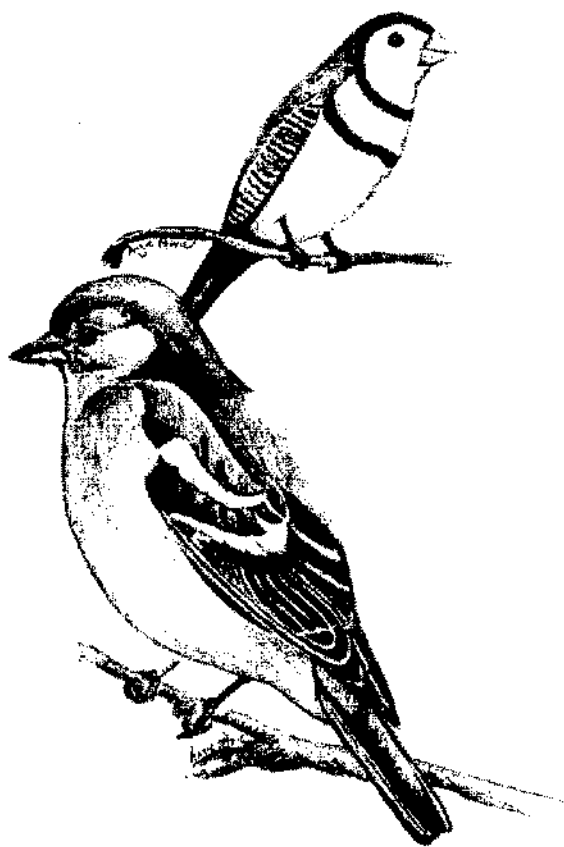


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Along with the new year, we have a few new names on the Board of Directors. Some of the haven't changed and some have, so if you need to contact someone; please double check the Officers listing on the inside cover to make sure you are contacting the correct person. *The Bulletin* also has a new Editor and home office. Anything for publication should be sent to this new address. You will notice that the format of *The Bulletin* has not undergone many changes.

This issue has a little of everything in it. Several interesting avian articles. Election results for the 1996/97 terms. Part 1 of the 1995 Show Results. The annual census form you will find in the middle of your *Bulletin*. Please be sure to fill it out and send it to the census chairman.

Thank you to all of our contributors! If you have any questions, comments etc., about *The Bulletin*, you may contact me at the Home Office address. Hope you and your Birds are having a great New Year.



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President's Message

By Frank Hudson

This year has been a great one for the National Finch and Softbill Society. Steve Hoppin has done a wonderful job in putting together a variety of programs for our members that were both educational and enjoyable. I would like to thank Steve and the other officers for their past contributions to NFSS and look forward to their continued support. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Martha Wigmore who, as editor of the *NFSS Bulletin* for the past two years, has done an outstanding job. Her hard work has been obvious to all who have enjoyed this outstanding publication. For most members the *Bulletin* is the only contact they have with the society. The *Bulletin* is an invaluable tool.

The growth of NFSS over the past twelve years reflects the hard work and dedication of the many enthusiasts. It is good to remember the stated purpose of NFSS as outlined by its founding members. NFSS was founded in 1983 with these purposes, to encourage breeding programs, to enhance the knowledge of our members in keeping and caring for birds, to cooperate with all organizations for the preservation of aviculture in this country, and to introduce the enjoyment of keeping and breeding finches and softbills to all interested parties. It is gratifying to see how

the society's programs have accomplished these goals. The FinchSave program, *The NFSS Bulletin* and the world-wide affiliation programs are examples of our activities to fulfill these goals. It is the last goal, "to introduce the enjoyment of keeping and breeding finches and softbills to all interested parties", on which we need to focus in this coming year. To remain a health and active society we need to perpetuate vigorous growth in our membership. This year every member needs to introduce at least one new enthusiast to NFSS. With the depth of knowledge and experience in bird breeding and bird care in NFSS, membership can be a great benefit to both new comers and seasoned aviculturist.

I feel I am in a unique position as incoming President of NFSS. I anticipate learning as much about birds and our society as any member. We are fortunate to have a great wealth of knowledge in our membership and I know *The Bulletin* will be able to share this with all members of our society. I would ask each of you to consider sharing your knowledge and experience by submitting an article for publication. Remember... what you take for granted, may be an overwhelming enlightenment for another aviculturist.

God bless you.
Frank Hudson

NFSS News & Notes

Compiled from NFSS Directors

Waxbill Survey Results

A survey was sent out to waxbill breeders. Seventy-nine surveys were returned. A total of 759 individual finches were reported in the survey. Thank you to those members responding to the survey, your information is extremely valuable to the program.

Panel Judge Resigns

Long time Panel Judge, Roddy Gabel has resigned from the Judges Panel. Roddy's resignation comes from increase in his job demands. We are sorry to be losing an excellent judge and entire NFSS membership appreciates all your years of dedication to the society.

News From Region #2

The big new in Region #2 is that we are going to have a two day bird show! Most people by this time have put their show cages away and are thinking about this fall. Not in Florida. The last weekend of the State Fair in Tampa, 17th and 18th of February, is an all Bird Show. They have had over 100 finches and softbills each day the past few years. Our past President, Stephen Hoppin, will be conducting a one hour introduction to our hobby for the fair attendants. If you can make it, we will be having dinner on the



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Saturday night at the Macaroni Grill.
Hope to see you there.

NFSS Band Secretary

Fifteen days into the new year and 160 orders have been processed and 14,780 bands have been mailed out. Keep up the good work Eileen!

Annual Census

Its time again for the annual census. You will find the form in the middle of your *Bulletin*. Please fill it out and return it. Your information is important to all of aviculture.

NFSS 4th Qtr 1995 Board Meeting

**Held: New Orleans, LA
recorded 11/16/95**

*Recorded by Miki Spartzak
NFSS Treasurer*

Directors present: Stephen Hoppin, Miki Spartzak, Dr. Al Decoteau, Lynda Bakula, Dale Laird, Eileen Laird, Gene Miller, and Jerry McCawley. A quorum was reached, (since NFSS still operated under the old by-laws) so all issues voted upon will become valid.

Reports

Treasurer: Miki called for a freeze on additional spending until March 1, 1996. The checking account balance was \$1,624.78. The savings account balance was \$1,537.83, giving NDSS a net worth of \$3,162.61 as of 11/16/95.

Membership: Lynda reported a total of 853 members with 90 new members.

Finchsave: Linda Oja was not present, so Stephen Hoppin gave her report as sent. A total of 58 members with 52 species present were reported. The waxbill survey returned 79 forms, reporting 759 finches in the waxbill group.

Bands: Eileen Laird reported that 473 orders had been filled to date. The color for 1996 will be orange.

Finchshop: No report

Advertising: Lynda Bakula reported that advertising is status quo.

Education: No report

Standards: Dr. Al Decoteau reported that Star Finch proposal was published. There was no report on the mynah standard. Al asked for a committee on the Pintail Nonpareil.

Judge Panel: Dr. Al Decoteau reported that NFSS has two people in the NFSS apprentice program. They are Jerry McCawley and Chris Voronovitch. Two judges tests were scheduled to be taken at the National Bird Show.

Awards: Ginny Allen was not present, so Stephen Hoppin reported that 77 clubs are affiliated with NFSS. There was no reason to believe that affiliation fees will have to be raised in 1996.

Conservation Committee: There was no report. Due to lack of interest the Conservation Committee was terminated.

Betty Crocker Project: Miki reported that many coupons have been received. NFSS will be able to secure free gifts to be used at the raffles, soon.

Breeder Recognition Awards Committee: Jerry McCawley reported that the BRP is ready to go as presented at the board meeting.

Overseas Award Patronage: Tom Rood did his as usual excellent job of securing a wide variety of awards to be given at the National Cage Bird Show.

Election Committee: Clarence Culwell gave an update on members running for office:

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4—Clarence Culwell. Region 5—Julie Kern. Region 6—Cathy Knight. Region 7—Richard Morales and Alfredo Burgaricus.

Display Boards: Miki Spartzak reported that the lost display boards have been found. At the close of the AFA convention, the hotel was to send the display boards back to Baltimore, MD, via UPS, to Miki Spartzak. Instead the hotel sent them to California. After many discussions the boards were located and the hotel agreed to send them back.

AFA Update: Jerry McCawley gave a report on the latest going on with AFA and legislature. NFSS will affiliate with AFA at the highest level.

Old Business

Judges Selection: The board voted on the selection of judges for the Kaytee Great American Bird Show, to be held in Sarasota, FL and Manchester, CT. The results were to be announced at another time. A discussion was enacted and a vote was taken to decide if NFSS should pay 100% of the judges fees, to be able to select their choices of judges. A motion was passed to allow NFSS to select the judges for GABS, by paying 100% of judges fees. 7 For , 1 Against.

AFA Delegates: A motion was made and passed to appoint Jerry McCawley and Miki Spartzak as AFA delegates.

New Business

Finch and Canary World: A discussion was held to determine if NFSS should exchange ads with the *Finch and Canary World* magazine. It was decided to keep the money sent for an ad and not exchange ads.

Appointment of Editor: Two persons requesting the position of editor were reviewed. Samples of work were reviewed. The vote was: Kenneth Tidwell 1, Robert Petrie 11. The 11 votes reflects 6 mailed-in and 2 abstained. A discussion was held on the "editors equipment" will go to Robert Petrie.

Proposed By-laws Revision: The votes were counted and results reported as follows. There 47 votes to approve the new by-laws and 1 vote against. The New By-laws were approved.

Election Results: It was decided that Nancy Reed would continue to count the votes for the NFSS election.

Judges Testing Procedure: Dr. Al Decoteau discussed the procedure for becoming an NFSS judge. It was decided that no input was needed from others as to how the apprentice program is handled.

American PureBred Registry: A short discussion was held and surprisingly everyone felt the whole thing was a big joke.

Judges Must Show Birds: A discussion was held about the enactment of a rule that would state that an NFSS judge must show birds in the finch and softbill division in order to continue to meet judging requirements. Further discussion will be brought up at future meetings.

Secretary Books: A discussion was held as to adopt a set of secretary books to be passed on from one administration to another, to insure everyone knows about actions from the past.

Editors Fee: It was decided, in order for the editor to be eligible for the \$200 fee, the *Bulletin* must be postmarked to the Treasurer by the 1st day of the second month of a *Bulletin* period, i.e.: Jan/Feb issue must be postmarked by Feb 1st, when received by the Treasurer, to receive the editors fee, unless prior approval has been made.

Board Meetings by Mail: A committee is to be formed to insure enough time is allotted for discussion, before any matter is voted upon.

Job Description: A job description is to be written for each department, so each chairman knows exactly what is expected.

Membership Drive: It was suggested that an all out membership drive be started to increase the the NFSS membership.

NFSS Annual Meeting

Held National Cage Bird Show New Orleans, LA recorded 11/18/95

*Recorded by Patrick Vance
Recording Secretary*

Band Secretary's Report: Eileen Laird reported that 473 band orders were filled, totaling 32,000 + bands sold in 1995. The band color for 1996 will be orange.

Judges Paul Report: Dr. Decoteau announce four new apprentices to the Judges Panel. They are: Jerry McCawley, Christine Voronovitch, Armando Lee, and Frank Hudson. There appeared to be two birds reaching championship status in 1995. Results were not in yet. The Star Finch standard has been published. No report was available on the mynah standard. Volunteers were needed for the Pintail Nonpareil standard committee.

Membership Chairman's Report: Lynda Bakula reported that there was a total of 90 new members for 1995, making a total of 853 members.

FinchSave Report: Stephen Hoppin gave the report. There are currently 58 FinchSave members with 52 species represented. The results of the Waxbill Survey are in. 79 forms were returned, representing 759 individual finches.

Awards Report: Awards were presented to individuals for their 1994 achievements. An exhibitor of excellence plaque was present to Dennis Burhans. Champion Exhibitor Awards were presented to Alvin and Dixie Lee, Patrick Vance, Dale Laird, Gene and June Miller, Pat and Mary Krichten, John Dapas, Frank and Sandy Hudson, and Dennis Burhans. An award was presented to Gene and June Miller for their fawn Diamond Sparrow for achieving Champion Bird Status in 1994.

NFSS President Stephen Hoppin introduced the members of the members of the Judges Panel that were present. Stephen also introduced NFSS members that were seeking a position on the NFSS Board of Directors for the 1996/97 term. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Pat and Mary Krichten; Finchshop, Gene Miller; Regional Vice President, Lynda Bakula; Membership and Advertising, Jerry McCawley; Promotions, Eileen Laird; Band Secretary, and Tom Rood; 1st Vice President. Plaques were presented to Linda Oja: FinchSave Director and Martha Wigmore: *Bulletin* editor. A Presidents Award was presented to, Regional Vice President, Dale Laird for his many contributions to NFSS over the years.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, a gift was presented by Dale Laird on behalf of the NFSS Membership to parting President Stephen Hoppin.

When is Your NFSS Membership Due for Renewal?

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From the Editors desk...

As you have been warned about, the editor and the home office have changed. Hopefully that will be the biggest change you will notice. First off; I would like to thank the 94/95 NFSS board of Directors for their vote of confidence in me and a special thanks to Martha Wigmore for all her hard work and dedication in helping to make the *NFSS Bulletin* the professional publication it is.

While prepping me for this position; one of the things Martha kept stressing to me was all the wonderful articles she has received from various members. I hope that continues because that is what the *NFSS Bulletin* is all about, a means of communicating among fellow aviculturist. The more each and every one of us contributes to that means of communication the better off we all are. No matter how small or large your collection or experience is, we all have something we can contribute. Whether it be a question, advice or just letting others know of what has worked, or just as importantly what didn't, I hope members will continue to communicate.

Which leads me to one of my biggest worries about being the *Bulletin's* editor, people not liking what is printed. I remember this last year an article that upset a lot of Gouldian enthusiast. I myself am a Gouldian breeder and did not agree

with author. It was though; an opinion of an NFSS member and member's opinions do matter. I don't remember much about the article itself, but what I do remember was the letters that followed. I thought it was great the rebuttals that the article inspired. It may have created a little animosity, but it also spurred some communication. Heated it may have been it was still communication.

When I read an article I don't always agree with I remember something a breeder told me a long time ago. I was a kid with a couple of cockateils. He raised big, beautiful cockateils and that made him a hero to me. So when the opportunity to visit this man came, I drilled him with every bird breeding question I could think of. What I mainly asked him was; how do I get my cockateils to breed. His reply I will never forget. He stated that he did not know how to get my birds to reproduce but he would tell me what he has done and some things that he recommend I try.

If there is one thing I've learned from all the birds that I have worked with, at the zoo and at home, is that there are few if any "golden rules" and no two birds are alike and no two situations are alike. To help each other out, the best we can do is to offer information on what we have tried and any advice we may have. So please share your knowledge and experiences with others and send me some articles.

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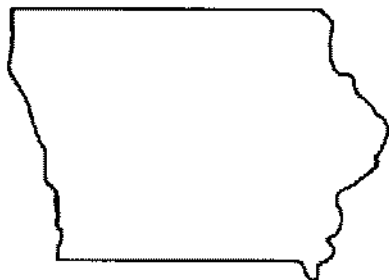
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Raising Finches in Iowa

*National Finch and Softbill Society
Lynda Bakula, Corresponding Secretary*

Editors note: This is article is part of a letter Lynda sent in reply to several questions an NFSS members had.. Although it is nearly two years old , this letter shows how most people in the midwest begin, grow and learn with their birds. The way aviculturist keep their birds varies from differant parts of the country. To let each other know what we do, what has worked and what hasn't worked helps all of us learn. Thanks, Lynda. If you would like to let other people how your birds are managed just contact the NFSS Editor.

24 March, 1994

Dear Steve.

Now for your second question - How does one raise waxbills in Iowa? In my living room and spare bedroom. To try to summarize my history with waxbills: I got my first pair of Red-ears (Mr & Mrs "B") from my husband, for my birthday, four years ago next month. I had

them about 1 1/2 years when Mrs "B" laid her first egg. She got egg bound with the second one and had to go to the local vet, but came home after two days. I then started reading more on the birds and slowly learned. The more I read, the more I wanted to get a large aviary for them to fly around in and get enough exercise. This led to the making of a 5'wide X 8'high X 30" deep aviary for the living room. It took us nearly a year to have it built. In Aug 92 while in St. Louis I found a pair of Red-checked Cordon bleu's (Mr & Mrs "C") at a local pet shop. I snatched them up. No one locally could get any for me. Then in Nov 92 I got a pair of unrelated Red-billed fire finches (Mr & Mrs Red). He was just startiug to turn red and is beautiful now. We had gotten some 1" X 1/2" wire to use in the aviary, but then decided to use plexi-glass. So we built one large cage for the 3 pairs, until the aviary was done. Finally got it in June 93. The cage was 48" long, 38" tall and 30" wide. We put down a piece of plywood on top of a 6 drawer chest and then sat the cage on that. It came to within a couple of inches of the ceiling. (We have a cat!) I put in a branch from a tree, got one of the palm plants you can pick up at grocery stores or K-Mart for \$10 and 5 finch nest baskets. I really didn't expect them to use them, but thought I should put them in. The books state that some finches will sleep in nest baskets, although mine neverhave except when on eggs. I had gotten some burlap and cut into 2" in

lengths and raveled it apart and put some in the nest and some on the bottom of the cage. They all started making nest. In time the Cordon's were sitting on 3 eggs and the Red-ears were sitting also, but were on and off a lot; I thought. The Cordon's hatched 2 and the Red-ears didn't hatch anything. The Fire Finches sat about a week and quit. The Cordon's went right back to nest and were sitting again within a week. I cleaned out the Red-eared nest with a spoon (Mr "B" had built this large nest on top of the finch basket). From everything I had read there wasn't much chance that any of them would raise anything. One day while in the bedroom. I heard some little ones. When I checked the nest the Cordon's had 3 babies and in a few days I heard noises from the Red-ear nest. They had 3 little ones, but lost one of them. They all raised them themselves. I had gotten every kind of insect related finch food I could locate and bought any other different type of finch food I could find. They also got lots of mealworms and fly larva. (The Red-ears seem to prefer the mealworms while the Cordon's preferred the fly larva.) I also gave them fresh egg food

One day while in the bedroom, I heard some little ones. When I checked the nest, the Cordons had 3 babies and in a few days I heard noises from the Red-ear nest

atleast twice, and if home 3 or 4 times, a day. They got broccoli, romaine lettuce or spinach almost every day.

Since it was in the summer the room usually stayed between 80 and 95 F at all times. They always had fresh bath water and separate drinking water if they wanted it. I changed the papers in their cage everyday - even when they were sitting. The next clutch the Red-ears only hatched one and raised it and the Cordon's raised 2 more.

This year the Cordon's first clutch of 4 eggs were all clear. They were in the aviary and just too many jealous birds I guess. They all interfere with each others love life! I moved them back to the cage above - but now there is a partition in the center, so it is 2 cages. They had 2 eggs and hatched both. The oldest lived to be 4 or 5 days old and I found it on the bottom of the cage. Don't know if it was an accident or if it had died. But they still have one and it is now about 10 days old. It now has the first official NESS band that I have put on a baby. I hope that it isn't the last. Mr & Mrs "C" are just plain good parents. I have to give them all the credit.

The Red-ears this year have laid but are not sitting on the eggs enough to hatch them. Mr "B" is getting old and doesn't get around real good. His flying ability has gone down a lot. They were adults when I got them so he is probably 5 yrs old or more. I haven't checked the nest but I suspect that none of the eggs will be fertile. He has kept himself busy building the nest on top again.

When the birds were first in a 36X18X18 cage, I was close to them a lot and they got use to that. I spent a lot of time with them and talked to them. I believe that definitely helped with the above success. Now that they have been in the bigger aviary they are more skittish of me, especially the Red-ears.

I got a pair of Gold-breast. that came from the import station in Chicago last July and they have had 3 clutches so far. The first clutch they quit sitting on before the eggs hatched, the second time hatched 2 of 4 eggs but didn't feed them, and the 3rd time 4 eggs hatched but didn't feed them. These birds do not feel comfortable around me like the others do. They do not like me to do anything in their cage.

One of the Red-ears that I raised last year has paired up with a male I got at the bird show in Des Moines late last fall. She has laid a couple of eggs, but still being so young and

in the large aviary I don't expect them to raise any.

My Fire Finches have had clutches last year and this year and have yet to raise one. But in a cage by themselves the eggs are usually fertile. They did hatch one but didn't raise it. They are in the process of making another nest. Time will tell.

Martha (NFSS Bulletin Editor) wants me to write an article for the magazine. Like you said, we are trying to find out how to get participation by members, but how? I don't feel like I am an expert, but yet at the same time if you were just starting out, maybe I could help; some, but not the experienced breeder.

We are moving to St. Louis area as soon as we sell our home here in Iowa. My husband took an early retirement and has gone to work with his brother in St. Louis. Later this year we will build a home there, which will have a walk out basement that will have a couple of large flights for my breeding birds. I have acquired 2 more pairs of Red-ears in the last 6 months but they haven't made any nest yet. Hope they will hold off until I get moved.

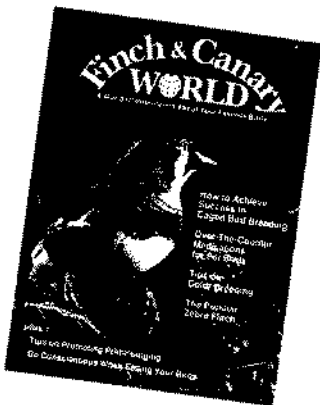
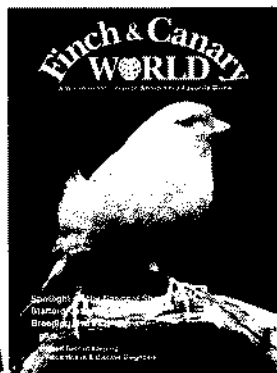
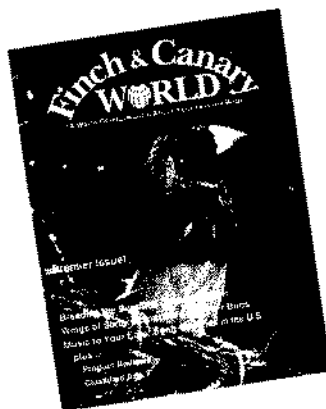
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European Chaffinch

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by Tim Roche
Tewksbury, MA.



Throughout the woodlands, farmlands and backyards of Europe, the song of the Chaffinch is the first indication that "old man winter" is leaving and spring is on his heels. Leaving with winter is the males seasonal plumage of buffish red head and nape, pale chestnut colored back and pinkish chest. In its place remains a bird which can hold its own with birds from more tropical climates. A slate blue with a beak of an almost steely-blue appearance, a warm chestnut back and green rump, reddish pink breast and dark wings and tail with white bars, delivers a very pleasing appearance. The hen is far less colorful being generally "mousey" brown and grey but also possessing the wing and tail bars.

As with a lot of European Finches a basic canary seed diet constitutes its daily requirement. Any wild seeds, such as: plantain and that of chickweed and shepherds purse will also be taken and should be offered as often as possible

If an attempt is to made to breed these birds, then this should be done in a small aviary, due to the birds nervous nature. Cage breeding is rarely successful. They can be

Range of the European Chaffinch from *Finches & Sparrows* by Clement, et al .

housed with other finches of similar size, but should be monitored for any signs of bullying, as the cock approaches breeding condition. The courtship involves the male chasing the female vigorously about the aviary, continually singing, until they are both out of breath. Chaffinches tend to avoid canary nest, with pairs choosing their own nest site amongst bunches of heather or other natural foliage. Some will also take over any available ledge. The constructed nest is truly a work of art. A multitude of hair, fine roots and grasses held together with spider webs and surrounded by lichen, provide a fitting nursery for these handsome finches.

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are all eaten along with any small insect life that can be collected locally. When the young hatch, the Chaffinches become almost exclusively insectivores. The first few days of life are the most important and unless their need for animal protein is met, the young will almost certainly perish. Young birds will leave the nest at about 15 - 17 days of age and resemble the female in coloration. They continue to be fed by the parents for the next 4 - 6 weeks. Unless destroyed or the eggs are taken for fostering, the length of time taken to rear the young makes the Chaffinches single brooded.

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by *Lainey Clefflin*
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Most Owl finches breed readily in cages or aviaries, singly or in groups, and they will usually raise their own young. They use all kinds of nests and nesting material, and prefer private nest sites with branches etc. around the nest area. The only problem we have had in breeding Owl finches is that they don't always feed their babies on their first couple of clutches. We often foster the first two clutches to Societies, after which the Owls seem to do much better.

Although juvenile Owls mature quickly, we feel that they should not be bred until they are six to nine months old. We use several methods for sexing Owls: the male sings and

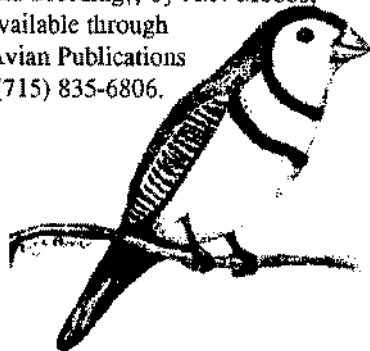


Range of the Owl Finch, from *Finches and Sparrows* by Clement et. al.

the female does not; the male usually has a thicker black chest band; and the male has more black above the beak.

Like our Zebra finches, we have not found any food our Owls won't eat. They seem to enjoy one food as much as another. Because they are so active, we make sure our owls have lots of things to play with: rocks, swings, mirrors, branches, etc... It doesn't take much to make this bird happy, and it is well worth the effort.

As far as we know there is only one book devoted entirely to Owl finches: *Bicheno Finches: Their Care and Breeding.*, by A.J. Mobbs, available through Avian Publications (715) 835-6806.

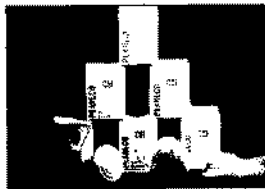


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Flocking Together...



We have several inquiries this month to the NFSS membership:

The first member asked.

❖ Has anyone heard of the Timor Sparrow? This fairly large bird is an extremely close relative of the Java Rice Bird. So close in fact that the only difference between Timors and Javas is size and the fact that virtually no one has ever heard of them. I am from California; where, of course, Java Rice Birds are illegal. When I found out about Timor Sparrows I was ecstatic, because I have always wanted Java Rice Birds. Timor mannerisms and breeding characteristics appear to be identical to those of Java Rice Birds. So far I only know of one mutation from this species, that is white.

If you are interested in more information on this species or if you have heard of them and could offer me some more information, I would greatly appreciate it.

Dylan Burge
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Editors comment:

❖ *The Timor Sparrow (Padda fuscata) and the Java Rice Bird (Padda oryzivora) are in their own Genus, Padda. They are so closely-related, like Red-eared waxbills are to St. Helena Waxbills, that they could also form a super-species. This means that the two species only recently separated. The Timor Sparrow is about 20% smaller than the Java Rice Bird, and is a little less colorful; which would account for Timors being less well-known than Javas. Size and coloration are one of the first characteristics to change, so other than those I would expect that two species would be almost identical. I know some Timor Sparrows have been imported. Hopefully there is someone out there who has worked with this species and will respond.*



Another member asks:

❖ I am seeking information on breeding Spice Finches. I have my birds paired in roomy breeding cages, in a quiet upper area of my birds room. I am using hooded finch nest. Their main diet is Vita Finch (by SunSeed Co.). Of course; they are provided with cuttle bone and mineral block. Is it possible they may not be getting enough hours of daylight?

I am also trying to learn more about African Fire Finches; dietary, housing requirements, etc... I would like to add these to my FinchSave project if their requirements are not to complicated. I am fearful of getting a species that requires livefood. Is there any risk in using open bands? And what risk is there in using dryer lint for nesting material?

Denise Ackley
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Editors comment:

Dryer lint is the large chunks of dirt from clothes, you never know what exactly it is made of and what chemicals are in the lint. So I would be very hesitant to use it. With parrots that climb on wire, open bands can get hooked. But I have never heard of a problem with open bands on finches. The ability to keep good records would far out weigh any risk with open bands. I have never tried to raise Fire Finches without livefood. You might check the classified ads in the Bulletin for other breeders of Fire Finches and call them and see what they would recommend. As for the Spice Finches; maybe a Spice Finch breeder will write in for some advice for you.

Another member asks:

I have a Zebra Finch. male. who continues with feather picking and pulling despite using "bitter apple". Any suggestions?

Editors comment:

Feather plucking results from either a displaced behavior or a repetitive behavior. Displaced behaviors are typically found with parrots. The parrot may want to reproduce and cannot or has some anxiety problem and the bird "takes its problems out on its feathers". Repetitive behavior is caused by boredom. In the wild birds spend most of their time foraging. A small amount of time is used on preening. In captivity birds do not have to forage, and so have a lot of spare time. Some birds spend this time preening and preening. This causes them to have feather loss. Try getting your finch a companion. Any other similar finch should do and/or create some activities for him. Nest building (he doesn't even need a mate to go through the behavior), bathing, picking off spray millet. etc.. Birds have a poor sense of taste, especially finches, so it is no surprise that bitter apple doesn't work.

*Our last members cries:*

Help! I am desperate to find more literature on my Zebra Finches. I have a few books. I am hooked on these little guys and am eager to know more about them. I have raised Zebras for over 8 years, but I need to know more on genetics. Such as; how do I get more peds, they are my favorite. I am stumped.

Judy Lemk
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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 out to the membership. Mail your request to the Editor, *The NFSS Bulletin*.

Readers who can help an inquirer, can write directly to the individual if their address is provided, or to the Editor for forwarding. If you wish, send a copy of your letter to the Editor for publication in the *Bulletin* where your ideas will reach many others with the same or similar needs.

To the Editor,

Update On A Gouldian Challenge

by Luis Garcia
Colorado Springs, CO

Having not heard from Mr. Tilghman about the challenge, I decided to call him on Jan. 2, 1996. He was surprised to hear from me and as I expected he turned the challenge down. However; he was quick to explain that he only wrote the article, "*Gouldian Malaise*", to point out to other breeders that there are other birds that need our help, such as African, South American and Indo-Pacific finches which need our help. A point which I strongly agree with him.

In return I asked him why didn't just write the article in regards to the point he was trying to make and not offend all of the people he did. We talk for about fifteen minutes and both got our points across as two gentleman.

The Letter

On the very next day (Jan. 3, 1996). I got a letter from Levin. In this letter, Levin once again proves that he knows nothing about the Gouldian Finch and claims to be able to prove his knowledge about the Gouldian Finch from all the books he has read about them as well

as all he has seen while visiting Gouldian breeders and from all he has been told or heard about them. Well Levin I don't think so, that's is as dumb as judging a book by its cover, you cannot pass judgment on a bird without working with it yourself.

As I re-read the article by Levin and his letter, the true reason for Levin's article had nothing to do with Gouldians or their large numbers in captivity or the shortage of people breeding other birds, as Levin already knows there are a large number of breeding programs in the U.S.. alone, such as the NFSS FINCH SAVE program, the A.F.A RED SISKIN project, (just to name a few) as well as the programs created by birds clubs and all the individual breeders which work at home with birds that no one about. as I do with the whydahs.

The real reason behind Levin's article is MONEY. He is upset at the price that Gouldian breeders get for their Goulds, a price which he can not get for his wax-bills. (This point was later confirmed in a letter sent to me in Levin's defense by a very good friend of Levin's.

It is a shame that we have people like this. when we should all be working together in breeding and promoting all birds regardless of if they are already domestic or wild caught, especially not knowing when we will be able to once again bring

some of these birds back into this country with the importation ban we know now have. I hope this will be the last we read about the Gouldian malaise or any other malaise. And Levin I hope that the next time you decide to criticize a bird that you don't like as you stated at the end of your letter that you at least have the decency to work with the bird before writing another article about a bird you know nothing about.

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NFSS Election Results for the 1996 - 97 Terms

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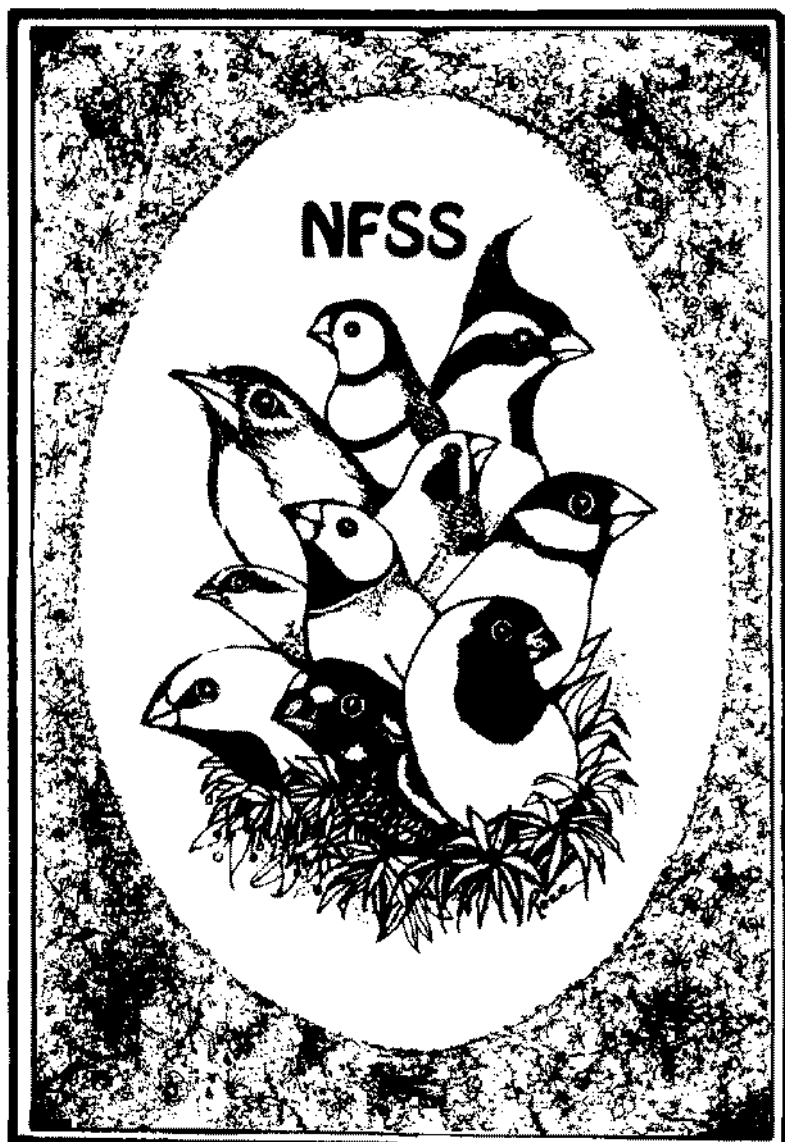
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1995 Show Report



The National Finch and Softbill Society

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National Finch and Softbill Society POINTS SCHEDULE

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
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Note: In order for a softbill, finch, or dove to attain points, it must have been judged against all the birds in the Finch and Softbill Division. Points will not be allowed in a specialty show where finches are not judged against softbills or other birds within the division.

Top Ten NFSS Shows in 1995

*All points summarized Dr. Al Decoteau
NFSS Points Chairman*

- 1 - National Cage Bird Show, New Orleans, LA - 205 entries
Judge Roddy Gabel
- 2 - New York Finch and Canary Show, Long Island, NY - 174 entries
Judge Joseph Krader
- 3 - Durham Avicultural Society of Canada, Pickering, Ontario -163 entries
Judge Tom Rood
- 4 - Aviary and Cage Bird Show, Margate, FL - 156 entries
Judge Stephen Hoppin
- 5 - Capital City Bird Society, Roseville, CA - 140 entries
Judge Tom Rood
- 6 - Illionis Bird Fanciers, Shelbyville, IL - 129 entries
Judge Martha Wigmore
- 7 - Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL - 120 entries
Judge Conrad Meinert
- 8 - Great American Bird Show, Concord, CA - 109 entries
Judge Miki Sparzak
- Fort Worth Bird Club, Arlington, TX - 109 entries
Judge Tom Rood
- 10 - Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL - 108 entries
Judge Clarence Culwell

Editor's Note:

Congradulations to all the exhibitors and sponsoring club members who made this show season special!

A reminder to exhibitors, judges and show secretaries to fill in all your forms this year legibly, accurately and completely. If you find any errors in the show results or point totals, please send a written note to Dr. Al Decoteau.

1995 Exhibitor Awards

The Exhibitors of Excellence in 1995 are:

Frank and Sandy Hudson	- 222 points
Dale and Eileen Laird	- 214
Rick Szlachta	- 212
Chris voronovitch	- 200

Champion Exhibitors of 1995 are:

Dale and Eileen Laird	- 108 points
June and Gene Miller	- 86
Frank and Sandy Hudson	- 78
Dennis Burhans	- 58
Sally Huntington	- 56
Alvin and Dixie Lea	- 52
Patrick Vance	- 50

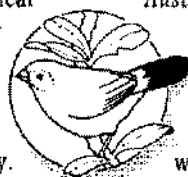
The Champion Birds for finches in 1995 are:

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Shafttail (band C 1552 "93") - Ellen Buchanan

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Here are the the point standings for Finches and Softbills as of Dec. 1, 1995. These are only for birds having 20 or more points. Please contact Dr. Al Deoteau if you have any question or comments with these results.

48 - Cinnamon Java Rice Bird (NFSS K58 "93")	- Patrick Vance
47 - Startling (SPBE BRA 15 "93")	- Jacky Civitarese
41 - Fawn Parsons Finch (NFSS C215 "93")	- Pat and Mary Krichten
39 - Cherry Finch (D4948 "92")	- Dennis Burhans
38 - Green Singer (C511 "91")	- Virginia Patrick
38 - CFW Zebra (C3126 "91")	- Tom Rood
37 - Normal Java Rice Bird (K463 "90")	- Jerri Wiesenfeld
37 - Normal Java Rice Bird (K493 "94")	- Dale and Eileen Laird

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33 - Bronze-winged Mannikin (D7216 "89")	- Kris Kroner
33 - Fire Finch (B14 "94")	- Gene and June Miller
32 - Pintail Nonpareil (D3649 "91")	- Stephen Hoppin
31 - Black-crested Finch (NFSS E2331 "91")	- Stephen Hoppin
29 - Cordon-bleu (B268 "89")	- Pat and Mary Krichten
29 - Persa Touraco (SPBE DJL37 "93")	- Dale and Eileen Laird
28 - Parsons Finch (C197 "93")	- Pat and Mary Krichten
27 - Self Society (D1963 "91")	- Rick Szlachta
26 - Dilute Society (E446 "93")	- Dennis Burhans
23 - Red-headed Lady Gouldian (D2312 "90")	- Pat and Mary Krichten
23 - Fire Finch (B123 "87")	- Gene and June Miller
23 - Yellow-faced Star Finch (C192 "89")	- Gene and June Miller
22 - Shafttail (C2951 " 92")	- Jan Thomas
22 - CFW Zebra (C3159 "91")	- Tom Rood
21 - Fire Finch (B2 "92")	- Gene and June Miller
21 - Crimson-wing Pytilia (C463 "91")	- Pat and Mary Krichten
20 - Shafttail (C35 "92")	- Patrick Vance
20 - Shafttail (C474 "94")	- Chuck Galusha

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9	Charles & Cora Galusha	Normal Shafttail	C474 (94)
8	Dale & Eileen Laird	Red-headed Parrot Finch	D 10812 (92)
7	Wayne Davis	Green Glossy Starling	
6	Charles & Cora Galusha	Red-headed Finch	D2198 (94)
5	Ken & Carol Miller	Cherry Finch	
4	Jerry Wiesenfeld	Normal Java	K423 (91)
3	Stephen L. Hoppin	Black-crested Finch	E2331-93
2	Jerry Wiesenfeld	Green Singing Finch	
1	Dale & Eileen Laird	Pagoda Mynah	

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9	Dale & Eileen Laird	Pagoda Mynah	
8	Steve Hoppin	Red-headed Parrot Finch	C790(92)
7	Steve Hoppin	Black-crested Finch	
6	Wayne Davis	Green Glossy Starling	
5	Armando Lee	Normal Gray Zebra	
4	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Java Rice Bird	K423(91)
3	Dale & Eileen Laird	Yellow winged Pytilia	
2	Dianne Pittman	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	C1060(93)
1	Dale & Eileen Laird	Common Starling	

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9	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society	E366 (94)
8	Tom Rood	Normal Zebra	D1621 (94)
7	Dennis Burhans	Yellow-tailed Diamond Sparrow	
6	Dennis Burhans	Aurora	
5	Tom Rood	Pr. Grey Zebras	D4266 (93) D1591(94)
4	Tom Rood	Fawn Yellow-beaked Zebra	D4231 (93)
3	Dennis Burhans	Dilute Society	E446 (93)
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3	Richard & Rose Dickman	Redhead Dilute Gouldian	D11561 (94)
2	Gary Easterlie	Pekin Robin	
1	Gene L. Miller	Diamond Sparrow	E3 (95)

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	Diane Cozzens	Gouldian	D4853 (94)
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Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida, Margate, FL, August 19, 1995

Judge: Steve Hoppin — 17 Exhibitors, 156 Entries

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11	Armando Lee	Orange Check Waxbill	
10	Ron Castener	Red-face Star Finch	C2378 (95)
9	Dale & Eileen Laird	Pagoda Myna	
8	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Green Singing Finch	
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
6	Phil Barth	Normal White-breasted Gouldian	
5	Felipe Bonilla	Light-back Zebra	D10533 (95)
4	Felipe Bonilla	Chestnut Society	E382 (95)
3	Phil Barth	Crimson Pileated	
2	Phil Barth	Pallid Nun	

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2	Trish Rees	Yellow-faced Gouldian	
1	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Pied Zebra	D4857 (91)

Central Alabama Aviculture Society, Montgomery AL, Sept. 2, 1995

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3	Dale & Eileen Laird	Red-faced Parrot Finch	D10812 (92)
2	Jackie & Bill Hite	Black faced Gouldian	
1	Ginny Allen	Orange-Check Waxbill	

Bay Area Cage Bird Club, Galveston TX, Saturday, September 2, 1995

Judge: Ray Johnson — 9 Exhibitors, 54 Entries

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6	Sandy Hudson	Shafttail	
5	Sandy Hudson	Gouldian	
4	Sandy Hudson	Silver	
3	Chris Davis	Spice Finch	
2	Gertrude Osseweyer	?	
1	Sandy Hudson	Fawn Shafttail	1518

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3	Margie & Harold McBrayer	Whydah	
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2	Tim Roche	Other European Finch	
1	Lisa Armitage	Green Singin Finch	

Chester County Bird Breeders, King of Prussia PA, September 9, 1995**Judge: Martha Wigmore — 8 Exhibitors, 43 Entries**

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5	Sally Underhill	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Parson Finch	C197 (93)
3	Rick Szlachta	Rufous Back Mannikin	
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Indian Silverbill	C142 (92)
1	Lisa Kurtz	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	

Greater Brandon Avian Society, Tampa, FL, September 16, 1995**Judge: Tom Rood — 14 Exhibitors, 89 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Ellen Buchanan	Normal Shafttail	C1552 (93)
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Persa Touraco	(SPBE) DJL 9337
6	Armando Lee	Orange-cheek Waxbill	
5	Steve Hoppin	Black Crested Finch	E2331 (92)
4	Nancy Keeler	Parson Finch	
3	Dale & Eileen Laird	Tri-color Nun	
2	Dale & Eileen Laird	Normal Java	K493 (94)
1	Jorge Figuerola	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	D1053 (95)

Midwest Cage Bird Club: Romulus MI Sept. 16, 1995
REGIONAL SHOW, Region #3-MidCentral
Judge: Charles Anchor — 10 Exhibitors, 93 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Patrick Vance	Societies (pair)	E4572 (95) E4575 (95)
7	Patrick Vance	Grey Java	
6	Patrick Vance	Yellow-bodies Gouldian	D1771 (94)
5	Patrick Vance	African Silverbill	C59 (94)
4	Patrick Vance	Pied Stars (pair)	C3350 (93) C1019 (94)
3	Karen Kanine	White Java	
2	Pat Brusik	Fawn/White Society	D5344 (95)
1	Pat Brusik	Chocolate/White Society	D12965 (94)

Durham Avic. Society of Canada, Pickering ON, September 23, 1995
Judge: Tom Rood — 26 Exhibitors, 163 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
12	Ron Francis	Shafttail	
11	Mike Manley	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
10	Mike Manley	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
9	Flikkema Aviaries	Black and White Mannikin	
8	Jim Depetrillo	Diamond Sparrow	
7	Carmelo Zerafa	Green Finch	
6	Walt Steger	Chestnut-flanked Zebra	
5	Ron Francis	Normal Gouldian (old)	
4	Vince Moase	Normal Gouldian (young)	
3	Ricardo Gaskin	Light-back Zebra	

Toledo Bird Assn. & Zebra Finch Club of America, Toledo, OH, Sept. 24, 1995
Judge: Paul Williams — No Show Report Filed

Palmetto Cage Bird Club (Carolina Classic), Anderson, SC
Saturday, Sept 23, 1995
Judge: Ray Johnson — 4 Exhibitors, 16 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
	Albert Ramos	Shafttail	3238
	CherBelcher		
	Denise Vitale	Zebra	D4804 (95)
	Candy Wright	Society	

Palmetto Cage Bird Club (Carolina Classic), Anderson, SC
Sunday, Sept 24, 1995

Judge: Conrad Meinert, — 5 Exhibitors, 28 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Albert Ramos, Cher Belcher	Shafttail	3238
2	Denise Vitale	Java	K235(95)
1	Bob & Veta Holloway	Red-eared Waxbill	

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders, Lavonia, MI, September 30, 1995

Judge: Conrad Meinert — 8 Exhibitors, 73 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Patrick Vance	Chestnut-Flanked White Zebra	D3875 (95)
6	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java	K58 (93)
5	Patrick Vance	Diamond Sparrow	
4	Patrick Vance	Cherry Finch	C1047 (95)
3	Marylou Terwilliger	Normal Shafttail	D371 (92)
2	Marylou Terwilliger	Fawn/White Society	E 1346 (95)
1	Patrick Vance	African Silverbill	C1021 (95)

New Mexico Bird Club, Albuquerque, NM September 30, 1995

Judge: Harold Bowles — 5 Exhibitors, 27 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Terri McAuliffe	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
2	Terri McAuliffe	Cherry Finch	
1	Terri McAuliffe	Cordon Bleu	B652 (94)

Bird Fanciers of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK, September 30, 1995

Judge: Laura Bewley — 8 Exhibitors, 82 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Gene & June Miller	Yellow-rumped Diamond Sparrow	E112 (94)
7	Gene & June Miller	Firefinch	B14 (94)
6	Douglas Paris	Gold-breasted Waxbill	A504 (94)
5	Nita Haas	Zebra	D4360 (94)
4	Clarence Culwell	Starling	
3	Nita Haas	Fawn/White Society	E1336 (93)
2	Gene & June Miller	Fawn/Yellow-rumped Diamond Sparrow	E25 (95)
1	Nita Haas	Chocolate/White Society	E738 (95)

**Great American Bird Show, Golden Gate Avian Society, Concord CA,
October 7, 1995**

Judge: Miki Spartzak — 11 Exhibitors, 109 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Steve Payne	Strawberry Finch	
8	Sally Huntington	Red-headed Gouldian	
7	Alvin Lea	Red-ear	
6	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Rock Bunting	
5	Richard Pizzurro	Purple Grenadier	
4	Sally Huntington	Diamond Sparrow	
3	Steve Payne	Zebra	
2	Cathy Knight	Chocolate/White Society	
1	Alvin Lea	Cuban Melodius	

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture, Denver CO, October 7, 1995

REGIONAL SHOW: Region #5 - Mountain

Judge: Ray Johnson — 13 Exhibitors, 60 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Luis Garcia	Paradise Whydah	
6	Glenda Pullum	Cutthroat	
5	Luis Garcia	Zebra	D7182 (95)
4	Miranda Keen	Normal Java	K616 (91)
3	Luis Garcia	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	D7185 (95)
2	Kari Morton	White Java	K845 (95)
1	Patti Kastella	Orange-headed Gouldian	

Sunshine State Caged Bird Society, Maitland, FL, October 7, 1995

Judge: Martha Wigmore — 12 Exhibitors, 67 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Steve Hoppin	Red-headed Parrot Finch	C806 (92)
6	Dale & Eileen Laird	Normal Java	K 493 (94)
5	Diane Pittman	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	C1060 (93)
4	Dale & Eileen Laird	Orange Weaver	E4865 (94)
3	Steve Hoppin	Fire Finch	B424 (95)
2	Steve Hoppin	Black Crested	E2331 (92)
1	Dale & Eileen Laird	Superb Starling	

Mid-America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines IA, October 7, 1995
Judge: Patrick Vance — 8 Exhibitors, 38 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
4	Nita Haas	Light-back Zebra	E2905 (95)
3	Evan Van Ornum	Normal Gouldian	D5121 (95)
2	Nita Haas	Fawn/White Society	E1336 (92)
1	John & Jane Muscato	White Java	128 (92)

Fort Defiance Bird Club, Defiance, OH, October 7, 1995
Judge: Conrad Meinert — 4 Exhibitors, 20 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	D. & V. Strause	Normal Gouldian	D1266 (93)
2	D. & V. Strause	Grey Zebra	D1576 (95)
1	D. & V. Strause	Indian Silverbill	

Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club, October 7, 1995
Judge: Bill Parlee — No Show Report Filed

Fort Worth Bird Club, Arlington, TX, Oct 7, 1995
Judge: Tom Rood — 9 Exhibitors, 109 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Gene & June Miller	Yellow-rump Diamond Sparrow	E 112 (94)
8	F. & S. Hudson	Lilac-breasted Roller	
7	F. & S. Hudson	Orange-head Gouldian	599 (89)
6	Gene & June Miller	Fire Finch	B14 (94)
5	Jim Hulsey	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
4	Gene & June Miller	Fawn Diamond Sparrow	E25 (95)
3	Gene & June Miller	Black-headed Gouldian	D29 (95)
2	Clarence Culwell	Chestnut Flank Zebra	
1	Travis Elfers	St. Helena	
	Laurie Sudmala		

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Show, Windsor Ontario, Canada Oct 14, 1995**Judge: Charles Anchor — 12 Exhibitors, 103 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
9	Flikkema Aviaries	Diamond Sparrow	
8	JMP Aviaries	Fire Finch	
7	Sam Crabbe	Light-back Zebra	
6	Markham Aviaries	Star Finch	
5	Markham Aviaries	Gouldian	
4	Flikkema Aviaries	Pekin Robin	
3	Markham Aviaries	Society	
2	John Jasik	Long-tail Grass Finch	
1	Pat Donnelly	European Goldfinch	

Sun Coast Avian Society, Clearwater, FL Oct 14, 1995**Judge: Clarence Culwell — 9 Exhibitors, 47 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Dale Laird	Normal Java	K493 (94)
4	Diane Pittman	Blue-cap Cordon Bleu	C2060 (93)
3	Armando Lee	Lavender	
2	Carol Runyon	English Starling	
1	Dale Laird	Superb Starling	

Indiana Bird Fanciers, Fort Wayne, IN, Oct 14, 1995**Judge: Patrick Vance — 10 Exhibitors, 65 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
7	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Green Singing Finch	
6	Bob & Lynn Almy	Zebra	D5268 (95)
5	Pam Adams	Rosy-rumped Waxbill	
4	John & Jane Mascota	Java Rice	
3	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Starling	
2	Karen Kanine	Java Rice	
1	Larry Endsley	Parrot Finch	

Kansas Avicultural Society, Wichita, KS, Oct 14, 1995**Judge: Tom Rood — 3 Exhibitors, 20 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
3	Nita Haas	Dilute Society	E 1336 (92)
2	Nita Haas	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	D4360 (93)
1	E. & S. Courts	Owl Finch	

New Hampshire Avicultural Society, Hudson NH, Oct 14, 1995**Judge: Daren Decoteau — 10 Exhibitors, 41 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
5	Dianna Smith	Rufus-backed Mannikin	
4	T. Roche	European Greenfinch	J112 (94)
3	Dianne Smith	Normal Zebra	D12637 (92)
2	Dianne Smith	Cr. Chocolate Society	E1512 (94)
1	Chris Voronovitch	White Java	K05 (91)

New York Finch & Type Canary Club, Long Island NY, Oct 15, 1995**Judge: Joe Krader — 26 Exhibitors, 174 Entries**

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
12	Charlie Angeli	Yellow-faced Star	454 (95)
11	Bob Vargo	Chestnut-flanked Zebra	11350
10	Richard Sziachta	Java	
9	Russ Holder	Blue-cap Cordon Bleu	
8	Madeline Alfarone	Orange-head Gould	
7	Charlie Angell	Shafttail	966 (94)
6	Charlie Angell	Cuban Melodius	
5	Russ Holder	Pair Blue-cap Cordon Bleu	
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Judge: Mariha Wigmore — 6 Exhibitors, 43 Entries

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5	Sally Underhill	Greater Indian Hill Mynah	
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Parson Finch	C197 (93)
3	Rick Szlachta	Rufous Back Mannikin	
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Indian Silverbill	C142 (92)
1	Lisa Kurtz	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	

Greater Brandon Avian Society, Tampa, FL, September 16, 1995
Judge: Tom Rood — 14 Exhibitors, 89 Entries

Points	Exhibitor	Species	Band # (Yr)
8	Ellen Buchanan	Normal Shafttail	C1552 (93)
7	Dale & Eileen Laird	Persa Touraco	(SPBE) DJL 9337
6	Armando Lee	Orange-cheek Waxbill	
5	Steve Hoppin	Black Crested Finch	E2331 (92)
4	Nancy Keeler	Parson Finch	
3	Dale & Eileen Laird	Tri-color Nun	
2	Dale & Eileen Laird	Normal Java	K493 (94)
1	Jorge Figuerola	Chestnut-flanked White Zebra	D1053 (95)

1995/96 Chronological Show List

There's a NFSS Show for Everyone!

February

- 2/18 FL (120 entries)
Florida State Fair
Exotic Bird Show -
Day 1
(Conrad Meinert)
- 2/19 FL (108 entries)
Florida State Fair
Exotic Bird Show -
Day 2

June

- (Clarence Cuiwell)
- 6/03 IL (129 entries)
Illini Bird Fanciers
(Martha Wigmore)
- 6/10 MO (70 entries)
Heart of America
(Miki Sparzak)

August

- 8/12 LA (10 entries)
Gulf South Bird Club
(Dr. Al Decoteau)
- 8/19 FL (156 entries)
Aviary & Cage Bird
Soc. of S. Florida
(Steve Hoppin)
- 8/26 MI (125 entries)
Mid-Michigan Bird
Club

September

- (Patrick Vance)
- 9/02 AL (32 entries)
Central Alabama Avic.
Soc.
(Dr. Al Decoteau)
- 9/02 TX (54 entries)
Bay Area Cage Bird
Club - Day 1

- (Ray Johnson)
- 9/03 TX (51 entries)
Bay Area Cage Bird
Club - Day 2
(Ray Johnson)
- 9/09 NH (35 entries)
Birds of a Feather
Avicultural Society
(Miki Sparzak)
- PA (43 entries)
Chester County Bird
Breeders
(Martha Wigmore)
- 9/16 CN (77 entries)
Canadian National
Show
Budgerigar & Foreign
Bird Soc. of Ontario
(Non-panel judge)
- FL (89 entries)
Greater Brandon
Avian Society
(Tom Road)
- MI (93 entries)
Region #3 Show
Mid-West Cage-Bird
Club, Inc.
(Charles Anchor)
- 9/23 CN (163 entries)
Durham Avic. Society
of Ontario
(Tom Road)
- OH (77 entries)
Toledo Bird Assn.
(Paul Williams)
- SC (16 entries)
Palmetto Cage Bird
Club (Carolina Classic
- Day 1)
(Ray Johnson)
- 9/24 SC (28 entries)
Palmetto Cage Bird
Club (Carolina Classic
- Day 2)
(Conrad Meinert)
- 9/30 MI (73 entries)
Society of Canary &
Finch Breeders
(Conrad Meinert)

- NM (27 entries)
New Mexico Bird
Club, Inc.
(Harold Bowles)
- OK (82 entries)
Bird Fanciers of
Oklahoma
(Laura Bewley)

October

- 10/07 CA (109 entries)
Great American Bird
Show
Golden Gate Avian
Society
(Miki Sparzak)
- CO (60 entries)
Region #5 Show
Rocky Mtn. Society
of Aviculture
(Ray Johnson)
- FL (67 entries)
Sunshine State Cage
Bird Society
(Martha Wigmore)
- IA (38 entries)
Mid-America Cage
Bird Society
(Patrick Vance)
- OH (20 entries)
Ft. Defiance Bird Club
(Conrad Meinert)
- TN (77 entries)
Middle Tennessee
Cage Bird Club
(Bill Parlee)
- TX (109 entries)
Fort Worth Bird Club
(Tom Road)
- 10/14 CN (103 entries)
Essex-Kent Cage Bird
Society
(Charles Anchor)
- FL (47 entries)
Sun Coast Avian
Society
(Clarence Cuiwell)
- IN (65 entries)
Indiana Bird Fanciers
(Patrick Vance)
- KS (20 entries)
Kansas Avicultural
Society
(Tom Road)
- NH (41 entries)
New Hampshire Avi-
cultural Society
(Daren Decoteau)
- NY (174 entries)

- NY Finch & Type Canary Club
(*Joe Krader*)
- 10/21 CA (140 entries)
Capital City Bird Society
(*Tom Rood*)
- MD (53 entries)
Baltimore Bird Fanciers
(*Miki Spazak*)
- MA (30 entries)
Mass. Cage Bird Association
(*Harold Bowles*)
- MI (29 entries)
Great Lakes Avic. Society
(*Conrad Meinert*)
- MO (44 entries)
Region #4 Show
Greater Kansas City Avic. Society
(*Martha Wigmore*)
- 10/22 MO (46 entries)
Heart of America Hookbill & Finch Soc.
(*Ray Johnson*)
- 10/28 CA (85 entries)
Fresno Canary & Finch Society
(*Marty Von Raesfeld*)
- CT (50 entries)
Connecticut Assoc. for Aviculture
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- KY (18 entries)
Central Kentucky Cage Bird Society
(*Patrick Vance*)
- MI (?? entries)
Motor City Bird Breeders
- 10/28 NC (?? entries)
Smokey Mtn. Cage Bird Society
(*Ray Johnson*)
- OK (24 entries)
Oklahoma Cage Bird Society
(*Steve Hoppin*)
- TX (85 entries)
Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Assn.
(*Joseph Krader*)
- WI (29 entries)
Badger Canary Fanciers
(*Martha Wigmore*)

- 10/29 FL (?? entries)
Florida West Coast Avian Society

November

- (*Bill Parlee*)
- 11/04 CA (48 entries)
Central Calif. Cage Bird Club
(*Joe Krader*)
- CN (104 entries)
Cage Bird Society of Hamilton
(*Steve Hoppin*)
- FL (70 entries)
Region #2 Show
Exotic Bird Club of Florida
(*Tom Rood*)
- GA (15 entries)
Georgia Cage Bird Society
(*Clarence Culwell*)
- IL (?? entries)
Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club
(*Laura Bewley*)
- MO (91 entries)
Missouri Cage Bird Association
(*Brenda Geesey*)
- OR (45 entries)
Rose City Exotic Bird Club
(*Dr. Al Decoteau*)
- PA (64 entries)
Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society
(*Miki Spazak*)
- TX (65 entries)
Texas Canary Club
(*Hal Koontzi*)
- 11/11 CA (105 entries)
Region #6 Show
Golden Gate Avian Society
(*Marty Von Raesfeld*)
- LA
Capital Area Avicultural Society
(*Miki Spazak*)
- PA (62 entries)
Delaware Valley Bird Club
(*Clarence Culwell*)
- 11/17 LA (205 entries)
National Cage Bird Show

- Gulf South Bird Club
(*Roddy Gabel*)
- 11/25 CA (51 entries)
Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club
(*Clayton Jones*)
- CT
Region #1 Show
New England Finch Fanciers
(*Laura Bewley*)
- IL (40 entries)
National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries

December

- (*Conrad Meinert*)
- 12/02 CA
Aviary Assn. of Kern County
(*Hal Koontz*)
- FL
Colorbred Canary Club of Miami
(*Non-panel judge*)
- PR
Region #7 Show
4th Puerto Rican National Show
Organización Puertorriqueña de Aves Exóticas, Inc.
(*Miki Spazak*)

1996

- 2/17 FL
Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show - Day 1
(*Daren Decoteau*)
- 2/18 FL
Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show - Day 2
(*Harold Bowles*)
- 10/5 FL
Geat American Bird Show
Golden Gate Avian Society
(*Stephen Hoppin*)
- 10/12 FL
Sunshine State Cage Bird Society
(*Clarence Culwell*)

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(Listing as of December 1, 1995)

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Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau
February 18, 1996 *Sunday*
Panel Judge: Harold Bowles
Tampa, FL

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Show November 4, 1995

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Panel Judge: Steve Hoppin

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Región #7 Show

Show December 2, 1995
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Panel Judge: Miki Sparzak

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Strawberry Finch

size "B"

Black-checked Waxbill
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size "C"

Black and White Mannikin
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size "D"

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most other Parrot finches
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Zebra Finch

more size "D"

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most Twinspots

size "E"

Black-crested Finch
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Siskins
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size "G"

European Goldfinch
Magpie Mannikin
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small Tanagers

size "J"

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size "K"

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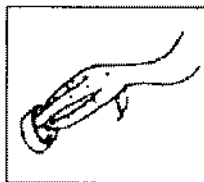
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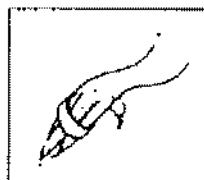
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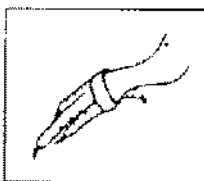
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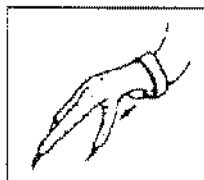
The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come together) and the size of the band.



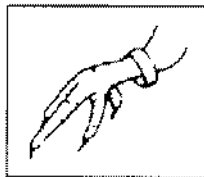
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



The band is generally placed on the bird's right leg. Banding just before the parents go to roost in the evening will prevent them from picking at the band. By the next morning they will have forgotten about it.



Hold the chick firmly but in such a way as to not cut off its breathing and so that you don't harm it. Remember, their bodies cannot tolerate compression. Put a little bit of lubricant on the chick's foot and slide the band over the three front toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be gently pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The band now should be in the proper location between the ankle and the elbow joints.



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