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President's Message

Rebecca Mikel

The nights are getting much cooler here in Michigan and I'm slowly but surely getting birds moved from outdoor aviaries to their winter quarters inside. Wow—summer went FAST!

One other thing approaching just as quickly as the winter weather is the 2015 National Caged Bird Show (now there's something I AM looking forward to!). Check out www.ncbs.org website for all the details regarding the annual show. Our NFSS event is being held in the Chicago-land area this year and we hope as many as possible of you are planning to attend.

Many of you know Roy Beckham and I'm pleased to announce he's agreed to continue to produce the NFSS Journal for us on a permanent basis. Tanya Logan has also been appointed to serve as "Editor" and will assist Roy with the Editorial responsibilities, proofing, gathering material and working with me as the point-of-contact between the Board and Roy as each issue moves from start to finish. As Tanya becomes more familiar with this position, my personal level of involvement will decrease.

Another change to our normal routine is the addition of what I refer to as our "I.T. Team!" Paula Hansen has been responsible for much of our information technology, website updates, etc. for some time now. The Board recently appointed "Cap'n" Charles Cook to assist Paula with this work and we're looking at adding another NFSS member as an IT volunteer. With Paula as "Project Manager" and capable persons working to make sure all information is complete and up-to-date, you should see some great improvement in that area of the society. Any issues pertaining to web functions, links, shopping carts should be directed to webmaster@nfss.org. Other feedback can be sent directly to me at president@nfss.org and I'll make sure it is addressed by the appropriate person.

Looking forward to seeing you at 2015 NCBS!

Rebecca Mikel, NFSS President

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NFSS BOD – 3rd Quarter 2015 Meeting

- A quorum was present for the meeting.

PRESIDENT

- Awards have been ordered for NFSS show at AFA convention, Chicago on 8/1.
- Rebecca Mikel will be attending and acting as secretary for this show.
- Rebecca Mikel is in possession of all of the finch shop items at this time.
- Rebecca Mikel is working with Roy Beckham who, until an editor can be found, is helping to keep the journals in print
- We continue to seek a replacement for Legislative Liaison.

TREASURY

4/1/15: \$36,172.08

Income: \$6060.54

Expenses \$3947.53

6/30/15: \$38,285.09

BANDS

Paula Hansen continues to cover the FSS Red Siskin Group and is filling band orders. Paula is acting as webmaster at this time and is working closely with Sara Roberts regarding PayPal accounts and monthly processes involved with the treasury department.

MEMBERSHIP

Current total: 391

FSS

- Sally Porter reports that the 2014 Census closed on June 30th 2015
- Final tally: 72 participants reported 4906 birds, 148 species.

GENERAL

- Amber Kincheloe reports that election is up to date, and asks everyone to remember to vote.
- Discussion was opened on revamping the Facebook groups. The topic was put on hold until the next meeting.
- Discussion was opened regarding performing background checks on possible new BOD members, this topic was shelved until the next meeting when more research can be done as to possible options.

- Motion was made to award the Level A NARA award to Nancy Ingram for her work with Strawberry Finches. Motion Carried.
- The current plan to incorporate Sara Roberts as the incoming Treasurer beginning Jan 1st 2016, which also appoints Paula Hansen as Acting Corporate Secretary was presented to the board. Motion was made to approve the plan. Motion carried.
- Motion was made to present the top three judges to the NCBS board. Motion was carried.
- Rebecca Mikel reported that Rooms have been reserved at the 2015 NCBS for the NFSS Annual Membership Meeting (Saturday) as well as the Afternoon of Aviculture (Thursday).
- Discussion was opened by Rebecca as to the future of the Finch Shop
- After BOD review of Tanya Logan's resume, a motion was made by Sally Huntington to appoint Tanya as journal editor. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to Increase Awards budget by \$1600 and order division sets to cover three (3) years. Motion carried
- Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
- New BOD members appointed: Tanya Logan, Editor and Charles Cook, Webmaster



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In Memoriam Dr. Alfred E. “AL” Decoteau (1929-2015)

By William Parlee, President Emeritus

It is with great sadness that I report to you that a great friend and mentor of mine. Dr. Al Decoteau, passed away in the early morning hours of September 10, 2015. Dr. Al was an amazing man that took the time to educate so many without hesitation. He was a Avicultural wonder in many ways, from keeping and breeding birds to leading national societies to promote education in the field of bird keeping. Services were held at the New Hampshire Crematory Association in Manchester, New Hampshire. A remembrance service was held at the Brookline Chapel, Brookline, NH.

He was married to Helen Decoteau who passed away many years ago after 32 years of marriage. They had three sons, Kevin, Jay and Daren and many Grandchildren and great Grandchildren. Al attended North Dakota University and The College of Veterinary Sciences at Iowa State, where he graduated in 1962. After graduating Al spent a year as a Vet In Minnesota before joining the USDA disease eradication division. He later moved on to APHIS where he served on the Mexican border and later became Chief Vet for the north central region based in Columbus Ohio. He was promoted to APHIS director for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands before being appointed director of the New England Region in 1972. This is when I first met Al. He was the person responsible for my federal pet shop license. I was immediately struck by his helpfulness to a young man just starting out in carrying some exotic animals. In the next few years we became great friends and shared each others interest in Aviculture.

To say that Al Decoteau had an impact on Aviculture is akin to saying the computer has had an impact on our society. For one man to have had so many accomplishments and so many contributions to bird keeping, it's unheard of in one lifetime. I was lucky enough to have known Al and been involved in many events with him. Al started the New Hampshire Aviculture Society in the mid 70's. Back then there were few local judges. Al invited me to judge his NHAS show. I discussed with him the possibility of setting up chairs so that I could explain the judging process to the exhibitors, he agreed (at that time most judging was private). From then on we both demanded galleries for our judgments, which later became normal at all bird shows.

He later was one of the first members of a fledgling Northeast Finch Society. He was NFSS's first, 1st Vice President, later becoming 4th Vice President in charge of the Judge's Panel. A position he enjoyed much more. I will go out on a limb and say, no one has judged more bird shows in the United States than Al Decoteau, by a long shot. He was an accredited judge for the National Finch and Softbill Society, the African Lovebird Society, The National Cockatiel Society and the

Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors. Al's judging was wonderful. He spent as much time as required to be sure everyone enjoyed and understood the judging. He was always ready to answer any questions with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes, and in an engaging way that was owned by Al Decoteau.

Dr. Al is not only known for his involvement in NFSS, he was also an accomplished author of several books, including the Handbook of Amazon Parrots, the Handbook of Cockatoos, the Handbook of Macaws, and the great book Exhibiting Birds, along with others and many Avicultural articles. He was the founder and long time leader of the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors. Along with



myself and Harvey Smith, Al was also a director of the original National Kaytee Great American Bird Show. In 2014 Al was awarded the AFA Gold Avy Award for his lifetime achievements. Many don't know it, but Al was also a champion dog breeder, winning more than 10 championships with his English Bulldogs and Australian Terriers. Al had a wide variety of interests including precious stones.

To me personally, I have lost a friend of over 40 years. Al helped me in so many ways over the years. He was a forming member of the National Finch and Softbill Society as well as a respected judge and panel director. He was the founder of the Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors and it's leader for many years. To say that he will be missed by so many, is an understatement. To his sons Daren, Kevin, and Jay, and his three surviving brothers, Edmond, John and Mitch and his entire family members and friends, I offer my profound condolences on behalf of a Avicultural community that will miss him dearly.

To Al I say, know that you were loved, know that you are loved, know that you will not be soon forgotten.

Upon the urging of Ashley, one of his grandchildren and with the approval of his family, Facebook will keep his Facebook page online. It has been renamed "Remembering Al Decoteau." You may choose to leave remembrances there.

NFSS at the American Federation of Aviculture-Lory League Show

By Julie Corwin and Susan Stieve

Each year the Lory League hosts a bird show at the American Federation of Aviculture convention, with diverse divisions participating; this year's divisions included the National Finch and Softbill Society, National Cockatiel Society, North American Parrot Society, and the African Love Bird Society.

Laura Tinker of New York judged the NFSS Division. Laura did a wonderful job of picking the top finches and softbills as well as educating the gallery and exhibitors. Ricardo Gaskin from Canada served as apprentice judge, which is part of the process to become an NFSS Judge.

Finches and softbills were well represented in the show, with many species on the top bench. NFSS was a co-sponsor of the show, and generously awarded a grant to the Lory League to cover the affiliation fee and award expenses for this show.

In addition to the NFSS show, a new opportunity started this year for members of AFA to earn points as exhibitors when they participate in AFA-affiliated bird shows. AFA members will earn points towards AFA Top 3 Exhibitor year-end awards; points are accumulated over the year from one AFA convention to the next convention. For more information contact Julie Corwin, Julie@loryleague.org.

NFSS Show at AFA Convention - Rosemont, Illinois

August 1, 2015

Judge – Laura Tinker – NY

36 entries, 3 exhibitors

Best Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA Member:

African Silverbill, Susan Stieve - Ohio

Best in Show, Exhibited by an AFA Member:

African Silverbill – Susan Stieve - Ohio

1st	Crimson Pileated Finch	Rebecca Mikel - MI
2nd	African Silverbill	Susan Stieve - OH
3rd	Orange Bishop Weaver	Susan Stieve - OH
4th	Yellow Bishop Weaver	Susan Stieve - OH
5th	Gouldian RH GB PB cock	Susan Stieve - OH
6th	Spotted Tanager	Rebecca Mikel - MI
7th	Chestnut-breasted manikin	Susan Stieve - OH
8th	CFW Zebra cock	Susan Stieve – OH
9th	Cherry Finch	Susan Stieve - OH
10th	Gouldian	Susan Stieve - OH

Section winners from the AFA - Lory League show.



Judge Laura Tinker (L) and exhibitor Susan Stieve with special AFA plaques awarded for Best Bird in Show Bred, Banded and Exhibited by an AFA member for her second place African silverbill.



Third place Orange Bishop Weaver - Susan Stieve



Judge Laura Tinker from New York and apprentice judge Ricardo Gaskin from Canada.

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The Garden Aviary

By Leeann Shearouse

From my perspective, horticulture and aviculture have always been linked together. I grow beautiful plants and flowers because seeing them makes me happy, but I also appreciate seeing how much joy and excitement they bring to my birds. As aviculturists, we must strive to give our birds the best environment that we can provide for them. Providing a cage with food and water is simply not enough. I want to see these birds exploring, bathing, singing, and enjoying the environment I have provided for them. I do this by housing my birds in a garden aviary.

A garden aviary should be sited where you and the birds will get the most enjoyment from it. The structure itself will consist of two parts: The flight and the shelter. The flight should be as large as you can allow, in an area that receives generous sunlight. The flight should only have a wire top to allow sunlight and rain to go through. Constructing it with black wire provides the best unobstructed view.

The shelter is the place where your birds can go to get out of bad weather, and is the only place the birds should be fed. . A bird must always be in a position where it can get out of the rain and sun. Rain, however, is not bad weather; when temperatures are mild, rain plays a crucial part of a bird's overall health. Most rain is acidic, and birds benefit from



it because it helps to soften the keratin sheath on their beaks and nails. Birds will hold their heads in a position that allows rainwater to drip downwards to soften and help reshape their beaks. Rainwater also cleans feathers and stimulates preening. The healthiest and most beautiful feathers are those on a bird exposed to rainwater and direct sunlight.

Sunlight stimulates hormone production, which is very important to molting. Sunlight also plays an important psychological role in a bird's health.

I always have a pond in my garden aviaries. A pond stocked with beautiful goldfish and pond plants will bring even more joy to you and your birds. A good pond liner should be made of Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM), and a concrete layer on top provides traction for the birds.

The pond should be stocked with water lilies, marginal plants, and submerged plants. I also add logs and branches, and a few goldfish (they eat mosquito larvae, algae and yes, even bird poo). Allow the pond, plants, and fish to become



established, creating their own eco system, and it will only need to be cleaned every couple of years.

I plant my aviaries with many kinds of flowering and fruiting trees, shrubs, flowering annuals, and herbs. The trees and shrubs will provide shade from the sunlight. Place some perches in natural full sun to benefit the health of your birds.

For the aviary purchase only plants that have not been recently treated with pesticides. If they have, you may need to wait several months before adding your birds. Arrange the plants in your aviary in the same manner you would do any landscape - trees in the background, along with taller shrubs. Incorporate small boulders, logs, flowers, and untreated mulch. Your plants will also need to be fertilized. I recommend organic only, and even then, keep it under the mulch.

The following is a list of plants I have used in my aviaries. Your local plant nursery can tell you which ones are hardy in your area. I would also like to recommend a partial list of birds I have kept in garden aviaries. Hook bills can be destructive in all but the largest of garden aviaries. I have been successful with the following finches and soft bills.

A well-planned aviary supports happy and healthy birds. My hope in sharing this information is that the reader will be stimulated to consider the possibility of housing their birds, at least a portion of the year, in a garden aviary. The best part of my day is when I step out onto my porch with my coffee to receive the harmonious of singing, tweeting, and chirping from the happy, healthy birds in my beautiful garden aviary.



Birds

Ringed Teal ducks
 Zebra finch
 Society finch
 Gouldian finch
 Red-ear waxbill
 Orange Breasted wax bill
 Parrot finches
 Owl finches
 Green and Gray singers
 Nun & Manikin Finches
 Shaft tails
 Lavender finch
 Cordon Blue
 Red-Legged Honey
 Creepers
 Mouse birds
 Java Rice birds
 Paradise Whidah
 Pin-tail whidah
 Weavers
 Button quail
 Bobwhite quail

Plants

Trees:
 Dogwood
 Ficus
 Hollies
 Arborvitae
 Oaks
 Pines
 Jatropa
 Crape myrtle
 Japanese maple
 Crab apple
 Cherry
 Fiddlewood
 Cypress
 Podocarpus
 Viburnum

Shrubs:
 Arbuticola
 Buddleia
 Boxwood
 Hostas
 Hibiscus
 Rose of Sharon

Privitt
 Elderberry
 Smoke bush
 Crotons
 Juniper
 Weigela
 Barbary
 Euonymus
 Wax myrtle
 Spiraea

Grasses, Flowers, and Herbs:

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 Liriope grass
 Fountain grass
 Muehlenberg grass
 Zebra grass
 Love grass
 Boston fern

Lady fern
 Christmas fern
 Cinnamon fern
 Pentas – *these flowers are a huge hit*
 Garden phlox
 Salvias
 Zenias
 Violas- the annual
 Snap dragons
 Ruellia
 Rudbeckia
 Rosemary
 Thyme
 Monarda
 Mint- *can be invasive*
 Shasta daisy
 Gaura
 Helenium
 Galardia
 Echinacea
 Coreopsis
 Oregonia

Through the Eyes of a Newbie My First Show

By Tanya Logan

I knew there was a local club. I even knew when they had meetings, but I was never brave enough to go there. You know writers are introverts, right? I stayed away.

But when the club advertised a show right here in Punta Gorda, it seemed silly not to go. And as long as I was going, it seemed silly not to show a bird. So I gathered my only show cage and one of my young Gouldians, and off we went.



Judge Laura Bewley

I didn't know anything at all about showing last week; I just showed up. At first I was nervous, but then I got excited about it. What struck me is how incredibly nice and helpful everyone is. Club members quickly got me under control—I didn't know what class or division or anything Andy would be in. Someone suggested I put more seed in the bottom of the cage. Putting seed in helps keep them from staying at the bottom while the judge is trying to look at them. Another person moved my water bottle to the correct place. Everyone gave me tips.

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Dates: November 7 & 8 – 2015

Show Location: Cascade Heights Public Charter School
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Judges: Colorbred Judge: Henry Vela
Type Judge: Raquel King
Finch: Sally Huntington - NFSS

Show Manager: Sandra Foote-Gregory

Email: sfoote@xpressdata.net

Phone: (503) 792-3582

Divisions: Finch & Softbill and Canary

Website: www.ColumbiaCanaryClub.org



The judges were Laura Bewley on Saturday and Armando Lee on Sunday. They both took their time to talk to the gallery about what they were looking for in a bird, and they pointed out both the good and the bad points about our birds. Right beside the finches' bench was another for canaries, and their judge was doing the same.



Judge Armando Lee - Apprentice Ken Rampersaud

Kenneth Hiram Rampersaud apprenticed under Armando Lee on Sunday. He made his selections, and Mr. Lee went back over them with him, often sharing comments with the crowd. At other times the two of them collaborated on the birds' placement.

Van To had brought me some birds, but I hadn't seen them yet. When the zebra finches got their ribbons, he motioned to me. "That's yours." My new zebra finch placed second both days! I couldn't wait to go look at him, but I had to wait until after the show. The Gouldian, Andy, took home a couple of ribbons as well.

If you have never been to a show, go find one. The nicest people in the world are there waiting for you.



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CALIFORNIA

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show - Speciality Club

Meetings: None

Website: www.efinch.com/show

Finch Society of San Diego County

Meetings: 9/27, 10/25, & 12/6/2015

Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road, Poway, CA

Website: www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com

Email: sdfinchsociety@gmail.com

EVENT 1

Fair - Holiday Craft Fair & Bird Mart, December 6, 2015

Location: Poway Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Rd, Poway, CA

Manager: Antonio Rodrigues

Phone: 914-512-0632

Email: antonio979@aol.com

Central California Cage Bird Club

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of month

Location: Stanislaus Ag Center, Modesto, CA

Website: www.mycccbc.org

Club Email: JaneP.Plymouth@gmail.com

FLORIDA

Suncoast Canary & Finch Club

Meetings: 1st Wed. of Month, 1419 Collingswood Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Website: www.suncoastcanaryandfinchclub.com

Email: vetagator@yahoo.com

Florida Canary Fanciers, Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Every Other Month 2:00pm

Website: www.floridacanaryfanciers.com

Email: RudiTour@aol.com

EVENT 1

Show – Florida Canary Fanciers 19th Annual Show, December 12, 2015

Judge: Kenneth Gunby

Location: Ramada Gateway Hotel, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Mem Hwy, Kissimmee, FL

Show Manager: Mike Corbeil

Phone: 407-468-4255

Email: RudiTour@aol.com

Other Divisions: Canary- Colorbred, Song, & Type

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ILLINOIS

Lori League, Triangle Bird Club - Speciality Club

Meetings: None
Website: www.LoryLeague.org
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Illini Bird Fanciers Inc.

Meetings: First Sunday of the month; Noon to 4pm. Church, 2401 S. 9th, Springfield, IL
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Mid American Cage Bird Society

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Animal Rescue League, 5452 N.E. 22nd, Des Moines, IA
Website: www.macbs.org

MARYLAND

Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the Month
Location: Towson Library, 320 York Rd, Towson, MD
Website: www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org
Email: compteacher@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan

Email: mtarsitano@gmail.com
Website: scfbmichigan.com
Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road,
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Gateway Parrot Club

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the Month 2:00pm
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Website: www.GatewayParrotClub.org
Email: President@gatewayparrot.org

NEW YORK

New York Finch & Type Canary Club

Meetings: Second Sunday of each month, except July & August
Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont (Long Island), NY
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Colorbred Canary Club of New York

Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month, 50-21 193 St., Fresh Meadows NY 11365
Website: www.newyorkcolorbredcanaryclub.com
Email: jzelada@optonline.net

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club

Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.,
Website: www.columbiacanaryclub.org
Location: Milwaukie Grnger Hall, 12015 S.E. 22nd Avenue, Milwaukie, OR
Contact: Sandra Gregory, 680 Douglas Avenue, NE, Gervais, Oregon 97026-7770
Email: sfoote@pressdata.net and phone is: 503-792-3582 or 503-310-3133

EVENT 1

Show – Columbia 46th Canary & Finch Show & Sale, November. 7-8, 2015

Judge: Sally Huntington
Location: Red Lion Hotel, 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA
Show Manager: Sandra Foote-Gregory
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EVENT 1

Show – Regional Winter Show – Regional de Invierno 2015, November 6-8, 2015

Judge: Laura Tinker
Location: Dalon de Actividades Alturas de Villa del Rey,
Calle Francia Final, Caguas P.R.
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EVENT 1

Show - Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club, November 14-15, 2015

Location: Ballroom, Urb Villa Los Santos II, Arecibo, PR
Judge: TBA
Show Manager: Ramon Fernandez
Info: Gene Perez (787) 385-2972, Ramses Colon (787) 360-7911

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Bird Events in Texas

Meetings: none

Website: birdeventsintexas.com

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Website: fortworthbirdclub.com

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Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Club Contact: Cheryl@newworldranch.com

Website: www.texasbirdbreeders.org

EVENT 1:

Show – Annual Fall Show & Fair November 7, 2015

Judge: TBA

Location: Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX

Show Manager: Barbara Irwin

Phone: 817-572-6262

Other Divisions: NCS, NCA, BAA, NAPS

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Meetings: 4th Sunday of Every month, St John Methodist Church,
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Website: AEBC.org

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Meetings: 4th Sunday of the Month

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Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/cascadecanary/annual-show>

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Website: www.birdclub.ca

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Location: Ajax Rotary Park Pavilion, 151 Lake Driveway W., Ajax, ON

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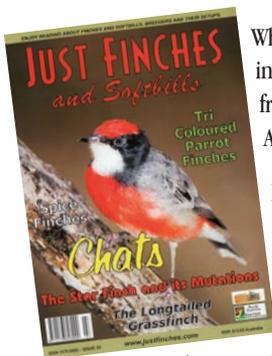
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