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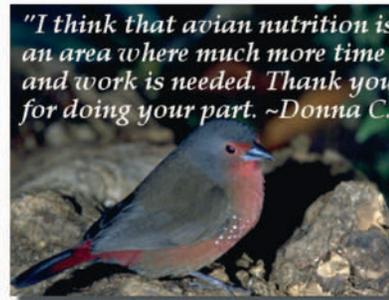


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President's Message



Presidents Message Jan/Feb 2012

First, what's happening with the NFSS. We're making progress toward getting the Journal publication caught up. The BOD has accepted our second VP Tom Keegan's resignation and appointed Barbara Jaquez our Web Master as Pro Tempore Second Vice President. Per our bi-laws we will hold a special election for 2nd VP within 180 days. Barbara is a well qualified candidate but the election is open to others interested in competing for the position. Those interested should contact me directly and I'll pass the information to the presently unformed election committee. As it stands now I'm serving as Editor with assistance from Barbara Jaquez and Michelle McKenzie who has expressed interest in editing the Journal and is presently learning the ropes with Barbara and myself. The Editor position is still open and interested candidates should contact me directly. If you have an interest in working on the Journal in a supporting role or by submitting an article we would like very much to hear from you.

The Board has not taken action to reprise our 2011 Save The Gouldian Fund \$10 matching donation program. I believe the NFSS financial support of the STGF is a very worthy cause and encourage those with opinions for or against renewing the fundraiser to contact their Regional Representatives or any other elected members of the board to have their opinions heard. It was understood when we moved forward on this last year that the use of NFSS funds in the support of the STGF should only continue if it clearly reflects the desire of our members. Your opinions count here only if you speak up.

This issue of the Journal includes the hard copy of the Finch/Softbill Save Census for those not reporting on line as well as reprints of two articles from the Exotic Bird Report published by the Avian Sciences group at the University of California at Davis about twenty years ago. It's my perspective that even after twenty or more years the science has relevance to the breeding community. The article on disinfectants might benefit from some discussion about changes in product availability and advances in application methods, a worthy use of the Finch/Softbill Forum. The second article Environment Affects Cockatiel reproduction can serve as potentially validating the use of an austerity period prior to the breeding season as Mike Fidler and others

have advocated in the last few years. This is another topic that would benefit from discussion on the Forum. If you are not subscribed to the NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum you can sign up at NFSS-subscribe@yahoo.com

Lest you forget I hope many of you are making plans to attend the NCBS. The 2012 National Cage Bird Show this year is in St Louis, Missouri, Thursday November 15 thru Saturday November 17, 2012 at the Millennium Hotel in St Louis. I hope to see you there.

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ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS COCKATIEL REPRODUCTION

by *J. R. Millan, T. E. Roudybush and C. R. Grau*

Reproduction in hole-nesting birds, such as cockatiels, is often limited by the availability of nest-sites. This may account for the success cockatiel breeders have in controlling reproductive activity by presenting or withdrawing nest-boxes. For the majority of breeding pairs, a nest-box is essential for egg production, but there are many questions regarding the exact role that the nest-box plays and little is known of how other features of the environment might affect cockatiel reproduction.

Some potential environmental factors that are known to influence the tendency to reproduce in other species include the duration of the light during the day (photoperiod), light intensity, temperature, humidity and plane of nutrition.

Photoperiod and light intensity exert profound effects on the reproductive activity of many species that breed in temperate regions such as California. In fact, the light requirement necessary for stimulating reproduction in several species is quite well defined, both in terms of minimum light intensity as well as the minimum number of hours of light per day. In some desert-dwelling species, like the zebra finch, an increase in humidity stimulates reproduction. Environmental factors can also augment one another in stimulating reproduction. For example, in turkeys and Japanese quail photostimulated gonadal development (e.g. exposure to a "stimulatory" photoschedule of 14 hr light:10 hr dark [14L:10D]) is augmented if

the ambient temperature is increased from 10C to 25C. As a rule plane of nutrition enhances reproductive performance, but in some species plane of nutrition is the primary initiating stimulus for reproduction. In the cross-bill reproduction is stimulated by the availability of particular foodstuffs.

In 1983 we began to investigate whether environmental cues might enhance the reproductive performance of cockatiels. Lacking clues as to which factors might influence cockatiel reproduction we adopted a "shotgun" approach wherein environmental factors were changed simultaneously.

Thirty-six pairs of cockatiels were housed in wire cages (one pair per cage) in a room with controlled lighting. Temperature was controlled by means of a radiator and an evaporative cooler. Humidity was controlled with the addition of misters.

The birds were first subjected to a 2-3 month period of "winter"-like conditions. Light intensity, photoperiod and ambient temperature were reduced. Misters were turned off and birds were fed a diet of millet. Then, over a period of about two weeks, the winter condition was gradually changed a "spring"-like condition. Light intensity, photoperiod and ambient temperature were increased, a nutritionally complete diet was offered, misters were turned on for several days and then nest-boxes were presented.

Measure of performance	Trials		% Change
	1982/83	1984	
Percent of pairs producing	31	93	+200
Number of eggs in 21 days	32	152	+365
Number of eggs in first clutch	3.4	12	+250
Elapsed days to first egg	14.6	12.5	- 20

The effect on reproductive performance was dramatic. Two trials in which the environmental factors were programmatically changed can be compared to three trials conducted in 1982 and 83 in which birds were housed in the same room and fed the same diet but were not exposed to the environmental program described above. Reproductive performance was characterized in four ways: a) percent of all pairs producing eggs within 21 days of nest-box presentation, b) Number of eggs produced within 21 days of nest-box presentation, c) Number of eggs laid in succession without a pause of 4 or more days and, d) Number of elapsed days from nest-box presentation to first egg. The results are summarized below.

We observed highly significant increases in percent of pairs producing eggs, number of eggs produced and number of eggs in first clutch (in all trials eggs were collected for artificial incubation the same day they were laid). Elapsed time to first egg was only slightly decreased. These results demonstrate that environmental cues strongly influence reproductive performance in cockatiels.

We are now conducting trials in which each environmental factor is being tested separately in order to determine the exact environmental condition that is sufficient to maximize the reproductive response. It is clear that the nest-box is necessary for permitting breeding in many pairs. But it is now also

apparent that the intensity of the resulting reproductive effort is related to the environmental context into which the nest-box is presented. Nonetheless, we are also studying nest-box design to determine which design factors of the box are most effective in providing cues that promote reproductive activity.



BREEDING HILL MYNAHS

by

Now that spring is nearly upon us, it's time to get ready for the breeding season. Here in So. CA our mynahs will start nest building in late February or early March. Since there is a large amount of interest lately in Hill Mynahs both as pets as well as for breeding, I thought I would give an overview of our set up here.

We breed both the Java Hill (*Gracula religiosa religiosa*) as well as the Greater Indian Hill Mynahs (*G. r. intermedia*). They have the same requirements, so what is said about one will hold for the other as well. Here in relatively warm San Diego County, our birds are housed outside all year long with no special precautions taken in winter. Nest boxes are left up all year as well since most birds will sleep in a box at night, giving them further protection in cold or rainy weather.

Most of our cages are small, walk-in aviaries, measuring for the most part 4' x 4' x 6'. They are constructed of either 1/2" x 1" or 1/2" x 3" wire. Some portion of the wire top is exposed to the elements while about half of the area is covered by fiberglass or sheet metal, particularly the area over the feed station and the nest box. In some cases the boxes are hung on the outside; in others we must enter, or partially enter the flight to check the nest. We do this as little as possible as one of the difficulties in breeding mynahs is their propensity to throw out eggs or newly hatched chicks when disturbed. Perches are natural branches, mostly acacia and are in the shelter as well as the open areas.

Many of the birds will become soaked in the rain, but most prefer to bathe in the large shallow bowls provided. We have bred them in much larger flights, up to 16' long, as well as in suspended cages, set up like our lorries.

In most instances our cages are side by side with no visual barriers between the pairs. Most share a common wall. If we do happen to see aggression between neighboring birds, we simply relocate one of the pairs and the problem goes away. There have been a couple of rare occasions where the male has injured the hen in his attempt to force her to nest. In one case the hen was killed. I have seen this more often with the Javas than with the Greaters.

Nest boxes are cleaned out as necessary, even out of breeding season, as often the birds will perch in the opening and foul the inside of the box. Many of the pairs are under trees, either acacia or eucalyptus, and they collect the fallen leaves themselves for nest construction. We also provide them with strips of palm frond, as these are very pliable when green and they help add humidity to the nest. The nest boxes themselves vary a little bit, usually whatever was available when setting up the cages. Most are about 12" square and 18"-20" deep. We have also used boot boxes with success. The inspection door should be far enough above the floor of the box to allow for the 4-6 inches of leaves and feathers that make up the nest. Otherwise the nest will cover the inspection hole and you will have to disturb the nest to check on eggs or chicks.

Our diet consists of a variety of diced fruit, although mynahs are quite capable of tearing apart papayas or pears on their own. We are preparing the same diet for other species that need the food chopped, such as turacos, so it's just as easy to dice all of it. We use mainly papaya and to it we add diced apple, melon, grapes, frozen mixed vegetables, as well as other fruits in season. Also in this mix is about 30% Kaytee Exact Softbill pellets that have been soaked in hot water to soften them. The birds will eat these dry as well, but I feel that when they are feeding chicks they should have soft food and not try and force a dry pellet into a small baby. Keeping in mind the mynahs' tendency toward iron storage disease, we are careful to keep the diet as free from iron as possible. We provide mealworms daily, many more when there are chicks in the nest. Some individual birds also like crickets, which we feed frozen/thawed, but only to those pairs that will eat them, otherwise we will have ants to deal with. We feed just once a day, but return in the afternoon to make certain that live food is always available when chicks are present as many birds seem to feed only live food, especially the first week or so. The mealworms are kept in chicken mash and are dusted before feeding with Vita Life vitamins. These vitamins are sprinkled on the fruit mix most days as well.

When all goes well, 3, sometimes 4 blue eggs will be laid and the hen will be in the box most of the day. We have some pairs that are off the nest in an instant, so quickly that you are lucky to catch them sitting. Often you don't know that you have eggs for a few days. Other pairs will sit regardless of what is going on, or peer out of the box at feeding time, but not completely

exit the nest. Once we know we have eggs, we note the date and expect to find a discarded shell on the floor in 14 days. They usually remove the shells to a site as far from the nest as possible. It is easy to tell if the shell is from a hatched chick, as it will be in a neat half. On the other hand, an egg that has been tossed by the parents will usually be mostly intact, but have a large hole punched in it where they made a "handle" to remove it from the nest. If more than 3 chicks hatch it is important to monitor the nest frequently, as sometimes the smaller one will fall far behind its' siblings and become part of the food chain itself. If this looks to be happening we of course pull the baby for hand rearing, whatever the age.

We leave the chicks with the parents for 10 days to 2 weeks. They are easier to hand feed if taken before their eyes open, as they are not afraid of you at that stage. If you wait too long it will be necessary to force the beak open the first few feedings, but they will come around and gape when hungry. We use Kaytee Exact Baby Bird mixed with a little pureed papaya, and fed with a 10cc syringe. Unlike a parrot, a mynah has no crop, so it requires frequent feedings of small amounts. We feed every hour or so at first, stretching it to 2 hours by 3 weeks of age. By the time the chicks are 2-3 weeks old we no longer use the hand feeding formula, but switch to the diced fruit and soaked pellets that the parents receive. We do not offer mealworms when hand feeding as it isn't necessary. Many of our adults will not eat the worms except while breeding and feeding young.

For a few of the pairs breeding season will extend into September, but most have called it quits in early August. We

find our pairs to be inconsistent, as the most productive pair one year may destroy all of their eggs the next, and a pair that laid but a single egg last year will suddenly be the "best" pair this year. I guess that is just another of the things that makes breeding mynahs a challenge. If you need to justify your bird keeping by bringing in a little income, then take a good look at the Hill Mynahs, as the waiting lists are growing right along with their prices with all of us who breed them.

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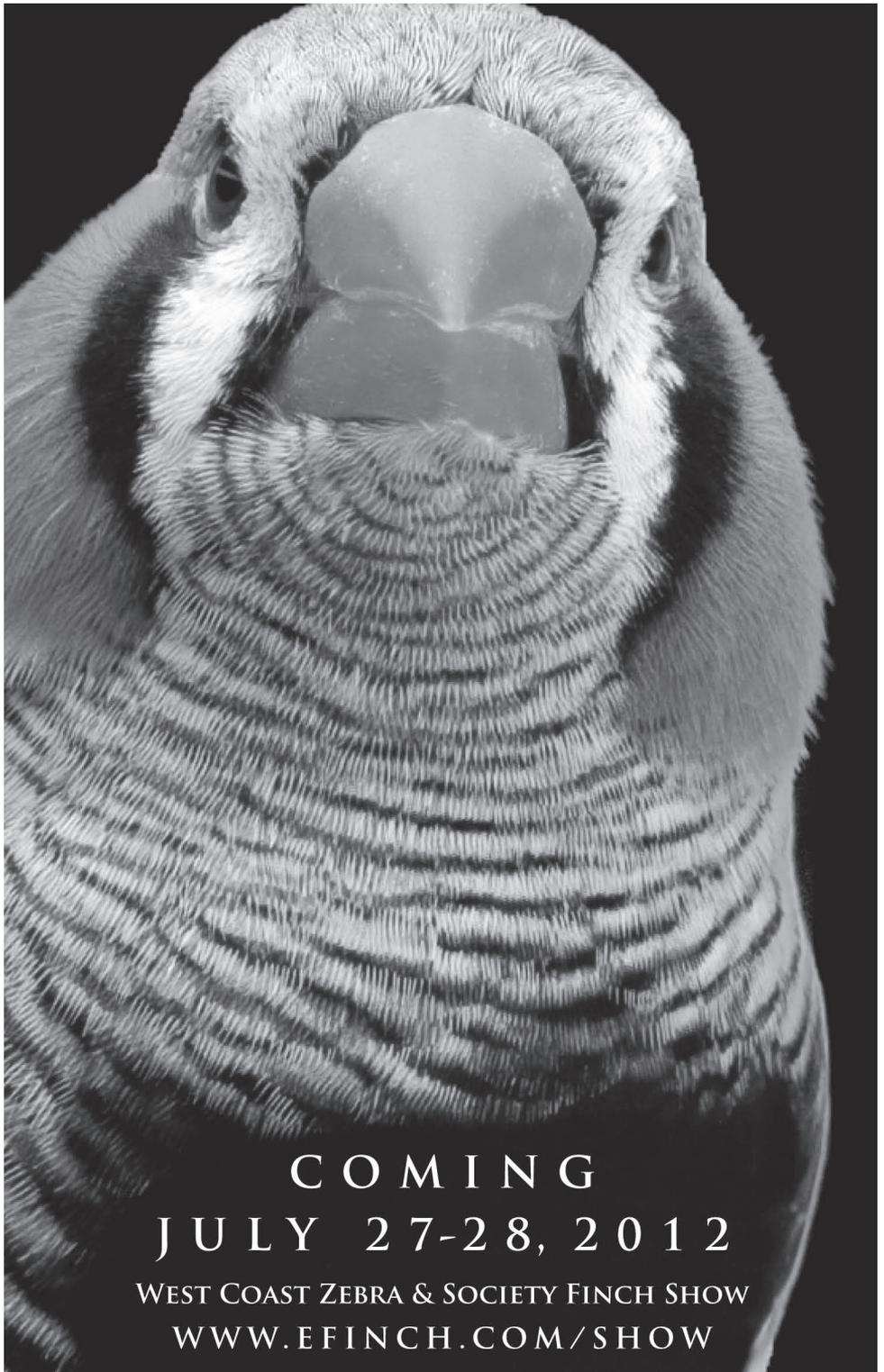
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The NARA is a multi-level award program with minimum requirements as follow:

Level B (First Step)

1. The aviculturist must be a member of FSS for 2 years.
2. Detailed genealogical records must be kept.
3. Four generations of birds must be closed –banded and/or documentation must be provided in the form of a pedigree. (This requirement may be eased for long-lived softbill species at the discretion of the NARA Committee).
4. References are preferred but not required.

Level A (Full NARA Award)

1. The aviculturist must have already earned the Level A NARA Award in a previous year.
2. A written protocol on how the success was accomplished with enough detail that another aviculturist could follow the same protocol and replicate it with success must be submitted to the NARA Committee before NARA voting.
3. An article for publication in the NFSS Journal must be submitted to the Committee describing the breeding program protocol submitted above as well as the information garnered about this species.
4. Written references from at least three NFSS members who have seen the nominee's setup and birds must be provided. Ideally, such references should describe the candidate's qualifications, community involvement, and accomplishments. Much weight will be placed on the quality of these references and the information they provide.

Additional Criteria

The requirements listed above are the minimum breeding experience and documentation required to be eligible for the award, but they are not the deciding

factor for receiving the award. The NARA is designed to be a very prestigious award that is difficult to achieve. We are seeking candidates who have done exceptional things in the field of aviculture and who have shared that experience with the community to better aviculture. They may do that in many different ways. They may show their birds and share them with the community, teaching others about them. They may judge bird shows and share their knowledge with exhibitors of all experience levels. They may write for publications. They may speak at events such as expos, conventions, shows, and bird clubs. They may organize bird groups, volunteer for bird organizations, or assist with organized conservation efforts. The possibilities are infinite.

In short, candidates should be individuals who (1) have experience and have demonstrated success working with their birds, (2) contribute to aviculture in a relevant way by working with species that are rare or difficult, and (3) share their knowledge with the avicultural community in a way that helps the community to grow and thrive.

How to Nominate a Candidate

1. Any NFSS member may nominate a candidate for the NARA.
2. Verify the candidate's eligibility to ensure they meet the minimum requirements for the award.
3. Explain how the candidate meets the additional criteria described above in a letter or e-mail with the submission.
4. Submit the required documents and references to the Finch and Softbill Save Director before the NFSS Board of Directors 3rd quarter board meeting (candidates for the Full NARA Award need not resubmit Level A documentation).
5. Nominations with incomplete documentation at the time of the 3rd Quarter BOD Meeting will not be considered for the award that year.

Selection Process

1. Candidates will be presented to the Board of Directors at the 3rd Quarter BOD Meeting, along with all the paperwork submitted on their behalf.
2. The Board of Directors will discuss the candidates.
3. The Board of Directors will select 0-3 candidates to receive the Level A award.
6. The Board of Directors will select 1 candidate to receive the Level B Full NARA if there is an outstanding and worthy candidate who is ready for the award.
7. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Member Meeting.

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The 2011 show season brought 36 shows judged by NFSS Panel Judges. The largest show was held in Caguas, Puerto, Rico with 284 birds shown by 23 exhibitors. Zebra finches won Best in Show 11 times and Gouldian finches were next to place 1st at 7 shows. Society finches had a hard year only placing Best in Show twice. Six softbills placed Best in show. Exhibitors in Port Charlotte, Florida brought on average more birds to be shown per exhibitor than any other show. Three shows need your support next year. The members are working hard at hosting a show and need the exhibitor support. The Northeast Bird Group in Fall River, MA, Birds of a Feather Annual Show in Manchester, NH, and Canary and Finch Club of Minnesota in Prescott, WI. The 2011 National Cage Bird Show held 27 exhibitors. Start planning today and get out to the 2012 shows.

Treasure coast Exotic Bird Club | Stuart, Florida | March 20, 2011

Judge: Jerri Wiesenfeld | Entries: 39 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal Java		Kathy Dwyer	
2 nd	Black-cheek Zebra Hen		Ron Castaner	3
3 rd	Orange-cheek Waxbill		Ron Castaner	2
4 th	White Java		Ron Castaner	1
5 th	OH Gouldian		Ron Castaner	
6 th	Pair Aurora Crimson winged Pytilla		Alfred Vivar	
7 th	Gold-breasted Waxbill		Alfred Vivar	
8 th	White Zebra		Felipe Bonilla Jr.	
9 th	Yellow-winged Pytilla Pair		Alfred Vivar	
10 th	Fawn Self Society		Alfred Vivar	
UNF	None			
NOV	Normal Java		Kathy Dwyer	

Judge's Special: Black Cheek Zebra Hen by Ron Castaner

Judge's Observations: Nice group of finches. The Javas present were good examples of the NFSS Standard. We had a nice section of Zebra Finches also. All exhibitors should be proud of the top ten winners.

RAZ| Charles, IL |April 16, 2011

Judge: Bob Peers | Entries: 41 |Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Choc. Euro Society	SCFB 10-386	Jim Heffernan	5
2 nd	Yellow Wing Pytilia		Rebecca Mikel	4
3 rd	Zebra CFW Cock	2059	Joaquin Tones	
4 th	Normal Shafittail		Fran Andersen	
5 th	Cherry Finch		Jim Heffernan	1
6 th	Zebra CFW Hen		Joaquin Tones	
7 th	Cuban Melodious		Sergio Marelo	
8 th	Red Legged Honeycreeper		Rebecca Mikel	
9 th	Cuban Melodious Pair		Sergio Marelo	
10 th	Chestnut Breasted Manikin		Jim Heffernan	
UNF	Zebra CFW Hen		Joaquin Tones	
NOV	None			
JUN	None			

Judge's Special: Cuban Melodious Pair by Sergio Marelo

Judge's Observations: Nice birds, condition was a little rough but understandable for the time of year. Zebras and Societies had nice confirmation.

RAZ (2nd Show) | St. Charles, IL | April 16, 2011

Judge: Annette Howard | Entries: 41 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Zebra CFW cock		Joaquin Tones	
2 nd	Choc. Euro Society		Jim Heffernan	4
3 rd	Cherry Finch		Jim Heffernan	3
4 th	Red Legged Honeycreeper		Rebecca Mikel	2
5 th	Yellow Wing Pytilia		Rebecca Mikel	1
6 th	Chestnut Breasted Manikin		Jim Heffernan	
7 th	Zebra CFW Hen		Joaquin Tones	
8 th	Zebra AOV		Jim Heffernan	
9 th	Pearl Society		Jim Heffernan	
10 th	Masked Grassfinch		Jim Heffernan	
UNF	Zebra CFW Hen		Joaquin Torres	
NOV	None			
JUN	None			

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Beautiful, good conditioned finches. Many eye appealing species and great, graceful amusing little feathered friends. It was an honor to have another fellow judge judging along with me today. Many thanks to secretary Bob Peers and stewarts Joaquin Tones & Jim Heffernan.

Asoc. de Criadores de Finches | Caguas, P.R | June 3-5, 2011

Judge: Laura Tinker | Entries: 284 | Exhibitors: 23

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Zebra Normal Grey Cock	NFS 08-E-827	Ramon Colon	15
2 nd	Gouldian RH-PB-BB	NFS 08-D-3767	Pedro Flores	
3 rd	Zebra Cock Lightback	NFS 10-D-1094	Mayra Suarez	
4 th	Zebra Normal Grey Cock	ACF 11-D-261	Carlos H. Mendez	
5 th	Zebra Fawn Cock	ACF 11-D-1105	Ramon Colon	11
6 th	Society Chestnut Grey	ACF 11-C-117	Hiram Morales	10
7 th	Gouldian YH-PB-GB	ACF 11-D-687	Karla Torres	
8 th	Zebra Fawn Hen	ACF 11-D-457	German Alyandro	
9 th	Gouldian BH-PB-GB	ACF 10-D-637	Tomas Ruiz	
10 th	Gouldian BH-PB-BB		Pedro Flores	
UNF	Zebra Normal Grey cock	ACF 11-D-261	Carlos H. Mendez	
NOV			Jose Luis Maldonado	
JUN			Yalicy Guzman	

Judge's Observations: Top quality birds were exhibited at this show. Very nice type on the zebra finches. Condition was not ideal on most birds due to the weather and time of year many of the birds were a little loose feathered, but conformation was tops!

HOI | Peoria, IL | June 18, 2011

Judge: Annette Howard | Entries: 51 | Exhibitors: 8

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Euro Choc. Society		Jim Heffernan	6
2 nd	Silver Zebra		Jim Heffernan	5
3 rd	CBM Cock		Jim Heffernan	4
4 th	Euro Gray		Dennis Burhans	
5 th	Normal Gray Java		Darla Dandre	2
6 th	Cherry Finch		Jim Heffernan	1
7 th	Zebra Pair		Dennis Burhans	
8 th	Society Pair		Dennis Burhans	
9 th	Blue-Black Grassquit		Sergio Marrero	
10 th	Button Quail		Darla Dandre	
UNF	Euro Choc.		Jim Heffernan	
NOV	CBM Cock	CFS 10-D-140	Bryan Reeves	

Judge's Special: Star Finch by Kristen Reeves

Judge's Observations: Great group of finches. Strong Australian and Society Sections. Thank you to Illinois & to the exhibitors, secretary & stewards.

Heart of Illinois Bird Club | Peoria, IL | June 18, 2011

Judge: Bob Peers | Entries: 61 | Exhibitors: 10

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Cherry Finch		Jim Heffernan	7
2 nd	BH Normal		Kristen Reeves	6
3 rd	Euro Choc.		Jim Heffernan	5
4 th	CFW Cock		Joaquin Torres	
5 th	Parsons		Bryan Reeves	
6 th	Button Quail		Darla Dandre	2
7 th	Normal Grey Cock		Joaquin Torres	
8 th	Zebra Pair		Dennis Burhans	
9 th	Masked		Jim Heffernan	
10 th	Dilute		Bryan Reeves	
UNF	Masked		Jim Heffernan	
NOV	BH Normal		Kristen Reeves	
JUN	None			

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Great Australian section, very strong zebras.

Northeast Bird Group Show | Fall River, MA | June 26, 2011

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau | Entries: 7 | Exhibitors: 3

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Cordon Bleu	NFS 10-B-0635	Tom Keegan	
2 nd	Red-billed Fire Finch Pair	NFS 11-B-0405 NFS 11-B-0406	Tom Keegan	
3 rd	RH WB Normal Gouldian	NFS 06-C-9144	Diane Wowk	
4 th	BH Blue Gouldian		Jared Anselino	
5 th	RH Lilac Breast Gouldian		Jared Anselino	
6 th	Black Faced Fire Finch	NFS 10-C-1674	Tom Keegan	
7 th	RH WB Yellow Gouldian	NFS 05-C-11843	Diane Wowk	
8 th				
9 th				
10 th				
UNF				
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

Heart of Tennessee Avicultural Society | Murphysboro, TN | 2011

Judge: Cecil Gunby | Entries: 40 | Exhibitors: 5

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Green Singer		Lisa Murphy	5
2 nd	BH Normal Gouldian		Lisa Murphy	4
3 rd	BH Normal Gouldian		Lynda Jellison	
4 th	Ino Shafttail		Lisa Murphy	2
5 th	Normal Star		Lisa Murphy	1
6 th	Cuban Melodious		Wilma Crawford	
7 th	Green Singer		Wilma Crawford	
8 th	Yellow WB Gouldian		Lisa Murphy	
9 th	Normal Star		Lisa Murphy	
10 th	Blue Cap Waxbill		Melinda Lee	
UNF				
NOV	BH Normal Gouldian		Lynda Jellison	
JUN	Blue Cap Waxbill		Melinda Lee	

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

Bluegrass Bird Breeders | Peoria, IL | September 10, 2011

Judge: Conrad Meinert | Entries: 50 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Cherry		Jim Heffernan	6
2 nd	Chestnut Breasted		Jim Heffernan	5
3 rd	Zebra		Jim Heffernan	4
4 th	Isobel Zebra		Jim Heffernan	3
5 th	BH LC Gouldian		Susan Stieve	2
6 th	Yellow Gouldian		Jim Heffernan	1
7 th	Shafttail		Jim Heffernan	
8 th	Normal Zebra		Jim Heffernan	
9 th	Yellow Gouldian		Kristen Reeves	
10 th	Crested Society		Kristen Reeves	
UNF	Isabel Zebra		Jim Heffernan	
NOV	BHLC Gouldian		Susan Stieve	
JUN				

Judge's Special:

Judge's Observations: Was a pretty good show for their 1st time. I would have liked to see a few more birds but not a bad show overall.

Mountain States Avian Society | Brighton, CO | September 17, 2011
 Judge: Clarence Culwell | Entries: 27 | Exhibitors: 3

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Senegal Fire Finch		Anna Sinclair	
2 nd	Dyboski Twinspot		Gary Morgan & Denise	
3 rd	Lavender		Gary Morgan & Denise	
4 th	Fife Canary		Gary Morgan & Denise	
5 th	Grey Zebra Cock		Anna Sinclair	
6 th	Blue Bill Mannikin		Gary Morgan & Denise	
7 th	RH Gouldian		Dave Seabury	
8 th	Red Brown Isabel Canary		Anna Sinclair	
9 th	Blue Bill Mannikin		Gary Morgan & Denise	
10 th	Normal Shafttail		Gary Morgan & Denise	
UNF				
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

Essey-Kent Cage Bird Society | Windsor, Ontario, Canada | Sept 24, 2011
 Judge: Bob Peers | Entries: 69 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Shafttail Grassfinch		Giuseppe Oliverio	
2 nd	Tanager		Mike Manley	6
3 rd	Blue Face Parrot Finch		Mike Manley	5
4 th	Owl Finch		Mike Manley	4
5 th	White Eye		Mike Manley	3
6 th	Mynah		Mike Manley	2
7 th	Java Rice Finch		Dave Sylvester	
8 th	Normal RH Gouldian		Pete Van Erp	
9 th	Zebra Fawn Lightback		Jake Hoekstra	
10 th	Cuban Melodious		Mike Manley	
UNF	Normal RH Gouldian		Pete Van Erp	
2 nd	Zebra Fawn Lightback		Jake Hoekstra	
UNF				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Beautiful softbills, very gracious host club, knowledgeable exhibitors.

San Antonio Show | San Antonio, TX | September 24, 2011

Judge: Clarence Culwell | Entries: 77 | Exhibitors: 8

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Blue Gouldian	NFS 07-d-5785	Tim Walsleben	7
2 nd	Normal Gray Zebra Cock	NFS 10-K-374	Tim	6
3 rd	Euro Choc. Society	NFS 07-E-987	Cheryl & Leland Burns	5
4 th	Saffron Finch		Cheryl & Leland Burns	4
5 th	RH-PB-NB Gouldian Cock		Carole Merz	
6 th	Choc Society	NFS 09-D-6275	Cheryl & Leland Burns	2
7 th	LB Zebra Cock		Tim Walsleben	1
8 th	Silver Diamond Dove Hen		Kenny Stephens	
9 th	BH WB YB Gouldian		Carol Merz	
10 th	Choc. Society	NFS 11-D-1540	Cheryl & Leland Burns	
UNF	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1540	Cheryl & Leland Burns	
NOV	RH PB NB Gouldian Cock		Carole Merz	
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

NYFTCC | Brooklyn, NY | September 24, 2011

Judge: Laura Tinker | Entries: 63 | Exhibitors: 11

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal RH Gouldian	11	Hiram Rampersand	7
2 nd	CFW Black Cheek	11	Hiram Rampersand	6
3 rd	Orange Head Gouldian	09	Vish Mohan	
4 th	Shafttail	11-1181	Jose Urrutia	
5 th	Star Finch	11-1187	Jose Urrutia	
6 th	RH Parrot Finch		Hiram Rampersand	2
7 th	Gold Breasted		Hiram Rampersand	1
8 th	RH Finch	NFS 11-E-2214	Orland Remorca	
9 th	Zebra	11-1115	Jose Urrutia	
10 th	Mutation Diamond Sparrow	11-589	Jose Urrutia	
UNF	Normal RH Gouldian	11	Hiram Rampersand	
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Congratulations to the exhibitors on a well turned out show! Birds were lacking a bit in condition this week but should improve later in the season.

Colorbred Canary Club | Brooklyn, NY | October 1, 2011

Judge: Nizam Ali | Entries: 76 | Exhibitors: 12

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Silver Zebra		Abe Ogir	
2 nd	Red Head Finch		Hiram Rampersand	6
3 rd	Cuban Melodious		Fazil Ali	
4 th	Shafttail		Jose Varution	
5 th	RH (AF)		Oryen Remokia	
6 th	Red Brown Society		Hiram Rampersand	2
7 th	Euro Grass Finch		Bob Mileno	
8 th	Society		V. Garcia	
9 th	SA Siskin		Fazil Ali	
10 th	SA Siskin		Bob Mileno	
UNF				
NOV	Euro Gold Finch		N. Paul	
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

Fort Worth Bird Club | Springtown, TX | October 1, 2011

Judge: Annette Howard | Entries: 71 | Exhibitors: 5

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	White Zebra	NFS 08-D-1012	Stephani Spruill	7
2 nd	Fawn Society	NFS 10-D-4625	Leland & Cheryl Burns	6
3 rd	Saffron Finch		Cheryl & Leland Burns	5
4 th	Chestnut Society	NFS 11-D-1546	Cheryl & Leland Burns	4
5 th	Choc. Society	NFS 11-D-1539	Cheryl & Leland Burns	3
6 th	BC Zebra Cock	NFS 10-K-373	Gary Spruill	2
7 th	NG Zebra cock	NFS 09-D-1705	Stephani Spruill	1
8 th	Choc. Society	NFS 07-E-987	Cheryl & Leland Burns	
9 th	NG Zebra Hen	RR 657	Stephani Spruill	
10 th	Society Pair		Clarence Culwell	
UNF	Chestnut Society	NFS 11-D-1546	Cheryl & Leland Burns	
NOV	White Zebra	NFS 08-D-1012	Stephani Spruill	
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Great, outstanding top society & zebra finches. Wish we could have a zebra/society specialty show with these entries. Thank you Fort Worth Bird Club for having me. Many thanks!

Canary & Finch | Houston, TX | October 8, 2011

Judge: Clarence Culwell | Entries: 75 | Exhibitors: 8

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	White Cock Zebra	NFS 08-D-1012	Stephani Spruill	7
2 nd	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1540	Cheryl Burns	6
3 rd	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1563	Cheryl Burns	5
4 th	Mutation Diamond Sparrow		Jan Door	4
5 th	Swee Waxbill		Jan Door	
6 th	CFW Hen		Gary Spruill	2
7 th	Chestnut Society	NFS 11-D-1546	Cheryl Burns	1
8 th	Normal Gray Zebra Hen	RR 657	Stephani Spruill	
9 th	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1541	Cheryl Burns	
10 th	NG Zebra Cock	NFS 11-D-1462	Stephani Spruill	
UNF	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1540	Cheryl Burns	
NOV	White cock Zebra	NFS 08-D-1012	Stephani Spruill	
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: None

Baltimore Bird Fanciers | Baltimore, Maryland | October 15, 2011

Judge: Laura Bewley | Entries: 21 | Exhibitors: 4

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	BH PB Blue Gouldian	NFS 10-D-11537	Alvaio Lopez	3
2 nd	RH Gouldian		Lisa Ward	
3 rd	Cutthroat		Steven Funk	1
4 th	Silverbill		Steven Funk	
5 th	BH PB Gouldian		Tiffany Park	
6 th	Cutthroat		Steven Funk	
7 th	Choc White Society		Steven Funk	
8 th	BH WB NB Gouldian	NFS 11-D-1681	Steven Funk	
9 th	OH PB Dilute Gouldian	NFS 10-D-11527	Alvaio Lopez	
10 th	OH Male Gouldian		Lisa Ward	
UNF	BH WB NB Gouldian	NFS 11-D-1681	Steven Funk	
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Great birds, exhibitors ready to learn. Enjoyed the show. Thanks to my secretary! He was a wonderful helper.

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- ✓ Clicking
- ✓ Sneezing
- ✓ Coughing
- ✓ Nasal Discharge
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Mass. Cage Bird Assoc. | Lowell, MA | October 15, 2011

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau | Entries: 61 | Exhibitors: 9

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Purple Honeycreeper		Tom Keegan	7
2 nd	Diamond Sparrow		Jose Urratia	
3 rd	Normal Gray Zebra		Abraham Ogir	
4 th	Red-bellied Fire Finch		Tom Keegan	4
5 th	Blue Dacnis		Tom Keegan	3
6 th	Normal Gray Zebra		Jacinto Calisto	
7 th	Red Faced Parrot Finch		Christian Taylor	
8 th	Shafttail	10-2510	Jose Urrutia	
9 th	Fawn Zebra		Jacinto Calisto	
10 th	BH Normal Gouldian	11-400	Abraham Ogir	
UNF				
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Special: None

Judge's Observations: Amazing softbills!! Zebras were outstanding as were the Australian group. Goulds were not as strong.

Suncoast Canary & Finch Show | Port Charlotte, FL | October 15, 2011

Judge: Armando Lee | Entries: 202 | Exhibitors: 12

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Black Cheek Zebra		Raul Morales	13
2 nd	Black Head Gouldian		Osmani Rodriguez	12
3 rd	Bronze Wing Mannikin		Luis Garcia	
4 th	Yellow Head Gouldian		Raul Morales	10
5 th	Red Head Parrot Finch		Raul Morales	9
6 th	Fawn Owl		Raul Morales	8
7 th	Normal Shafttail		Alex Villarreal	7
8 th	Fawn Shafttail		Osmani Rodriguez	6
9 th	Green Singer		Tom Younker	
10 th	Chestnut Society		Alfred Vivar	4
UNF	Black Cheek Zebra		Raul Morales	
NOV	Black Cheek Zebra		Raul Morales	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: This is a new club and this was the club's 2nd show, with 202 entries. I believe this is the largest show in the US so far. They would have had more entries if they had more show cages. Zebra & Goulds had over 60 entries each. Very pleased with the number and quality of the entries. Fun to judge and a good time for all.

Cascade Canary Breeders Association | Monroe, WA | October 22, 2011

Judge: Armando Lee | Entries: 61 | Exhibitors: 10

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	White Eye Zosterops		KJ Brown	7
2 nd	Dilute Gouldian		Shirley Perkins	6
3 rd	Green Singer		KJ Brown	5
4 th	Penguin Zebra		KJ Brown	4
5 th	Pied Star		KJ Brown	3
6 th	Blue Gouldian		Shirley Perkins	2
7 th	Black Brown Society		Ivan Montes	1
8 th	Black Headed Siskin		Paula Hansen	
9 th	Gold Breasted Waxbill		KJ Brown	
10 th	CFW Zebra Cock		Dezirae Lord	
UNF	Penguin Zebra		KJ Brown	
NOV	Black Brown Society		Ivan Montes	
JUN	CFW Zebra Cock		Dezirae Lord	

Judge's Observations: Plenty of time to discuss the entries and the mechanics of the show. Enjoyed having NOV's and a JUN and of course the experienced exhibitors. Good quality birds, great hospitality, excellent company and good food. What more can you ask? We had a great time.

Society of Canary & Finch Breeders of MI | Livonia, Michigan | Oct. 22, 2011

Judge: Bob Peers | Entries: 94 | Exhibitors: 11

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	African Sliverbill	07-D-10215	Kristen & Bryan Reeves	8
2 nd	B/W Mannikin		Fumi Takeda	7
3 rd	Parson Finch		Rebecca Mikel	6
4 th	Euro Green Finch		Charlie Schembri	
5 th	Blue Gouldian	11537	Alvero Lopez	4
6 th	Fawn Zebra		Jim Heffernan	3
7 th	Green Singer		Robert Camelleri	
8 th	Euro Choc. Society		Jim Heffernan	1
9 th	Chestnut Breasted Mannikin		Jim Heffernan	
10 th	European Goldfinch		Joe Gaglio	
UNF	Cream Zebra		Jim Heffernan	
NOV	OH Normal Gouldian	Purple	Susan Stieve	
JUN				

Judge's Special: European Blackbird Mutation by Jim Heffernan

Judge's Observations: Excellent collection of birds in wonderful condition. Exceptional African section. Very attentive and friendly exhibitors. Great show to judge.

Budgerigar & Foreign Bird Society | Richmond Hill, Ontario | Oct. 22-23,
2011 Judge: Laura Tinker | Entries: 134 | Exhibitors: 15

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Blue Grey Tanager		Mike Monley	10
2 nd	Blue Necked Tanager		Mike Manley	9
3 rd	RH Gouldian	CFSS 10-88	Julie Lawson	8
4 th	Mutation Bull Finch		Camlo Serafa	
5 th	Blue Dacuis		Mike Manley	6
6 th	RH WB Gouldian	CFSS 04-32	Julie Lawson	5
7 th	Blue Faced Parrot		Mike Manley	4
8 th	Violet Eared Waxbill	CFSS 11-131	Vince & Kendra Moase	3
9 th	Lavender Waxbill		Robert White	2
10 th	RH Gouldian	CFSS 10-68	Julie Lawson	1
UNF	Violet Eared Waxbill	CFSS 11-131	Vince & Kendra Moase	
NOV	Blue WB Gouldian	AAC 11-1172	Jermy Davis	
JUN				

Judge's Special: Star Finch by Kristen Reeves

Judge's Observations: Great group of finches. Strong Australian and Society Sections. Thank you to Illinois & to the exhibitors, secretary & stewards.

Birds of a Feather Annual Show | Manchester, NH | October 22, 2011

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau | Entries: 15 | Exhibitors: 4

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Dacnis		Tom Keegan	
2 nd	Purple Grenadier	12011	Tom Keegan	
3 rd	YB PB Gouldian		Carmen Raxindale	
4 th	Lavender Finch		Tom Keegan	
5 th	OH WB Gouldian		Janice Inman	
6 th	Choc & White Society		Janice Inman	
7 th	Honeycreeper		Tom Keegan	
8 th	Cordon Bleu	B0412	Tom Keegan	
9 th	Gouldian Dilute		Janice Inman	
10 th	Normal Ringneck Dove		Norman Brandt	
UNF	Choc & White Society		Janice Inman	

Judge's Observations: Not many birds but quality was excellent.

Canary & Finch Club of Minnesota | Prescott, WI | October 29, 2011

Judge: Alfredo Bruguera | Entries: 19 | Exhibitors: 4

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	White Zebra Hen		Eunice Rdivandn	
2 nd	Normal Shafttail		Jerry Noble	
3 rd	Red Headed Normal Cock Gouldian		Marlies Beal	
4 th	Red Eared Waxbill		Mike Nichols	
5 th	Choc & White Society		Marlies Beal	

Judge's Observations: None

Chester County Bird Breeders | Exton, PA | October 29, 2011

Judge: Laura Tinker | Entries: 80 | Exhibitors: 11

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal Gouldian RH	FCC 11-O65	Hiram Rampersand	8
2 nd	Dominant Cream Zebra		Jim Heffernan	7
3 rd	Zebra Pair AOV		Jim Heffernan	6
4 th	Chestnut Breasted Mannikin		Jim Heffernan	5
5 th	Normal Zebra Hen		Jim Heffernan	4
6 th	Zebra AOV		Jim Heffernan	3
7 th	Normal Zebra Cock		Anton Chuz	
8 th	Self Choc. Society		Jim Heffernan	1
9 th	BH WB Gouldian	NFS 11-D-681	Steven Funk/Paige Kinslow	
10 th	OH Gouldian		Carol Aitken	
UNF	Normal Gouldian RH	FCC 11-065	Hiram Rampersand	
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Observations: This show was also a specialty show for Zebras, Societies and Goulds following the NFSS entries. Although there were Africans, Australians and other birds shown, the specialty numbers dominated the bench. Nice birds, condition was lacking a bit though.

Central California Cage Bird Club | Modesto, CA | October 29, 2011

Judge: Julie Duimstra | Entries: 56 | Exhibitors: 10

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Zebra CFW	NFS 11-E -94	Sally Huntington	6
2 nd	Creamino Society	NFS 11-C-84	Sally Huntington	5
3 rd	Fawn Cherry		Janet Edmonds	4
4 th	Cutthroat	NFS 10-D-11196	Laura Watkins	3
5 th	RH Gould	NFS 11-E-1554	Janet Edmonds	2
6 th	BH-WB Yellow Gouldian	NFS 09-D-1219	Laura Watkins	1
7 th	Pair Masked Grassfinches	NFS 11-C-100	Sally Huntington	
8 th	Pair YB WB RH Gouldians	NFS 11-C-96 NFS 09-E-12918 NFS 10-D-6492	Laura Watkins	
9 th	Tri Colored Nun		Roy Beckham	
10 th	Owl		Rich Pizzarro	
UNF	Zebra CFW	NFS 11-E-94	Sally Huntington	
NOV	RH Gouldian Male		Nate Stoller	
JUN				

Judge's Special: Penguin Zebra Pair by Roy Beckham

Judge's Observations: A nice variety of birds. The quality of the zebra finches at this show was superb. Two very interesting birds entered in the show were: Chestnut Munia, *Lonchura matucca* subsp - *ferruginosa* and a Gouldian with both male and female coloration/markings divided down the mid line.

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club | Joliet, IL | November 5, 2011

Judge: Vincent Moase | Entries: 60 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal Shafttail		Jim Heffernan	
2 nd	Silver Zebra Cock		Jim Heffernan	
3 rd	Euro Choc. Society		Dennis Burhans	
4 th	RH WB Gouldian		Joaquin Torres	
5 th	Silver Zebra Cock		Dennis Burhans	
6 th	Zebra Pair		Jim Heffernan	
7 th	OH Gouldian		Susan Stieve	1
8 th	Normal Java		Bob Peers	
9 th	Crimson Pileated		Bob Peers	
10 th	Yellow Hammer		Bob Peers	
UNF	Silver Zebra Cock		Jim Heffernan	
NOV	OH Gouldian		Susan Stieve	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: Nice selection of birds.

Astoria Bird Club | St. Jude School, Brooklyn, NY | November 5, 2011

Judge: Nizam Ali | Entries: 62 | Exhibitors: 10

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Lady Gouldian Normal	NYF 11-65	Hiram Rampersand	7
2 nd	Zebra Fawn		Abraham Org	
3 rd	Green Singer		Julio Lorenzo	
4 th	African Red Head	11-E-22214	Orlows Remarca	4
5 th	Red Head Parrot Finch		Chris Taylor	
6 th	Euro Goldfinch		Agie Ilo	
7 th	Safron		Joseph Gee	
8 th	Blue/White Lady Gouldian		Julio Lorenzo	
9 th	N/F Zebra		Hiram Rampersand	
10 th	Euro Society	11-E-0771	Arlows Remarca	
UNF				
NOV	Blue/White Gouldian		Julio Lorenzo	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: Club # 718-297-1497

Texas Bird Breeders & Fanciers Assoc. | Temple, TX | November 5, 2011
 Judge: Alfredo Brugueras | Entries: 112 | Exhibitors: 9

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal Zebra Cock	NFS 09-D-1705	Stephanie Spruill	9
2 nd	Normal Zebra Hen	RR 657	Stephanie Spruill	8
3 rd	Choc. Society	NFS 11-D-1563	Cheryl & Leland Burns	7
4 th	Saffron Finch		Cheryl & Leland Burns	6
5 th	Choc. Society	NFS 09-D-6275	Cheryl & Leland Burns	5
6 th	Red Ear		Jan Door	
7 th	RH PB BB Gouldian Cock		Laurie Erwin	
8 th	Pair Chestnut & White Society		Clarence Culwell	2
9 th	RH Normal Gould Cock		Carol Merz	
10 th	Fawn & White Society Pair		Clarence Culwell	
UNF	Choc Society	NFS 11-D-1563	Cheryl & Leland Burns	
NOV JUN	RH PB BB Gouldian Cock		Laurie Erwin	

Canadian Finch and Softbill Society | Brampton, Ontario | November 12, 2011
 Judge: Bob Peers | Entries: 92 | Exhibitors: 13

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	White Eye		Vince & Kendra Moase	8
2 nd	RH Male Gouldian	AAC 11-D-2198	Julie Lawson	7
3 rd	Zebra CFW Female		Pat Donnelly	
4 th	Red Legged Honeycreeper Male		Mike Manley	5
5 th	Normal Male Zebra		Robert White	
6 th	Green Singer Male		Nelson Converso	
7 th	BH Gouldian Male		Al Capone	
8 th	Superb Starling	AAC 11-J-1531	Vince & Kendra Moase	1
9 th	Cuban Melodious Male		Mike Manley	
10 th	Hecks Grassfinch		Antonio Cardoso	
UNF	RH Normal Gouldian Male	AAC 11-D-2198	Julie Lawson	
NOV JUN	Green Singer		Nelson Converso	

Judge's Observations: Probably the best Gouldians I saw all year. Spectacular softbills. Fun club and great group of exhibitors.

National Cage Bird Show 63rd Annual | Kansas City, MO | November 18, 2011
 Judge: Laura Tinker | Entries: 163 | Exhibitors: 27

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Silver Ear Mesia Male		Rebecca Mikel	12
2 nd	OH PB GB Gouldian		Susan Stieve	11
3 rd	Euro Blk Brown Society		Dennis Burhans	10
4 th	Pearl Head Amandine		Rebecca Mikel	9
5 th	Normal Zebra	AAC 11-2267	Richardo Gaskin	
6 th	Gray Zebra Hen		Dennis Burhans	7
7 th	Yellow Hammer		Bob Peers	6
8 th	Bearded Reedling Male		Rebecca Mikel	5
9 th	Blk Face Fire Finch		Cecil Gunby	4
10 th	Bearded Reedling Female		Rebecca Mikel	3
UNF	Normal Zebra	AAC 11-2267	Ricardo Gaskin	
NOV	OH PB GB Gouldian Cock		Susan Stieve	
JUN	Bronze Wing Mannikin		Miles Bewley	

Judge's Observations: Excellent representation at the National for NFSS!
 Lovely softbills in great condition. Some of the best quality society finches around. Thank you for the opportunity to judge this show working with an excellent crew of stewards and secretary this was a great show. Our youth entry was also best youth for the National.

N.I.R.O.C. | Westchester, IL | November 26, 2011
 Entries: 50 | Exhibitors: 6

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Crimson Pileated		Bob Peers	6
2 nd	Zebra White	11-D-1831	Bob Peers	5
3 rd	Yellow Hammer		Bob Peers	4
4 th	Zebra White	11-D-1832	Bob Peers	3
5 th	Linnet		Luigi Saguaro	
6 th	Starling Purple	MUXG 9095	Julia Howard	1
7 th	Normal Ringneck Dove		Julia Howard	
8 th	Normal Gray Java		Bob Peers	
9 th	BH Gouldian		Luigi Sambugaro	
10 th	European Siskin		Luigi Sambugaro	
UNF	Zebra White	11-D-1831	Bob Peers	
NOV	Linnet		Luigi Sambugaro	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: A few birds I've never judged before. Even more really great birds and lots of great people. Wonderful show.

COM USA Inc. | New Jersey | December 3, 2011

Judge: Nizam Ali | Entries: 39 | Exhibitors: 10

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	RH Gouldian	11		
2 nd	European Goldfinch	11		
3 rd	Parrot Finch	11		
4 th	Pied Zebra			
5 th	Pied Society			
6 th	Green Singer			
7 th	Fawn Zebra Cock			
8 th	WB Gouldian			
9 th	Goldfinch			
10 th	African Red Head			
UNF	RH Gouldian			
NOV	BH Gouldian			
JUN				

Judge's Observations: None

Santa Clara Bird Club | San Jose, CA | December 3, 2011

Entries: 45 | Exhibitors: 7

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Penguin Zebra		Roy Beckham	5
2 nd	Yellow Gould	NFS 09-D-12919	Laura Watkins	4
3 rd	Yellow Gould		Vicki Northway	3
4 th	Cherry		Janet Edmonds	2
5 th	Blk Brown Society	NFS 11-B-28	Vicki Taylor	1
6 th	Fawn Cherry		Janet Edmonds	
7 th	Normal Zebra		Roy Beckham	
8 th	Magpie Mannikin		Roy Beckham	
9 th	Cutthroat	NFS 10-D-11196	Laura Watkins	
10 th	Star Finch		Janet Edmonds	
UNF	Blk Brown Society	NFS 11-B-28	Vicki Taylor	
NOV	Yellow Gould		Vicki Northway	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: Excellent group of birds.

Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club Winter Show | San Juan, Puerto Rico | 12/3/11
 Judge: Alfredo Brugueras | Entries: 205 | Exhibitors: 16 (5 JUNs)

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	Normal Grey Cock Zebra	NFS 11-D-501	Ray Williams	
2 nd	Dominant Sliver Cock Zebra	NFS 10-D-4249	Gene Perez	
3 rd	Fawn Hen Zebra	NFS 10-D-6705	Ramon Fernandez	
4 th	Orange Breasted Hen Zebra		Maximo Ramos	
5 th	Normal Gray Hen Zebra		Jorge Mojica	
6 th	Orange Breasted Cock Zebra		Gene Perez	
7 th	Blk Breasted Hen Zebra		Gene Perez	
8 th	Florida Fancy Cock Zebra	NFS 10-D-2935	Ramon Fernandez	
9 th	Fawn Cock Zebra	NFS 11-D-2218	Jorge Mojica	
10 th	Blk Breasted Cock Zebra	NFS 11-D-1460	Daniela Guante	
UNF	Normal Gray Cock Zebra	NFS 11-D-501	Ray Williams	
NOV				
JUN				

Judge's Observations: Excellent group of birds. Extremely good condition and conformation. Participation of JUNs was the best ever. Enjoyed judging the show.

Colorbred Canary Club | Miami, FL | December 3, 2011

Judge: Armando Lee | Entries: 122 | Exhibitors: 5

<i>Award</i>	<i>Specie</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Exhibitor</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1 st	BH PB Gould		Raul Morales	10
2 nd	Orange Breasted Zebra		Raul Morales	9
3 rd	RH Gould Cock		Osmani Rodriguez	8
4 th	Yellow Back Gould Pair		Raul Morales	7
5 th	Normal Shafttail		Luis Garcia	
6 th	Normal Shafttail		Luis Garcia	
7 th	Silver Zebra		Luis Garcia	
8 th	Java Rice AOV		Raul Morales	3
9 th	Indian Sliverbill		Luis Garcia	
10 th	Pair of Blue		Raul Morales	1
UNF	Orange Breasted Zebra		Raul Morales	
NOV			Jorge Vadera	
JUN				

Judge's Observations: None



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3/27, 4/17, 5/22, 6/19, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 12/4 (2011)

Santa Clara Bird Club, Santa Clara, www.santaclarabirdclub.org. Club Meeting: Sundays at noon- 3/13,
4/10, 5/15, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6. Event: 50th Annual Cage Bird Show See
website for more info. Date: 12/3/11 Location: San Jose, CA. Contact: Cecile Aguilera Email: showinfo@
santaclarabirdclub.org (2011)

Colorado

Mountain States Avian Society, Brighton. Denise Cook 303-588-7050 www.msasbirds.org. Event: September
17-18, 2011.

Florida

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club. Port Charlotte, FL. Event: 2nd Annual suncoast Canary and finch Show.
October 14, 15, 2011 Location: Punta Gorda, FL. Contact Alexander Villarreal, email vetagator@yahoo.com.

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club, Stuart, www.tcoxoticbirdclub.com. Contact: 772-380-9882 or tm50et@
yahoo.com. Event: Exotic Bird Expo 2011, March 20, Martin County Fairgrounds.

Illinois

Finch & Softbill Breeders & Exhibitors Club, Chicagoland. www.fsbec.finchfiles.com, 847-963-1926
gailsgouldians@comcast.net. Event: TBA

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, Lombard. www.gccbc.org. Contact: secretary@gccbc.org. Event: The
Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club Show, Nov 5th, Weitendorf Agricultural Center, 17840 Laraway Rd., Joliet,
IL 60433. Show Contact: Shar Toby, sharlant2000@yahoo.com, 847-217-4751

Heart of Illinois Bird Club, 755 N. 4th Ave, Canton 61520 Meetings every third Sunday, 2pm (unless
holiday). Bird Show & Fair, June 18. Meetings, fairs and show are all held at the Grand Hotel, 153 Patterson
Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611. Contact: Jody Lewis, 309-645-7773 or haibc@yahoo.com

Mid West Bird Breeders & Exhibitors, Lawrenceville Event: TBA. Contact Lisa Grimes, lgtiels@yahoo.com

Mid America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines, www.MACBS.org. Events: Bird Fairs March 27th, June 5th,
August 28, Des Moines Botanical Center. Contact: John Thielking, Thielking@lowalink.com

Iowa

Mid America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines, www.MACBS.org. Events - Bird fairs March 27th, June 5th,
August 28 2011, Des Moines Botanical Center. contact - John Thielking: JThielking@comcast.net

Maryland

Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Baltimore www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org. Club meets 3rd Sun of month, 2:00,
Towson Library. Contact: info@baltimorebirdfanciers.org. Events: Spring Bird Mart, May 21. Tall Cedars Hall,
250 Putty Hill Ave, Baltimore 21234. Contact George at: amazon_parrot@comcast.net

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Cage Bird Assoc., Foxboro, 781-335-3927, www.masscagebird.org. Event: Annual Bird Show, Oct. 15, Lowell Elks Lodge, 40 Old Ferry Rd, Lowell 01854. Contact: Tom Keegan, 781-335-3927, nfss.pubs@gmail.com.

Minnesota

Minnesota Canary and Finch Club, Minneapolis. Contact/Journal: Jerry Noble 10413 360th St., Onamia, MN 56359 320-532-3822.....Club event: 22nd Annual Canary and Finch Show October 29, 2011, Prescott, WI Contact: Jerry Noble, 320-532-3822.

Missouri

Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society, Grandview, www.gkcas.org. Contact: dayforthebirds@aol.com or GKCAS.org@aol.com, 816-252-1120. Event: BIRD FAIR Aug 5, 6 & 7, Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E Jackson Dr, Independence 64055. Contact: Maria, maria-michel@live.com

New Hampshire

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society, Manchester, www.boaf.com. Contact: member.support@BOAF.com or 603-362-6106. Events: Spring Mart & Expo April 17 and Fall Show & Mart, Sat., Oct 22 Location: All Dogs Gym and Inn, Manchester. Judge: Al Decoteau. Contact: Ray Schwartz, President@BOAF.com

New York

Empire Finch & Canary Club, West Hempstead, irmanperez@aol.com Club meets 1st Thursday every month at 8 PM, Averill Blvd Park, Elmont, NY. Contact: John Lund, irmanperez@aol.com. Event: TBA

New York Finch & Type Canary Club, NYC, barstand@verizon.net Meets 2nd Sunday of the month- 1:00 PM to 4:00 Pm, except July & August. Events: Annual Show, September 24, St. Jude Church, 1677 Canarsie Rd, Brooklyn NY. Entries: 8-10:00, Judging: 10-4:00 pm. Judge: Laura Tinker.

Ohio

RAZ: Salem. Contact (Annette Howard): 330-337-7654, howardaj78@yahoo.com. Event: TBA.

Oregon

Columbia Canary Club, Portland. Contact: jeeperspeepers55@aol.com or 503-266-7606. Meeting location: Milwaukie, Oregon Grange.

Puerto Rico

Asociacion De Criadores de Finces Inc. Contact: finchespr@yahoo.com / 787-479-7405. Meetings Every Tuesday @7:00 PM, Las Catalinas Mall Food Court Area. Club Officer & Show Contact: Juan Alicea 787-479-7405 or juanalicea@yahoo.com. Events: Summer Show June 3-5, 2011 Judge: Laura Tinker . Winter Show November 4-6, 2001 Judge: Annette Howard. Both Shows at Centro Comunal, Alturas de Villas del Rey, Caguas PR. Note. Only the following finch species are allowed for the competition: Zebra, Society, Lady Gouldian, Cuthroat, Cordon Bleu, Green Singer, and Brazilian Crested Cardinal.

Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club, Gurabo. www.przfc.com. Contact: przfc@yahoo.com. Events: (1) PRZFC Summer Show, 15-17 July 2011, Judge Bob Peers, Hotel El Guajataca, CARR #2 #6301 KM 103.8 BARRIO TERRANOVA QUEBRADILLAS 00678 (<http://hotelguajataca.com>) Show contact: Jorge Mojica: puchosbirds@yahoo.com, 787- 550- 3163 Division : Zebra Finches. (2) PRZFC Christmas Show, 2-4 Dec. 2011, Judge Alfredo Bruguera, Centro Comunal Santa Juana 2, Caguas. Show Manager: Nydia Rodriguez, 787 746 7141, finch4u@gmail.com. Division: Zebra Finches.

Tennessee

Heart of Tennessee Aviculture Society, www.heartofnaviculturesociety.com. Contact: Lisa Murphy, wlmurphy@usit.net. Event: Fall Show and Fair, 10 September, Middle Tennessee State University, 1720 Greenland Dr. Murfreesboro, TN 37130, Judge: TBA. Show Contact: Wilma Crawford, 615-396-8440 tnma2@comcast.net

Texas

Fort Worth Bird Club, Fort Worth, www.fwbc.org. Contact: coculwell@wccs.net or 817-220-5568.

Alamos Exhibition Bird Club, San Antonio. Bird show and Fall Bird Mart September 24, 2011.

Virginia

Peninsula Caged Bird Society, Newport News, Contact: Peggy Duval, finchbreeder@earthlink.net or 757-623-4786. Events: Spring & Fall Marts & Shows, Columbian Center. Contact Deb Wilson, dwilson786@aol.com

Washington

Cascade Canary Breeders Assoc., www.cascadecanary.com. 44th Annual Canary Finch Show, October 20 & 21, 2012. Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA. Contact: Coleen Andersen, coleenandersen@gmail.com. 425-743-5025.

Wisconsin

Central Wisconsin Cage & Wild Bird Connection, Monthly meetings-usually members homes Annual Bird & Garden Fair held in May in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Contact: Marlene Minor, mminor@tds.net 715-884-2659

Regional/National

The Avicultural Society of America, www.asabirds.org/home.html Steve Duncan PO Box 3161, San Dimas, CA 91773. The oldest aviculture society in the US, founded in 1927

National Institute of Red Canaries (NIROC) Westchester, IL www.niroc.org Club meeting: 4th Sunday of month. No meeting in Aug./Nov. Meetings held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester Av., Westchester, IL at 7:30 p.m. Event: September 24, 2011 held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church NIROC Fall Baby Feather Show and Mart. Contact Donald Perez 630-664-4649

Northeast Bird Group: Northeast Regional Club (New England, NY, NJ, PA), www.northeastbirdgroup.com. Contact: Tom Keegan at thomkeegan@gmail.com or Donna Rosciti at donnarosciti@aol.com. Club meets quarterly and has several events per year. Events: Summer Bird Fair, June 26, Fall River Elks Club, 4500 N Main St, Fall River, MA. Divisions: SPBE, NCS, NFSS.

West Coast Zebra & Society Finch Show, Sacramento (Regional Show) www.efinch.com/show. Event: 6th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show, July 30, La Quinta Inn Downtown Sacramento. Contact: jamiarndt@comcast.net

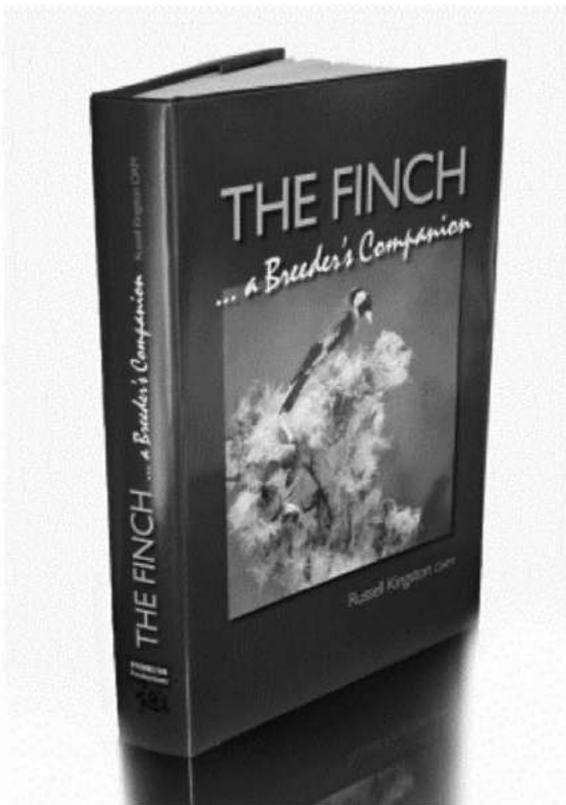
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