--J. Aleman, H. Bennett, S. Hoppin, F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipiski, P. Goonan, S. LaCroix, C. Galusha

STAR FINCHES -- PIED

NY--P. Filipiski

STARLINGS -- BLUE EAR GLOSSY

PA--P. & M. Krichten

STARLINGS -- EUROPEAN

MD--J. Eckman, MI--M. Rue

STARLINGS -- ROYAL

MD--J. Eckman

STARLINGS -- SUPERB

MA--A. Decoteau, PA--P. & M. Krichten

STRAWBERRY FINCHES

Ont. CN--V. Moase, AZ--T.L. Cox, L. Hinojosa, CA--I. Lazzeroni, J. Tiedmann, FL--D. Laird, D. & B. Brady, D. Pittman, F. Bonilla, IL--S. Cybulski, MA--A. Decoteau, MD--P. Levi, M. Gustafson, MI--K. Branham, P. Sycamore, MN--A. & J. Carlson, MO--R. Petrie, K. Archer, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipowski, P. Goonan, NC--L. Millier, OR--S. Akins, PA--V. Fellerman, TX--L. Turner, VA--V. Sorenson, WA--U. Sears, A. Kredlo, WI--M. Cahow

STRAWBERRY FINCHES -- GREEN

Ont. CN--V. Moase

SWEET WAXBILLS

NY--J. Trost

TANAGERS -- BLUE-GREY

PA--P. & M. Krichten

TOUCANS -- SULPHUR BREASTED

MA--A. Decoteau

TOURACOS -- PURSA
FL--D. Laird

TOURACOS -- RED CRESTED
FL--S. Hoppin, MA--A. Decoteau, NY--V. Youngaitis, TX--F. & S. Hudson

TOURACOS -- WHITE CHEEK
MA--A. Decoteau

TWINSPTS -- DYBOWSKI
P.R.--D. Smith, LA--R. Chachere, PA--P. & M. Krichthen, V. Felleman

TWINSPTS -- PETERS
NC--K. Whitlow, VA--S. Broderick

VIOLET EARED WAXBILLS
MA--L. Claflin & J. Bikales, MO--R. Petrie, PA--V. Felleman

WEAVERS -- HALF-MASK
CO--J. Kern

WEAVERS -- NAPOLEON
NV--C. Hayden, NY--L. Krall & E. Bahlman

WEAVERS -- ORANGE BISHOP
CA--J. Tiedmann, FL--J. Aleman, GA--S. Sooy, NV--C. Hayden, NY--S. LaCroix, L. Krall & E. Bahlman, NC--L. Miller, L. Barwick

WEAVERS -- RUFIOUS NECK

MD--J. Eckman

WEAVERS -- SCALY CROWN

CA--J. Tiedmann, CO--J. Kern, NV--C. Hayden, NY--P. Filipiski, VA--J. Davis

WEAVERS -- TAVETA

MO--K. Archer

WHYDAHs -- BLUE STEEL

MO--R. Petrie

WHYDAHs -- FISCHERS

MA--A. Decoteau, NY--S. LaCroix, VA--M. Rogers

WHYDAHs -- PARADISE

MO--R. Petrie, OR--S. Akins, PA--P. & M. Krichten, NY--S. LaCroix, C. Galusha

WHYDAHs -- PIN-TAIL

CA--J. Tiedmann, FL--J. Aleman, E. Goss, NY--P. Filipiski, S. LaCroix, VA--J. Davis, J. Archer

WHYDAHs -- QUEEN

FL--D. Laird, NY--S. LaCroix

WHITE-EYES

FL--D. Laird, IL--D. Engel, TX--F. & S. Hudson, VA--J. Davis

YELLOW RUMP SERINS

MI--P. Sycamore, NC--L. Miller

YELLOW WING PYLLIAS

MO--K. Archer, PA--P. & M. Krichten, WA--M. Eisenhauer

ZEBRAS -- MISC.

CA--J. Tiedmann, FL--J. Aleman, MN--A. & J. Carlson, NV--C. Hayden, NY--K. Free, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, TX--F. Merentess

ZEBRAS -- NORMAL GREY

Ont. CN--V. Moase, CA--Mejia & Ivers, CO--J. Kern, L. & A. Garcia, FL--J. Aleman, F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, T. Rood, L. Ross-Delph & B. Delph, KS--J. Cowan, MA--C. Fay, MN--A. & J. Carlson, MO--G. & J. Alles, NE--T. & N. McCowan, NY--P. Filipiski, M. Masters, NC--L. Barwick, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, G. Blake, L. McGill, VA--V. Sorenson, WA--U. Sears

ZEBRAS -- FAWN

Ont. CN--V. Moase, CA--Mejia & Ivers, CO--L. & A. Garcia, FL--E. Goss, F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, T. Rood, L. Ross-Delph & B. Delph, LA--R. Chachere, MA--C. Fay, MN--M. Wigmore, A. & J. Carlson, NY--P. Filipiski, M. Masters, K. Free, OR--S. Akins, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, G. Blake, PA--K. Bolton

ZEBRAS -- WHITE

CO--L. & A. Garcia, N. Kelly, J. Kern, FL--E. Goss, MA--C. Fay, NV--C. Hayden, NY--M. Masters, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, K. Bolton, WA--U. Sears

ZEBRAS -- LIGHTBACK

FL--F. Bonilla

ZEBRAS -- CREAM

CA--Mejia & Ivers, FL--F. Bonilla

ZEBRAS -- PENGUIN
 NY--M. Henry

ZEBRAS -- DILUTE
 VA--M. Rogers

ZEBRAS -- CHESTNUT FLANKED WHITE
 Ont. CN--V. Moose, CO--L. & A. Garcia, J. Kern, FL--F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, T. Rood, L. Ross-Delph & B. Deiph, MO--G. & J. Alles, NY--P. Filipiski, PA--G. Blake, VA--J. Davis, WA--U. Sears

ZEBRAS -- PIED
 Ont. CN--V. Moose, CA--Mejia & Ivers, CO--L. & A. Garcia, N. Kelly, FL--F. Bonilla, IL--J. Marcott, L. Ross-Delph & B. Delph, MN--A. & J. Carlson, TX--F. & S. Hudson, VA--M. Rogers

ZEBRAS -- SILVER
 IL--L. Ross-Delph & B. Delph, NY--P. Filipiski, WA--U. Sears

ZEBRAS -- BLACK BREAST
 CA--Mejia & Ivers

ZEBRAS -- FLORIDA FANCY
 OR--S. Akins, VA--J. Davis, WA--U. Sears

ZEBRAS -- CRESTED
 FL--F. Bonilla, PA--G. Reba & G. Goodling, NY--K. Free

NFSS 1st Qtr 1994 Board Meeting "By Mail" - 2/28/94

*Reported by Steve Hoppin
NFSS President*

My sincere thanks to the seventeen of nineteen Board members who participated in the 1st Qtr 1994 Board Meeting "by mail", especially those who took the time to add comments and suggestions.

The Board voted to approve

- a change from abbreviating the National Finch and Soft-hill Society as "NFS" to "NFSS", and a change in the home office to that of editor, Martha Wigmore.
- a change in the club logo (*see announcement of new logo contest elsewhere in this issue*).

New NFSS Conservation Committee

The Board was asked to approve a grant of \$100.00 or less to help fund the Suncoast Avian Society Captive Breeding Consortium. The Consortium was formed recently to work with Red-eared Waxbills and Fire Finches. They are a non-profit organization and are depending upon volunteers and donations to run the Consortium. They are a participant in FINCHSAVE. (In NFSS' fledgling years NFSS did make donations

to the American Federation of Aviculture.)

The Board voted to support the Consortium, but in response to the many good comments received regarding this issue, a new **NFSS Conservation Committee** has been formed to establish a budget, policy and procedures within NFSS for contributing to qualified programs. Before a grant can be made in this instance, NFSS must be financially secure for the year and rules need to be formalized.

The chairperson of this committee is Kris Kroner, and the members include Linda Oja, Steve Hoppin and 2nd V.P. Martha Wigmore. Any suggestions or ideas can be sent directly to Kris Kroner or any committee member (*see page 8 for addresses*).

The following are reports from NFSS Board members and Committees, prepared for the first meeting of this Board. While somewhat lengthy when taken in total, the pieces provide a valuable overview of where NFSS is at today.

Band Secretary - Denise Capazzi

This year Denise certainly has had her hands full! She started out the year with a multitude of orders and by February 17 was requesting permission to already place a second order. The second order was received late and therefore caused numerous orders to be sent out late.

Effective March 18, 1994,
21,170 bands had been sold!!!

Liaison Officer (Affiliations) - Russ Armitage

As of 3/14/94, 36 clubs have affiliated for 1994. One international club has agreed to our terms of trading awards for advertising.

The status of applications for Regional Shows is as follows:

Region 1 - Connecticut Association for Aviculture

Region 2 - Sun Coast Avian Soc. Sunshine State Cage Bird Society

Region 3 - Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club

Central Kentucky Cage Bird Soc.

Region 4 - Fort Worth Bird Club

Region 5 - Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture

Region 6 - Golden Gate Avian Soc

1994 Regional show selections will be reported in the July/August 1994 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Regional Vice Presidents

Regional V.P.'s from four regions reported on their activities this year. See the *new* REGION NEWS section in this issue!

FINCHSAVE Committee - Linda Oja

For a FINCHSAVE Progress Report, including detailed participating species and quantities of participants please refer to the Mar/Apr 1994 *Bulletin*.

The FINCHSAVE program has a strong need to add more species to the *European* and *South American* groups.

Two participants have volunteered to conduct a survey among participants to obtain specific information so that we can begin writing

up species management plans for each species. These individuals have already submitted some excellent beginning ideas and samples.

The possibility of a NFSS FINCHSAVE video is being discussed.

MANY THANKS GO OUT TO LINDA AND THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND EFFORTS. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PROGRESS REPORT IN THE BULLETIN THE COMMITTEES' EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF.

Treasurer's Report - Miki Spartzak

The full Treasurer's Report is included elsewhere in this issue.

Effective March 21, 1994:

Checking acct.	\$5,810.35
<u>Savings acct.</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total	\$8,110.35

Census - Tom Rood

Responses received for the 1993-94 Census have surpassed last year's responses. Many new names this year from all over the country are included!

Look for the complete 1993-94 NFSS Census with Tom's comments elsewhere in this issue.

FINCHSHOP - Pat and Mary Krichten

Pat and Mary took over FINCHSHOP in March of 1993. Since that time sales of show cage plans (the sets of three), Gouldian pins, Zebra pins, *The NFSS Handbook*, NFSS name badges, and back issues of *The NFSS Bulletin* have been the best sellers.

FINCHSHOP is now also handling the orders and sales of the NFSS video, *The Wonderful World of Finches and Softbills: An Introduction*.

Advertising Manager - Lynda Bakule

Effective mid-March, Miki Sparzak has turned over the position of NFSS Advertising Manager to Lynda Bakula. Miki has done a very fine job and is warmly thanked for her service to NFSS in this area.

Standards Committee - Dr. Al Decoteau

Currently the Fire Finch Standard and the Cherry Finch Standard are completed.

The Society Finch revision, the Pekin Robin Standard, the Star Finch Standard and the Mynah Standard are in progress.

There are currently no tabled Standards.

The subject came up to have one general standard, but maintain those Standards already approved.

Judges Panel - Dr. Al Decoteau

There are currently no apprentices. No one has applied as of March 1, 1994 to take the apprentice test. As you know, the test can only be given at GABS or the National. See the complete details of the NFSS Apprentice Judge program in this issue.

- 1994 Kaytee Great American Bird Show, Des Moines, Iowa - NFSS judge is Martha Wigmore.
- 1994 National Cage Bird Show, Manchester, New Hamp-

shire - NFSS judge is Daren Decoteau.

Points Director - Dr. Al Decoteau

A complete listing of 1993 NFSS Champion Exhibitors and Birds is included in the Jan/Feb 1994 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Membership Committee - Lynda Bakula

Effective March 8, 1994 NFSS membership is totaling near 820 members.

Membership information requests continue to come in. Of the 57 inquiries this year, 27, or about 50%, have sent in memberships.

Education Committee - Martha Wigmore

NFSS' educational activities are among the most creative undertakings members can take on for the Society. **Members interested in serving** on the Education Committee, for the year or for a particular project, should contact Martha. Your ideas are welcome!

Current education offerings:

Print:

- *The NFSS Bulletin* (bi-monthly)
- *The NFSS Handbook*

Non-print:

- *The Wonderful World of Finches and Softbills: An Introduction Video*

There are currently no back-orders, and new ordering procedures are in place to ensure prompt delivery.

Display Boards

The two large format educational display boards on Finches and Softbills, prepared in 1991 are available to affiliated clubs for use at their shows and other special events. UPS shipping to and from NFSS is paid for by NFSS. Those interested in using the boards should contact FINCHSHOP. The Boards will undergo minor refurbishing this spring.

Publication Committee - Martha Wigmore

The Publication Committee presently consists of Martha Wigmore, chairman and Lynda Bakula who recently took over from Miki Spartzak the position of Advertising Manager for the *Bulletin*.

The NFSS Bulletin: The publication date for each issue has been pushed forward so that the issues will be mailed during the first weeks of the cover date (i.e. May-June is mailed during the first of second week of May). The new schedule will be fully implemented with the May-June 1994 issue.

The *Bulletin* does *not* have a backlog of articles to publish in future issues. **Submissions from the membership are always needed.**

Through the efforts of Lynda Bakula, a special effort was made with the Jan-Feb 1994 *Bulletin* to encourage renewals of memberships which expired during the last four months of 1993. Many renewals have been received and continue to come in. Just over 800 copies of the

Mar-Apr 1994 *Bulletin* were mailed to members, down from 960 in Jan-Feb 1994 (which included over 200 memberships past due). Current printing costs for the *Bulletin* are running about the same as in 1993.

The NFSS Handbook: First published in June 1992, it will be updated in the summer of 1994. Watch the *Bulletin* for further information.

Membership Brochure: A new NFSS brochure is available from Regional V.P.'s.

We are currently looking for individuals who would like to serve as Contributing or Consulting Editors, artists and writers for the *Bulletin*. Members who would like to serve in these or other capacities on the Publication Committee should contact Martha. *Your ideas and assistance are welcome!*



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For most of our members the *Bulletin* is mailed at bulk (3rd class) rate. Because of this, it is hard to determine when you will receive *your* copy. The copies are all mailed on the same day, but each Post Office that handles your mail from the NFSS Home Office to your address may hold up bulk mail on any given day for other items it is handling.

With each issue the editor sends herself a copy at bulk rate, to test the waters. Her own copy has taken from one to three weeks. That's quite a round trip!

For your information, the mailing dates for the last two issues were:

February 12th for Jan-Feb '94
March 19th for Mar-Apr '94

Treasurer's Report for 1993

*By Miki Spartzak
NFSS Treasurer*

STARTING BALANCE 1/01/93 \$2,966.85

INCOME 1993:

Bands	\$11,558.24
Memberships	\$10,340.86
Affiliated clubs	\$5,405.00
Ads	\$846.70
Sales	\$1,626.85
Judges Fees	\$170.00
Donations	\$7.00
	<u>\$29,954.65</u>
Starting balance	- \$2,966.85
TOTAL INCOME FOR 1993	<u>\$32,921.50</u>

EXPENSES 1993:

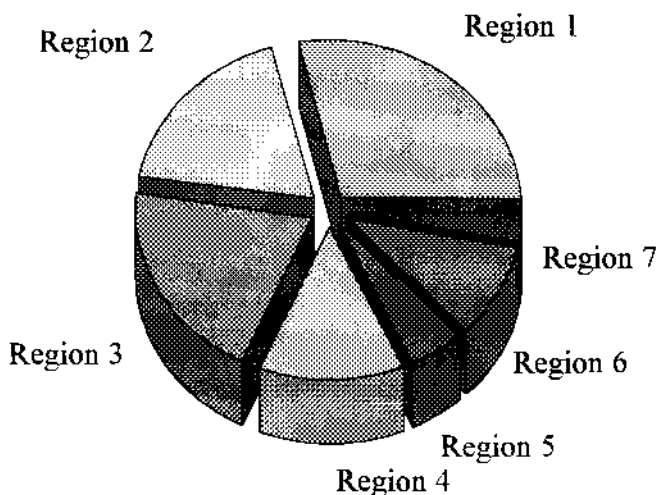
Bank charges	\$215.00
Membership Card Folders	\$1,000.63
Bands	\$6,711.46
Awards/Aff. clubs	\$5,742.02
Operating expense	\$5,318.50
Sales	\$665.75
Supplies	\$338.56
Postage	\$2,021.09
Printing	\$6,052.00
Telephone	\$234.16
Returned checks-cancelled affiliations	\$365.50
TOTAL DEBITS FOR 1993	<u>\$28,664.67</u>

TOTAL INCOME	\$32,921.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	- <u>\$28,664.67</u>

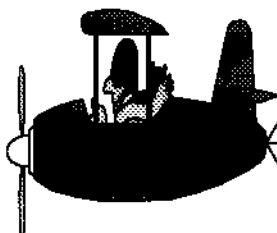
CHECKING BALANCE:	\$4,256.83
Outstanding checks	- <u>\$1,184.97</u>

Balance 12/31/93 **\$3,071.86**

NFSS Members in Each Region as of April 1994



Region 1	Northeast	269
Region 2	Southeast	179
Region 3	Mid-Central/Foreign	211
Region 4	Mid-West	111
Region 5	Mountain	47
Region 6	Pacific Coast	99
Region 7	Caribbean	35
	Total Members	951



*Invite a friend to join
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Welcome New NFSS Members!

New Memberships During the First Quarter of 1994

Region	NFSS #	Name	City	State	Country
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1	2.223	Kathy Francis	West Chester	PA	
3	2.224	Krista Ellis Robards	Evansville	IN	
3	2.225	Linds S Barchet	Evansville	IN	
2	2.226	Mark Runyon	Englewood	FL	
2	2.227	Carol Runyon	Englewood	FL	
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4	2.229	Ann Stokes	Ada	OK	
1	2.230	Joe Archer	Arlington	VA	
3	2.231	Bill J Berendsen	Grand Rapids	MI	
1	2.232	Thomas W Mills Jr	Virginia Beach	VA	
6	2.233	Julie R Duimstra	Corvallis	OR	
2	2.234	Larry Trillo	Wesley Chapel	FL	
2	2.235	David Ward	Winter Park	FL	
2	2.236	Debra Chamblin	Winter Park	FL	
6	2.237	Vince Huntington	San Diego	CA	
6	2.238	Sally Huntington	San Diego	CA	
6	2.239	Eric Huntington	San Diego	CA	
1	2.240	Brenda Stafford	Baltimore	MD	
6	2.241	Ken Sloan	Seattle	WA	
7	2.242	Carlos Di'az Rojas	Guaynabo	PR	
6	2.243	David B Holloway	Hillsboro	OR	
1	2.244	Una Hart	Granby	CT	
1	2.245	Buffalo Canary & Budgerigar Society	Buffalo	NY	
4	2.246	Pierre Ata	Houston	TX	
1	2.247	Andrea French	Corning	NY	
3	2.248	Robert Gehring	Chicago	IL	
3	2.249	Mike J Persinger	Madison	WI	
3	2.250	Troy B Brown	Madison	WI	
2	2.251	Jesse Warren	Blairsville	GA	
2	2.252	Marvin W Barton	Blairsville	GA	
6	2.253	Michele L Vibbert	Kailua	HI	
3	2.254	Ronald L James	Little Rock	AR	
3	2.255	Jimmy Armstrong	Little Rock	AR	
4	2.256	Alan Carlson	Willmar	MN	
4	2.257	Jill Carlson	Willmar	MN	
2	2.258	Diane Scherer	Wesley City	FL	
6	2.259	Ken Provins	Lodi	CA	
1	2.260	Ronald M Rietz	Rochester	NY	
1	2.261	Jean Nazigian	Folsom	PA	
1	2.262	Robert Welsh	Westminster	MD	
1	2.263	Timothy Roche	Tewksbury	MA	
1	2.264	Michele Roche	Tewksbury	MA	

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3	2,266	Dominique Engel MD	Chicago	IL	
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3	2,268	Janet Percy	St David's		BERMUDA
4	2,269	Larry G Fluharty	Brookings	SD	
1	2,270	Nancy Strother	Fredericksburg	VA	
6	2,271	Gordon Lloyd	Fremont	CA	
3	2,272	Margaret A Dixon	Wawota	SK	CANADA
1	2,273	Garvin Glaude	Brooklyn	NY	
1	2,274	Bill McCullough	Newport News	VA	
2	2,275	Frank C Gnolfo	Delray Beach	FL	
2	2,276	Eileen Laird	Winter Park	FL	
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3	2,282	Rose Marie Dickman	Saint Peters	MO	
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3	2,284	Carol Sleep	Woodhaven	MI	
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7	2,291	Rafael Maisonet	Caguas	PR	
7	2,292	Nilda Vazquez	Caguas	PR	
3	2,293	Jim Hardin	Custer	WI	
6	2,294	Bob Reiber	Moorpark	CA	
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5	2,297	Heidi M Hopkins	Wheat Ridge	CO	
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	7	2,316	Dilcana Melendez	Caguas	PR
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The NFSS Apprentice Judge Program

Have you considered judging?

*by Martha Wigmore
NFSS Panel Judge*

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Now is the time of the year to consider whether to enter the NFSS Apprentice Judge program. The NFSS program (*see requirements*) is considered by many to be one of the best training programs for cage bird judges found anywhere.

If you are interested and satisfy the breeding and exhibiting requirements, you should arrange now with the NFSS Judges Panel Director Dr. Al Decoteau, to take the apprentice examination at either the Great American or National Cage Bird Shows this year. Dr. Decoteau or any NFSS panel judge would be happy to discuss the apprenticeship program and NFSS judging with you anytime.

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The NFSS Apprentice Judge Program

As approved by the NFSS Board of Directors, November 1990

1. Any new apprentice is required to write a letter of request to the Panel Director, listing her/his qualifications.
2. Qualifications MUST include:
 - a. Have bred finches for five years.
 - b. Have exhibited under own name (or own aviary name) for three years.
 - c. Must have placed five (5) times in top ten in shows under (at least) three (3) NFSS Panel Judges.
3. Must take and pass a written test with 90% or better. If not passed, must study for one year and take the test again (not within one year). The test to be taken only at: the Kaytee Great American or the National Cage Bird Show, by pre-arrangement only.
4. Cannot apprentice until the test is passed. Each of three apprenticeships to be pre-approved by the Panel Chairman, the Panel Judge involved and the Show Manager of the show involved.
5. Once three apprenticeships are completed and satisfactory reports are received from the judges involved, the apprentice must submit a request through the Panel Director for final Board approval.
6. The apprentice must appear before the Board (or submit a *notarized* statement) indicating she/he understands and agrees to the following:
 - a. When requested to write a report, it must be done immediately. (Example—the three reports of shows to be judged.)
 - b. All show reports must be in within two weeks.
 - c. All judges must respond to all inquiries and must participate on Standard committees.
 - d. NFSS Panel Judges must adhere to all NFSS Judges rules and must judge by current NFSS Standards.

**For more information on becoming an
NFSS Apprentice Judge, contact**

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The National Finch and Softbill Society's **Finch and Softbill Show Classifications**

Adopted by NFSS, 1988

A Committee has been formed this year to update the NFSS Classifications (see *News and Notes* this issue). The National Cage Bird Show will accept updated classifications from specialty clubs at its triennial review in 1995. Your input and suggestions are welcome at this time!

NFSS members and affiliated clubs should note that the Show Classifications as published in the 1992 Revision of *The NFSS Handbook* are not the most recently approved NFSS Classifications. The Classifications below, reprinted from the 1988 *Bulletin* with minor corrections, should be used by members and affiliated clubs as their guide for the 1994 show season.

For Exhibitors and Affiliated Clubs:

- All finch and softbill entries must be supplied by the exhibitors with appropriate food and water. Waterers are not to be removed from cages during judging.
- Local show officials must not allow the exhibition of federally or locally illegal entries.

Young Class

Old Class

Division One — Softbills, Nectarines, and Doves

Section 1—Nectarines

100	Hummingbirds	101
102	Flowerpeckers/Pierce	103
	Honeyeaters/Guides/Dacnis	
104	Sunbirds	105
106	Honeycreepers/Sugarbirds	107
108	White Eyes	109
110	Bananaquits	111
112	Any Other Variety (AOV)	113

Young Class**Old Class****Section 2—Mynah Birds**

200	Indian Hill	201
202	AOV	203

Section 3—Small Softbills

300	Starlings	301
302	Bulbuls	303
304	Orioles	305
306	AOV	307

Section 4—Large Softbills

400	Toucans	401
402	Toucanettes	403
404	Touracos	405
406	Barbets	407
408	Jays	409
410	AOV	411

Section 5—Doves and Quail

500	Diamond Doves	501
502	Mutation Diamonds	503
504	Green-winged Doves	505
506	Zebra Doves	507
508	Lacenecked Doves	509
510	Ringnecked Doves	511
512	White Doves	513
514	Button Quail	515
516	AOV	517

Division Two—Zebra Finches**Section 1—Normal Zebras**

100	Gray Normal Male	101
102	Gray Normal Hen	103

Section 2—White Zebras

200	All White	201
202	Chestnut-flanked White	203
204	Silver	205
206	Cream	207

Young Class**Old Class****Section 3—Other Varieties**

300	Fawn	301
302	Penquin	303
304	Pied	305
306	Florida-fancy	307
308	Black-breasted	309
310	Orange-breasted	311
312	Crested	313
314	AOV	315

Division Three—Australian Finches**Section 1—Gouldians**

100	Red-headed	101
102	Black-headed	103
104	White-breasted	105
106	Orange-headed	107
108	AOV	109

Section 2—Pintailed Type

200	Shafttail	201
202	Mutation Shafttail	203
204	Masked	205
206	Parsons	207
208	AOV	209

Section 3—Grassfinches

300	Diamond Sparrow	301
302	Cherry Finch	303
304	Bicheno (Owl)	305
306	Star Finch	307
308	Painted	309
310	Blood Finch	311
312	AOV	313

Section 4—Waxbill/Mannikin

400	Sydney Waxbill	401
402	Chestnut-breasted	403
404	Pectoralis	405
406	AOV	407

Division Four—Indo-Pacific Finches

Section 1—Parrot Finches

100	Blue-faced	101
102	Red-headed	103
104	Nonpareil	105
106	AOV	107

Section 2—Java Rice Birds

200	Normal Gray	201
202	White	203
204	Pied (Calico)	205
206	Cinnamon	207
208	AOV	209

Section 3—Finches of India

300	Indian Silverbill	301
302	Spice Bird	303
304	Strawberry	305
306	Green Avadavat	307
308	White-hooded Nun	309
310	Black-hooded Nun	311
312	Tricolor Nun	313
314	AOV	315

Division Five—Society Finches

Section 1—Chocolate Society

100	Self Chocolate	101
102	Chocolate and White	103

Section 2—Fawn (Cinnamon) Society

200	Fawn	201
202	Fawn and White	203
204	Dilutes	205

Section 3—White Society

300	Solid White	301
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Young Class

Old Class

Section 4—Crested Society

400	Chocolate Crested	401
402	Fawn Crested	403
404	White Crested	405

Division Six—European Finches**Section 1—European Goldfinches**

100	European Goldfinches	101
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Section 2—Others

200	Chaffinch	201
202	Greenfinch	203
204	Linnet	205
206	European Siskin	207
208	AOV	209

Division Seven—Finches of Africa**Section 1—Small Waxbills**

100	Dufresne's	101
102	Cordon Bleu	103
104	Gold-breasted	105
106	Orange-checked	107
108	Red-eared	109
110	St. Helena	111
112	Firefinch	113
114	AOV	115

Section 2—Larger Waxbills

200	Blue-capped	201
202	Lavender	203
204	Aurora (Crimson)	205
206	Melba	207
208	Violet-eared	209
210	Purple Grenadier	211
212	Yellow-winged Pytilia	213
214	AOV	215

Young Class

Old Class

Section 3—Twinspots

300	Dusky	301
302	Dybowski's	303
304	Green-backed	305
306	Peter's	307
308	AOV	309

Section 4—Mannikins

400	Bronze-winged	401
402	Magpie	403
404	Silverbill	405
406	Cutthroat	407
408	Blue-billed (Black and White)	409
410	AOV	411

Section 5—Weavers and Whydahs

500	Napoleon	501
502	Orange Bishop	503
504	Red-billed	505
506	Scaly-headed	507
508	AOV Weaver	509
510	Pintailed Whydah	511
512	Paradise Whydah	513
514	Combassou	515
516	Queen Whydah	517
518	Red-throated Whydah	519
520	Fisher's Whydah	521
522	AOV	523

Section 6—Serins

600	Green Singing	601
602	Gray Singing	603
604	Yellow-rumped	605
606	AOV	607

Division Eight—Finches of the Americas

Section 1—Buntings

100	All Buntings of the Americas	101
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Young Class

Old Class

Section 2—Siskins

200	Black-headed Siskin	201
202	AOV	203

Section 3—Other Finches of the Americas

300	Black and White Singer	301
302	Rufous-collared	303
304	Peru Yellow Singer	305
306	Saffron	307
308	Crimson Pileated	309
310	AOV	311

Section 4—Cardinals

400	Red-crested (Brazilian)	401
402	Green	403
404	Black-crested (Pigmy)	405
406	Pope	407
408	AOV	409

Division Nine — Finch Pairs**Section 1—All Finch Pairs**

100	Zebra Pairs	101
102	Gouldian Pairs	103
104	Other Australian Pairs	105
106	European Pairs	107
108	Society Pairs	109
110	Parrot Finch Pairs	111
112	Other Indo-Pacific Pairs	113
114	Finches of the Americas Pairs	115
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118	Other African Pairs	119
120	All Softbill Pairs	121



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1994 Chronological Show List

There's a NFSS Show for Everyone!

February

- 2/19 FL
Florida State Fair
(*Earl Courts*)
- 2/20 FL
Florida State Fair
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)

April

- 4/23 CA
American Family Bird
Show (*Joe Krader*)

June

- 6/04 IL
Illini Bird Fanciers
(*Tom Rood*)
- 6/05 IL
Illini Bird Fanciers
(*Conrad Meinert*)
- 6/11 MO
Heart of America
Hookbill & Finch Soc.

August

- 8/20 FL
Aviary & Cage Bird
Society of S. Florida

September

- 9/03 TX
Bay Area Cockatiel &
Cage Bird Club
(*Marty Von Raesfeld*)
- 9/10 MI
Mid-West Cage Bird
Club (*Brenda Geesey*)
- PA
Chester County Bird
Breeders
(*Cecil Gunby*)
- 9/17 CT
Rose City Bird Show
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- FL
Greater Brandon
Avian Society, Inc.
(*Patrick Vance*)
- 9/18 CN
Ourham Avicultural
Society of Ontario
(*Conrad Meinert*)
- 9/24 OH
Toledo Bird Assn. &
Zebra Finch Club
(*Patrick Vance*)
- OK
Bird Fanciers of Okla-
homa (*Tom Rood*)
- PA
Central Pennsylvania
Cage Bird Society
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- PA
Seven Mountains Ex-
otic Bird Club
(*Roddy Gabel*)
- SC
Palmetto Cage Bird
Club (*Harold Bowles*)

October

- 10/01 CO
Rocky Mtn. Soc. of
Aviculture
(*Laura Bewley*)
- IA
Great American Cage
Bird Show
(*Martha Wigmore*)
- OH
Classic Feathers
(*Harold Bowles*)
- TX
Fort Worth Bird Club
(*Paul Williams*)
- 10/08 FL
Sunshine State Cage
Bird Society
(*Stephen Hoppin*)
- IN
Indiana Bird Fanciers
(*Tom Rood*)
- OH
Cleveland Cage Bird
Society
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- 10/15 CN
Essex-Kent Cage Bird
Society
(*Patrick Vance*)
- FL
Suncoast Avian Soci-
ety (*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- MD
Baltimore Bird Fanci-
ers (*Jon Hoffman*)
- MA
Massachusetts Cage
Bird Club
(*Harold Bowles*)
- MI
Great Lakes Avicul-
tural Society
(*Charles Anchor*)
- MO
Greater Kansas City
Avicultural Society
(*Earl Courts*)
- NY
Buffalo Canary &
Budgerigar Society
(*Brenda Geesey*)
- 10/16 MO
Heart of America
Hookbill & Finch Soc.
- 10/22 CA
Capital City Bird Soci-
ety (*Clayton Jones*)

10/22 CT

Connecticut Assoc
for Aviculture

■ KS

Heartland Canary and
Finch Club*(Clarence Culwell)*

■ KY

Central Kentucky
Cage Bird Society
(Dr. Al Decoteau)

■ NY

New York Finch &
Type Canary Club
(Brenda Geesey)

■ NC

Ashtville Bird Club
(Ray Johnson)

■ OK

Oklahoma Cage Bird
Society*(Laura Bewley)*

■ WI

Badger Canary Fanci-
ers Ltd.
(Martha Wigmore)

10/29 FL

Exotic Bird Club of
Florida *(Conrad
Meinert)*

■ MI

Society of Canary
and Finch Breeders
(Roddy Gabel)

10/29 TN

Middle Tennessee
Cage Bird Club
(Cecil Gunby)

November

11/05 CA

Central CA Cage Bird
Club
(Marty Von Reesfeld)

■ GA

Georgia Cage Bird
Society
(Conrad Meinert)

■ IL

Greater Chicago Cage
Bird Club
(Brian Binns)

■ MI

Mid-Michigan Bird
Club
(Martha Wigmore)

■ MO

Missouri Cage Bird
Association
(Tom Road)

■ TX

Texas Bird Breeders
& Fanciers Assn.
(Clarence Culwell)

11/12 CA

Golden Gate Avian
Society *(Cecil Gunby)*

11/12 LA

Capital Area Avicul-
tural Society
(Charles Anchor)

■ PA

Delaware Valley Bird
Club
(Stephen Hoppin)

11/13 CA

Golden Gate Avian
Society
(Clayton Jones)

11/18 NH

National Cage Bird
Show
(Daren Decoteau)

11/19 OR

Rose City Exotic Bird
Club

11/26 CT

New England Finch
Fanciers

December

12/02 PR

Confederacion Orni-
tologica Nacional
(Daren Decoteau)

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(Listing as of April 14, 1994)

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Avicultural Society
Lorene Clubb (205) 857-3817

CALIFORNIA

American Family Bird Show
Sharon Bolivar (310) 323-4788
Show April 23, 1994
Panel Judge: Joseph Krader

Aviary Assn. of Kern County
Willis & Velva Baker (805) 765-6110

Capital City Bird Society
Dare B. Cagle (916) 452-4526
Show October 22 & 23, 1994
Roseville, CA
Panel Judge: Clayton Jones

Central California Cage Bird Club
Show November 5, 1994
Turlock, CA
Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld

Finch Society of San Diego County
Sharon Russell (619) 546-1870

Fresno Canary and Finch Society
Dixie Lea (209) 584-3764

Golden Gate Avian Society
Claudio Salo (510) 455-9909
Double Show
November 12, 1994 *Saturday*
Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby
November 13, 1994 *Sunday*
Panel Judge: Clayton Jones
Tracy, CA

San Diego Bird Show, Inc.
Sharon Russell (619) 546-1870

Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic
Bird Club
Neil Crowley (408) 258-4601

COLORADO

Colorado Cage Bird Association
Teri McAuliffe (719) 576-9009

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture
Julie Kern (303) 753-6145
Show October 1, 1994
Denver, CO
Panel Judge: Laura Bewley

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Association for Aviculture
Chris Voronovitch (203) 649-8220
Show October 22, 1994
Manchester, CT

New England Finch Fanciers
Russell Armitage, Jr. (203) 756-1753
Show November 26, 1994
East Hartford, CT

Rose City Bird Show
Unaffiliated-no phone # furnished
Show September 17, 1994
Norwich, CT
Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

FLORIDA

Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South
Florida
Phil Barth (305) 931-3468
Show August 20, 1994
Margate, FL

Central Florida Bird Breeders
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Colorbred Canary Club of Miami, Inc
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Exotic Bird Club of Florida
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Show October 29, 1994
Melbourne, FL
Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show
Claire Remo (813) 482-5352

Gold Coast All Bird Club
Mike Mariscano (305) 929-1606

Greater Brandon Avian Society, Inc.
Carole Miller (813) 971-1190
Show September 17, 1994
Tampa, FL
Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

Gulf Coast Exotic Bird Club
Diane Pittman (813) 772-1150

Jacksonville Cage Bird Association
Paul D. Stickweh (904) 744-5811

Suncoast Avian Society
Joe Ventimiglia (813) 392-9391
Show October 15, 1994
Clearwater, FL
Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

Sunshine State Cage Bird Society
Dale Laird (407) 657-7989
Show October 8, 1994
Orlando, FL
Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin

West Florida Avian Society, Inc.
Barbara Farrell (904) 683-1634

GEORGIA

Georgia Cage Bird Society
Dawn Miller (404) 460-8233
Show November 5, 1994
Atlanta, GA
Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

HAWAII

Honolulu Canary and Finch Club
Lorraine Chang (808) 595-3689

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club
Jane Muscato (708) 305-9043
Show November 5, 1994
Rolling Meadows, IL
Panel Judge: Brian Binns

Illini Bird Fanciers

Jan Marcott (217) 347-9690
Double Show Shelbyville, IL
June 4, 1994 *Saturday*
Panel Judge: Tom Rood
June 5, 1994 *Sunday*
Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Springfield Pet Bird Club
Tom Rood (217) 774-5265
Show Cancelled for 1994

INDIANA

Indiana Bird Fanciers
Conrad Meinert (219) 269-2873
Show October 8, 1994
Fort Wayne, IN
Panel Judge: Tom Rood

IOWA

Mid-America Cage Bird Society
Ermafern Collins (515) 992-3539
Great American Cage Bird Show
October 1, 1994
Crystal Inn, Des Moines, IA
Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

KANSAS

Heartland Canary and Finch Club
Shirley Landkamer (913) 594-6795
Show October 22, 1994
Lawrence, KS
Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

Kansas Avicultural Society
James Williams (316) 663-5609

KENTUCKY

Central Kentucky Cage Bird Society
Steve Slates (606) 223-2600
Show October 22, 1994
Lexington, KY
Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

LOUISIANA

Capital Area Avicultural Society
Tim Schexnaydre (504) 562-3579
Show November 12, 1994
Baton Rouge, LA
Panel Judge: Charles Anchor

Gulf South Bird Club
Evon Kruse (504) 649-2392

MARYLAND

Baltimore Bird Fanciers
Jackie Eckman (410) 485-7842
Show October 15, 1994
Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman

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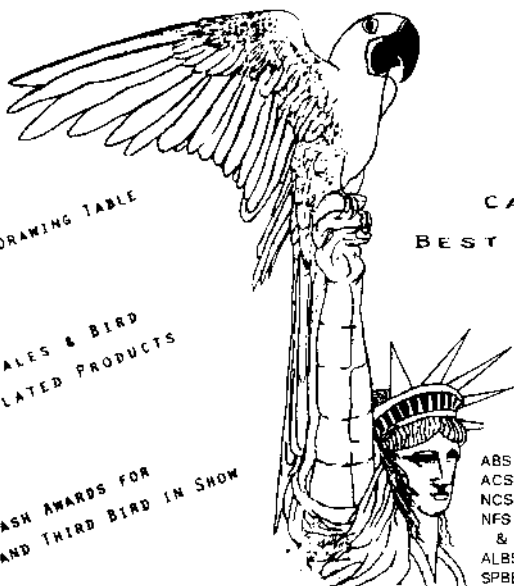
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Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

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Show October 15, 1994

Brockton, MA

Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

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Show October 15, 1994

Grand Rapids, MI

Panel Judge: Charles Anchor

Mid-Michigan Bird Club

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Show November 5, 1994

St. Johns, MI

Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

Mid-West Cage Bird Club

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Show September 10, 1994

Westland, MI

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

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Show October 29, 1994

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Show October 15, 1994

Kansas City, MO

Panel Judge: Earl Courts

Heart of America Honehill & Finch Society

Mose Linn (816) 523-4661

Show June 11, 1994*Show* October 16, 1994**Missouri Cage Bird Association**

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Show November 5, 1994

Eureka, MO

Panel Judge: Tom Rood

NEW HAMPSHIRE**Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society**

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National Cage Bird Show

November 17-19, 1994

Manchester, NH

Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau

New Hampshire Avicultural Society

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Show October 15, 1994

Buffalo, NY

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

Finger Lakes Cage Bird Association

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New York Finch & Type Canary Club

Ron Casper (215) 723-8643

Show October 22, 1994

Long Island, NY

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

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NORTH CAROLINA**Ashville Bird Club**

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Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

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 Cleveland, OH
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 Show September 24, 1994
 Toledo, OH
 Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

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 Oklahoma City, OK
 Panel Judge: Tom Rood

Oklahoma Cage Bird Society

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 Show October 22, 1994
 Tulsa, OK
 Panel Judge: Laura Bewley

OREGON**Rose City Exotic Bird Club**

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 Show November 19 & 20, 1994
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 Show September 24, 1994
 Grantville, PA
 Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

Chester County Bird Breeders

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 King of Prussia, PA
 Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby

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 Show November 12, 1994
 Ft. Washington, PA
 Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin

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 Durham, Ontario, Canada
 Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

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 Show October 15, 1994
 Windsor, Ontario, Canada
 Panel Judge: Patrick Vance

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 Brian Binns, Manchester, England

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PUERTO RICO

Confederacion Ornitologica Nacional
 Rafael Saurez (809) 752-4433
 Show December 1-3, 1994
 Bayamon, Puerto Rico
 Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society
Dr. Lindsay Clark (412) 363-6438

Seven Mountains Exotic Bird Club
Steven Funk (717) 667-9504
Show September 24, 1994
Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

SOUTH CAROLINA
Palmetto Cage Bird Club
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Show September 24, 1994
Anderson, S.C.
Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

TENNESSEE
Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club
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Show October 29, 1994
Nashville, TN
Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby

TEXAS
Bay Area Cockatiel & Cage Bird Club
Karol Deem (409) 737-1557
Show September 3, 1994
Galveston, TX

Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld

Fort Worth Bird Club
Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568
Show October 1, 1994
Arlington, TX
Panel Judge: Paul Williams

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association
Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568
Show November 5, 1994
Kilcun, TX
Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

VIRGINIA
Peninsula Cage Bird Society
Linda Oja (804) 874-8581

WISCONSIN
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Patrice Ripple (414) 527-1980
Show October 22, 1994
Oak Creek, WI
Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore



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size "B"

Black-cheeked Waxbill
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Cuban Melodious Finch
Fire Finch
Lavender Finch
Olive Finch
Rufous-backed Mannikin

size "C"

Black and White Mannikin
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size "D"

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most other Parrot finches
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Gouldian Finch
Pictorella Finch
Pin-tailed Nonpareil
Yellow-rumped Finch
Zebra Finch

more size "D"

most smaller Mannikins
most Twinspots

size "E"

Black-crested Finch
Diamond Sparrow
Golden Song Sparrow
Nuns
Peter's Twinspot
Siskins
Society Finch
Spice Finch

size "G"

European Goldfinch
Magpie Mannikin
other large Mannikins
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size "J"

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Silver-eared Mesia
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size "K"

Java Rice Bird
Red-crested Cardinal
Saffron
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size "L"

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other small doves
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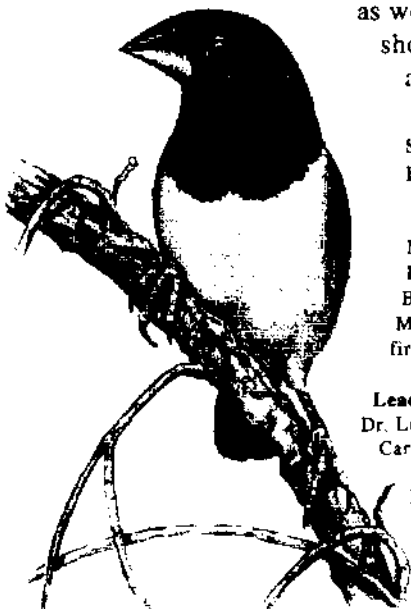
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