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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Mikel

NFSS Advances

I'm writing this message on a hot humid day – all my birds are in outside aviaries and happy to be there (no happier than I am about HAVING them there – it sure simplifies my life!). However, once the 4th of July is behind us, the back-to-school sales begin, signifying that summer in SW Michigan is starting to wind down.

It's also time to make plans for the National Bird Show! The event will be held in the same location as last year's event – near Chicago in St Charles, Illinois at the Pheasant Run Resort. The National Board has worked all year to create another spectacular avian event. Sally Huntington worked her magic – again – and has a great line-up ready for Afternoon of Aviculture on Thursday. This has become one of the highlights of the weekend and is definitely worth arriving early to attend.

The National board is always looking for individuals willing to volunteer even a two-hour block of time to assist in one area or another. Perhaps you could help out at registration? Checking birds in? Setting up the show hall? Please contact me at spkennel@aol.com if you are attending and are willing to help out in any way. It's an incredible amount of work to pull off an event such as this, so when there are extra hands to help do the work – then everyone has more time to play!

If you know someone who has been successful in working with one of the rarer species of Finches, why not check out the requirements for earning the NARA (National Avicultural Recognition Award). This coveted award is very prestigious and represents breeding success with species not easily bred in captivity. Guidelines for award nominations are available at <http://nfss.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/NARA-Nominations-Sought.pdf>. We don't want to over look anyone's accomplishments and what better way than to announce their name as the recipient of the NARA Award!

As a reminder – The Eric Peake 1988 Lithograph of a Diamond Sparrow, commissioned by Bill Parlee, which comes with authentication is open for bids until December 15th. Please send your bids to Rebecca Mikel at 13779 US 12 E., Union, MI 49130 or silentauktion@nfss.org. This is proof 1 of 6 and would be a beautiful addition to any home. The print will go to the highest bidder.

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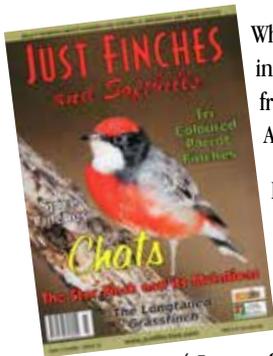
On another note – Michelle McKenzie, current Membership Director, has announced she is not intending to run for another term as Membership Director for the NFSS Board. She has done a wonderful job compiling step-by-step instructions for each of her essential functions which will help the next person transition into that position. If you have any interest in serving in that position, or would just like to know a bit more about what that job involves before raising your hand --- please contact me – or Michelle directly membership@nfss.org.

Last, but definitely not least - check out the article in this issue on the new club in Florida — our very own Lauren Ogburn is serving as President. When so many organizations are discontinuing shows and disbanding clubs, how exciting to hear about a group in Florida doing the exact opposite. Additionally, please note the date and location of Regional Shows across the country. For those of you working towards Champion Exhibitor or Exhibitor of Excellence awards – regional shows offer double points! Any of the clubs hosting shows always appreciate an extra pair of hands to help with one job or another – so lend your support when and where you can.

Rebecca Mikel
NFSS President



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NFSS BOD – 3rd Quarter 2016 Meeting

All BOD members present

Welcome Ivan Montes as new Membership Representative

NBS plans underway for St Charles, IL – Dec 1-3, 2016

NFSS Journal is going “quarterly”

MEMBERSHIP

271 single

33 Dual

15 Foreign

8 Junior

TOTAL: 360

TREASURY

Bank Balance as of 7/31/16: \$8,545.72.

Savings Account Balance: \$34,983.00

NEW BUSINESS

BOD votes to name three judges as candidates to judge Finch Division for 2017

All proposed By Law changes voted on passed with a favorable vote

Bob Peers officially moves into 2nd VP position following membership vote

Bill Parlee donates print for auction; proceeds to return to NFSS.

Two candidates named for National Avicultural Recognition Award

- John Wilson, Level A for Diamond Sparrows

- Lauren Ogburn Level B for Purple Grenadiers

Regional Show Assignments Announced

Region 1: Massachusettes Cage Bird – 10/15/16

Region 2: Florida Canary Fanciers – 12/10/16

Region 3: Soceity of Canary and Finch Breeders – 10/22/16

Region 4: Canary and Finch Society – 10/8/16

Region 5: Central California Cage Bird – 10/29/16

Species Profile: Star Finches

Rebecca Mikel



The Star Finch is an Australian bird which is a fairly common finch in bird-keeping these days. Stars are a lovely green color with yellow bellies and white “stars” on their face and sides. As with most birds, the vibrancy of their color is relative to their care, condition, how/where they are housed, lighting, diet, etc.

Sexing these birds is fairly simple as the red on the male's face extends much further on the head and under the beak as compared to the hen. The male is also much more vibrant in color. It's been my experience that from a very young age, before the chicks are mature enough to develop coloring which allows you to sex them, male chicks will sing very clearly on a regular basis when in proximity to other birds.

Stars seem to require a higher level of fat in their diet in order to achieve prime feather condition than some of the other species. When fatty foods are added to their diet, like Niger and poppy seed, the richness of their color is much more pronounced and their feathers begin to glisten.

I feed a good quality seed mix, but I also add to the finch mix Niger seed, dried insect mixes, and commercial dried egg food. I also feed my own home-made egg food mix, chopped greens, a small amount of live food (chopped crickets, meal worms) and apple or an occasional slice of orange. During the summer months I feed corn on the cob, watermelon and cantaloupe. I also provide water-soluble calcium and on the days I don't mix calcium into the water, I add Apple Cider Vinegar.

During the summer months, I have all my finches outdoors in large, planted aviaries. The aviaries are large enough to accommodate more than one pair (7' x 6' x 14') but

I never put more than one pair of the same species in the aviaries. I've housed the Stars with many species and the only time I observed any issues was with a pair of Chestnut-Breasted Manikins who were bullying the Stars.

Because I live in Michigan, I have to bring birds inside during the winter months. I have a large heated building with flights and several 30" cages; I usually only have one pair of birds per cage. The exception would be if I pull the babies of a pair once weaned.

Stars prefer closed box-type nest boxes as opposed to open cups. I stopped using the woven nesting receptacles years ago as I feared they might catch toe nails in them. I do have some hanging plants in the outdoor aviaries and one pair nests in that plant regularly. I also have fake Christmas trees in my outdoor aviaries and they'll weave nests from the coconut fiber into the branches of those trees. I offer a wide variety of nesting materials: coconut fiber, white string, feathers, grasses, and alfalfa hay. Whether the Stars are ready to go build a nest or not, they are very curious about the nesting material and by morning will have it spread everywhere including having filled the bathing dish. If I offer nest boxes, I have much better success when they are well hidden by the plumage of live or fake greenery.

The "mating dance" of the male is quite comical, but not unlike other species in that they hold nesting material in their mouths and jump up and down on the perch singing their little hearts out! They usually lay 3-6 eggs and incubate them for about 2 weeks. Both parents take turns incubating the eggs and feeding the young once hatched. Once the eggs are hatched I increase the amount of my homemade egg food mixture –a mixture of hardboiled/mashed eggs and a commercial dried egg food mix, which is moist, but not wet or sloppy.

I have had young pairs pull babies from the nest and on some occasions I've returned them to the nest and they raise them just fine. On other occasions, they'll continue to toss them. Typically, after that first clutch, Stars are good parents and easy to breed in captivity. If the pair seems consistently attentive to their young, I will leg-band the babies while still in the nest. If it's the pair's first clutch and they seem "unsettled," I'll wait until the babies fledge to band them.

The Star Finch is another wonderful addition to anyone's bird room. They have a curious and comical personality, are visually attractive, and have a fairly nice little song. I would consider the Star a good bird for persons who may have kept other finches and feel they are ready to try their hand at a new species. I keep my Stars in outside aviaries from May until mid-October each year and they thrive and seem to do just fine, even when faced with some of the cooler spring or autumn evening temperatures. There are plenty of places in my outdoor aviaries to snuggle into, and that probably makes the difference; otherwise I don't believe they'd be good candidates for temperatures below 50 degrees unless a heat source was available. I find them very hardy and "easy keepers" and don't feel my bird room would be complete without a pair!

NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW

December 1st – 3rd 2016

Pheasant Run Resort — 4051 E. Main, St Charles, IL 60174

(630) 584-6300 (8am-5pm (CST) to ensure you get their in-house reservations)

SPECIAL: If you stay 4 consecutive nights, the 4th night will be removed from your bill at the time you check out!

SCHEDULE:

Afternoon of Aviculture: Thursday, 12/2/16 1:00 p.m.

Registration & Check In: Thursday, 12/2/16 10:00 am. – 9:00 p.m

Judging: Friday, 12/3/16 8:15 a.m.

Banquet/Dinner/Auction: Friday, 12/2/16 – 5:00 p.m.

TASC Vendor Fair: Friday 12pm-6pm; Saturday 9am-3pm

Pet Bird Competition: Saturday 12/3/16 11:00 a.m.

Scannel/Anchor/Song Bird Judging: Saturday, 12/3/16 2:00 pm

Awards Ceremony: Saturday 12/3/16 – immediately after the NBS Annual Meeting

Check Birds Out: Saturday, 12/3/16 – 7:00 p.m.



1:00 -Andrea Cabibi: Sick Bird Treatment

2:00 -Rebecca Koch: Using Canaries to Understand Bird Coloration

3:00 -Andrea Cabibi: Artificial Insemination for Finches & Canaries

4:00 -Vince Moase: Judges Clinic

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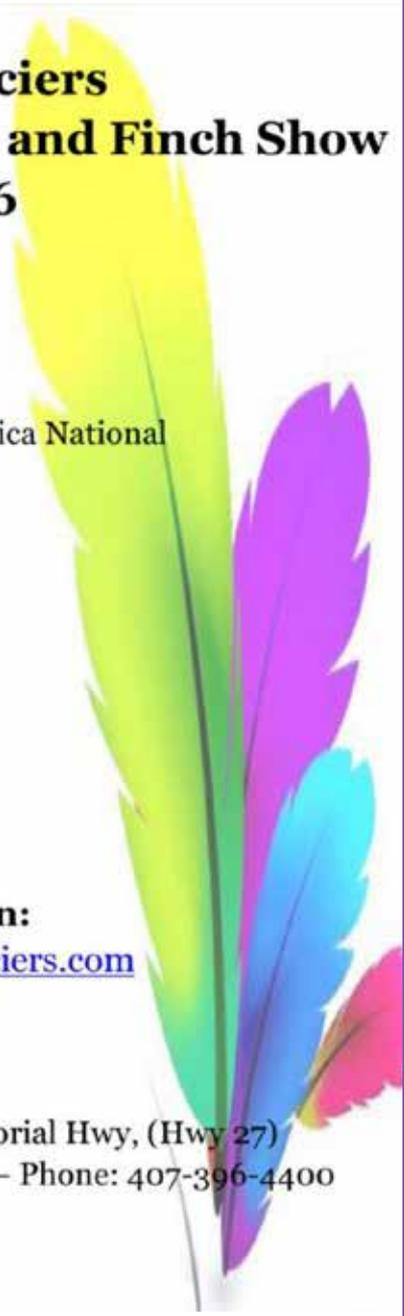
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Colorbred Lipochrome Ticked
Colorbred Melanin
Colorbred Melanin New Color
Colorbred Teams (All)
Finch – NFSS Regional
American Singers
German Rollers
Spanish Timbrado's

For more information:

<http://floridacanaryfanciers.com>

Show Location:

Ramada Gateway Hotel
7470 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, (Hwy 27)
Kissimmee, Florida 34747 – Phone: 407-396-4400



First Coast Finch and Softbill Society

New Club Forming in Georgia/N.E. Florida

What do you do when there are many finch and softbill fanciers in your area, but no local club? Why, you form your own! We are excited to introduce the First Coast Finch and Softbill Society.

Located on the Atlantic coast of Florida, largely corresponding to the Jacksonville area, "Florida's First Coast" is comprised of five counties in Northeast Florida and Southeastern Georgia. As the name suggests, "First Coast" was the first area of Florida colonized by Europeans. Our area is lucky to have many serious, long-time breeders of finches and softbills -- and it continues to grow.

Our charter members have many years of experience with finches and softbills. Their birds originate from Africa, Australia, Eurasia, and the Americas. We endeavor to carry on our Mission Statement of the advancement and promotion of the study, breeding, and exhibiting of purebred finches and softbills.

Our inaugural show will be November 5th, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall of Geneva Presbyterian Church, 1755 State Rd 13, Saint Johns, FL 32259. Please consider joining us, and enjoy our Southern hospitality as well as some great times with fellow fanciers.

Our FaceBook page "First Coast Finch and Softbill Society" will have updates and membership information, as well as hosting a fund-raising raffle for a stunning Swarovski crystal Gouldian figurine. Only 150 tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each. Tickets are going fast! Information is on the Facebook page or contact sunbay@comcast.net.

We appreciate this opportunity to introduce our new club, and hope you will "save the date!" and join us for our first show on November 5th.

Lauren Ogburn
First Coast Finch and Softbill Society President
sunbay@comcast.net



2015 SHOW REPORT

Show Name		East Coast Exhibitors				Country			
City, State/Prov		Charlotte, NC				JUDGE:			
DATE:		11-Apr-15				Kenneth Gunby			
ENTRIES:		23				EXHIBITORS: 4			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	FAWN	IT	14		133	Van To	14045	4	
2nd	OWL					Duc To		3	
3rd	NG	NFS	14	E	3329	Van To	14045	2	
4th	LB	FCF	15		969	Van To	14045	1	
5th	LB					Van To	14045	0	
6th	NG	NFS	15	E	3833	Duc To		0	
7th	Yellow Wings (?)					Van To	14045	0	
8th	RH-WB-Nor.					Christine Orowitz	14098	0	
9th	CFW	NFS	15	E	3356	Van To	14045	0	
10th	RHPBDIF (?)					Christine Orowitz	14098	0	
1st UnFlighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	
Apprentice Judge - If applicable		Hiram Rampersaud							
JUDGE									
COMMENT:									

Show Name		Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club				Country			
City, State/Prov		Quebradillos				Puerto Rico			
DATE:		27-28 June 2015				JUDGE:			
ENTRIES:		289				EXHIBITORS: 26			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Dominant Silver Hen	NFS	2015	E	526	Gene Perez	14100	22	
2nd	RH-WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D	39	Gene Perez	14100	23	
3rd	Fawn Society	NFS	2013	C	273	Hector Tosado		21	
4th	Fawn Zebra Male	NFS	2015	E	1551	John Bacz		20	
5th	Penguin Zebra Male	NFSS	2015	E	589	Gene Perez	14100	19	
6th	Normal Zebra Male					Alexander Rivers		18	
7th	Black Brown Euro Society	NFS	2015	C	472	Wagner Pineiro		17	
8th	RH-Nor. Gouldian					Edwin Franki		16	
9th	Light Back Zebra Male	NFS	2015	E	358	Torge Molica		15	
10th	Society Chocolate	NFS	2014	C	1025	Tadiel Colon		14	
1st UnFlighted	Dominant Silver Hen	NFS	2015	E	526	Gene Perez	14100	0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	
Apprentice Judge - If applicable									
JUDGE		Congratulations to all the exhibitors Strong group of zebra and society also gouldian finch excellent condition							
COMMENT:									

Show Name		American Federation of Aviculture				Country			
City, State/Prov		Chicago, IL				JUDGE:			
DATE:		8/1/15				Laura Tinker			
ENTRIES:		36				EXHIBITORS: 3			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Crimson Pileated					Rebecca Mikel	5510	5	
2nd	Silverbill					Susan Stieve	11047	4	
3rd	Orange Weaver					Susan Stieve	11047	3	
4th	Yellow Bishop Weaver					Susan Stieve	11047	2	
5th	Gouldian					Susan Stieve	11047	1	
6th	Spotted Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	0	
7th	Chestnut Brst Mannikin					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
8th	CFW Zebra					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
9th	Cherry/Plumhead					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
10th	Gouldian					Susan Stieve	11047	0	
1st Unflighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	
Judge Special	Spotted Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	0	
Apprentice Judge		Ricardo Gaskin							
JUDGE		Nice variety today. One softbill, one zebra finch, one society, seventeen africans. Beautiful tanager, many weavers in great condition. Nice show!							
COMMENT:									

2015 SHOW REPORT

Show Name		Birds of a Feather				Country		
City, State/Prov		Manchester, NH				JUDGE:		
DATE:		9/12/15				C L Voronovitch		
ENTRIES:		3				EXHIBITORS:		
		1						
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	BH/WB/YB Gould		15		3911	Tiago Pacho		0
2nd	RH/PB/Pastel Gould		15		3713	Tiago Pacho		0
3rd	RH/PB/YB Gould		15		3710	Tiago Pacho		0
4th	N/A							
5th	N/A							
6th	N/A							
7th	N/A							
8th	N/A							
9th	N/A							
10th	N/A							
1st UnFlighted	N/A							
1st Novice	N/A							
Best Junior	N/A							

Apprentice Judge - Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE Niece birds with a few condition faults, spoke to exhibitor and gave advice about conditioning birds prior to show.
 COMMENT:

Show Name		AEBIC				Country		
City, State/Prov		Seguin, TX				JUDGE:		
DATE:		9/12/15				Clarence Culwell		
ENTRIES:		94				EXHIBITORS:		
		3						
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Blue Faced Parrot Finch	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	11
2nd	Silver Gouldian	NFS	15	D	624	Laurie Erwin	7004	10
3rd	Chestnut Society	NFS	09	D	6275	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	9
4th	Chocolate Society	NFS	14	D	1733	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	8
5th	Chestnut Breasted Manakin					Laurie Erwin	7004	7
6th	Blue Faced Parrot Finch					Laurie Erwin	7004	6
7th	OH WB YB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	5
8th	Chocolate Society	NFS	12	D	00651	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	4
9th	Silver Whitetail Diamond Dove	NFS	15	L	821	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	3
10th	Cherry Finch	NFS	15	D	1704	Cheryl Burns	05607/05608	2
1st UnFlighted	Blue Faced Parrot Finch	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	0
1st Novice	N/A							0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Fort Worth Bird Club				Regional Show #4		
City, State/Prov		Cleburn, TX				JUDGE:		
DATE:		9/19/15				Clarence Culwell		
ENTRIES:		156				EXHIBITORS:		
		7						
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	09	D	6275	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	34
2nd	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	32
3rd	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	30
4th	Self Chocolate Society	NFS	14	D	1733	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	28
5th	Fawn Owl					Rachelle Trollinger	14043	26
6th	Silver Gouldian	NFS	15	D	624	Laurie Erwin	7004	24
7th	Blue Capped Cordon Bleu					Sally Porter	5636	22
8th	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	20
9th	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	14	D	1738	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	18
10th	Mutation Star	NFS	14	D	2623	Helen Hoffman	9156	16
1st UnFlighted	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	15	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	0
1st Novice	Fawn Owl					Rachelle Trollinger	14043	0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE COMMENT:
 COMMENT:

2015 SHOW REPORT

Show Name		New York Finch				Country			
City, State/Prov		Brooklyn, NY				JUDGE: Armando Lee			
DATE: ENTRIES:						EXHIBITORS:			
9/26/15 150						19			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Blue Gouldian	FCC	2015		911	Nizam Ali	2612	16	
2nd	Fawn Zebra	FCC	2014			Christian Mylor		15	
3rd	Peter Twin Spot					Violel Moise	14196	14	
4th	Shaft Tail		2014		487	Cayo Quinalia		13	
5th	Blue Face Parrot Finch				156	Laurie Erwin	7004	12	
6th	Green Singer	FCC	2015		228	Nizam Ali	2612	11	
7th	Goal Finch Siberian					Violel Moise	14196	10	
8th	Society Finch	FCC	2015			Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	9	
9th	Black Head Gould	FCC	2015		916	Nizam Ali	2612	8	
10th	CFW Female	FCC	2015		872	Jose Urrutia	14131	7	
1st UnFlighted	N/A							0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior	Shaft Tail					Cayo Quinalia		0	
Apprentice Judge -		Ricardo Gaskin							
JUDGE									
COMMENT:									

Show Name		Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society				Country			
City, State/Prov		Windsor, ON				JUDGE: Jim Heffernan			
DATE: ENTRIES:						EXHIBITORS:			
9/26/15 70						6			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Yellow Leg HC					Mike Manley	4029	0	
2nd	Gouldian Normal Red Head					Gary D'Ornelles		0	
3rd	Tanager					Mike Manley	4029	0	
4th	Zebra - Orange Brown					Jake Hoekstra		0	
5th	Gouldian Normal Red Head					Gary D'Ornelles		0	
6th	Superb					Mike Manley	4029	0	
7th	Gouldian Normal Red Head					Gary D'Ornelles		0	
8th	Twinspot					Mike Manley	4029	0	
9th	Owl Bicheno					Mike Manley	4029	0	
10th	Zebra Fawn					Jake Hoekstra		0	
1st UnFlighted	Gouldian Normal Red Head					Gary D'Ornelles		0	
1st Novice	N/A							0	
Best Junior								0	
Apprentice Judge -									
JUDGE									
COMMENT:									

Show Name		Houston Canary + Finch Soc.				Country			
City, State/Prov		Houston, TX				JUDGE: Laura Watkins			
DATE: ENTRIES:						EXHIBITORS:			
10/10/15 136						7			
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Blue-Faced Parrot					Laurie Erwin	7004	15	
2nd	Dilute Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1726	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	14	
3rd	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	13	
4th	Blue-Faced Parrot	NFS	2015	D	186	Laurie Erwin	7004	12	
5th	RH Nor. Gouldian Male					Alicia Baker		11	
6th	Star Finch					Helen Hoffman	9156	10	
7th	Cherry Finch	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	9	
8th	RH-WB Nor. Gouldian					Alicia Baker		8	
9th	Self Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1723	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	7	
10th	Ino Society	NFS	2013	D	00794	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	6	
1st UnFlighted	Dilute Chestnut Society	NFS	2015	D	1726	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	0	
1st Novice	RH Nor. Gouldian Male					Alicia Baker		0	
Best Junior	N/A							0	
Apprentice Judge - If applicable									
JUDGE									
COMMENT:		Wonderful selection of birds, several large sections. A number of species rarely seen on a show bench, and in excellent condition. Always a treat to come to Texas - great birds and great people.							

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Show Name		Kings Co. Canary Club				Country		
City, State/Prov		Brooklyn, NY				JUDGE: Nizam Ali		
DATE:		10/10/15				EXHIBITORS: 15		
ENTRIES:		53						
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Redheaded Parrot Finch					Mike Ruiz		7
2nd	Female Fawn Hen Zebra					Chris Taylor		6
3rd	Saffron Finch					Joseph Yee		5
4th	Euro Society (black/brown)					Chris Taylor		4
5th	Fawn Zebra Cock				925	Jose Urrutia	14131	3
6th	RH Nor. Gouldian					Chris Taylor		2
7th	Fawn Zebra Cock				926	Jose Urrutia	14131	1
8th	Normal Parson Finch					Abe Ogir		0
9th	Fawn Java					Chris Taylor		0
10th	Pied Normal Zebra				1327	Jose Urrutia	14131	0
1st UnFlighted	FC Zebra Male					Jose Urrutia	14131	0
1st Novice	N/A							0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Suncoast Canary + Finch Club				Regional Show #2		
City, State/Prov		Punta Gorda, FL				Country		
DATE:		10/11/15				JUDGE: Armando Lee		
ENTRIES:		115				EXHIBITORS: 13		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Owl Finch				3416	Van To	14045	26
2nd	Zebra Finch				1552	Van To	14045	24
3rd	Pruple Grenadier					Lauren Ogburn	13057	22
4th	Fire Finch					Lauren Ogburn	13057	20
5th	RH WB Gould					Anita Philips	14163	18
6th	Blue Gould Pair					Osmani Rodriguez		16
7th	Parson Finch					Santos Flores	14067	14
8th	RH Gouldian					Santos Flores	14067	12
9th	Zebra Finch				3942	Van To	14045	10
10th	Chestnut Society				644	Alex Villarreal	5556	8
1st UnFlighted	Owl Finch				3416	Van To	14045	0
1st Novice	Fire Finch					Lauren Ogburn	13057	0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud
 JUDGE : Good 2 day show good birds good competition. Had 2 novices with good condition. Judge's choice 1 pr blue gouldian. Osmani Rodriguez
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Cascade Canary Breeders Assn				Country		
City, State/Prov		Munroe, WA				JUDGE: Alfredo Brugueras		
DATE:		10/17/15				EXHIBITORS: 8		
ENTRIES:		51						
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	7
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Society, Black-Brown Euro					Lori Wilkinson	12049	6
2nd	Java, Grey					Ivan & Claudia Montes	10116	5
3rd	CFW Zebra Male					Doug White	4483	4
4th	D-S Zebra					Doug White	4483	3
5th	BH Nor. Gouldian					Lori Wilkinson	12049	2
6th	Tri-Color Nun					Ivan & Claudia Montes	10116	1
7th	Cutthroat F					Ivan & Claudia Montes	10116	0
8th	Red-billed Firefinch pair					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0
9th	Society, Black-Brown					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0
10th	Button Quail					Sandra Foote-Gregory	13094	0
1st UnFlighted	Zebra Finch, Dominant Silver					Doug White	4483	0
1st Novice	Society, Black-Brown					Lori Wilkinson	12049	0
Best Junior	Society, Fawn&White					Dezirae Lord	9147	0

Apprentice Judge - K.J. Brown
 JUDGE : Excellent Group of Birds lots of public. Good Club. A Novice had 5 birds in top 10.
 COMMENT:

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Show Name		Mass. Cage Bird Assoc.				Country		
DATE: 10/17/15		City, State/Prov				JUDGE: Laura Tinker		
ENTRIES: 21						EXHIBITORS: 6		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Normal Zebra Female	NFS	2015		937	Jose Urrutia	14131	4
2nd	Normal Zebra Male	NFS	2015		856	Jose Urrutia	14131	3
3rd	Fawn Zebra Male	NFS	2015		911	Jose Urrutia	14131	2
4th	Gouldian BH PB YB	SEM	2015		3735	Tiago Pacheco		1
5th	Green Singer Male	FCC	2015		1155	Katy Secor		0
6th	Gouldian RH WB YB	RMC	2015		09	Jacinto Calisto		0
7th	Dom. Silver Zebra Female	NFS	2015		5	Jose Urrutia	14131	0
8th	Gouldian BH PB BB	SEM	2015		3730	Tiago Pacheco		0
9th	Fawn cheek Zebra Male	NFS	2015		925	Jose Urrutia	14131	0
10th	CFW Zebra Male	NFS	2015		926	Jose Urrutia	14131	0
1st UnFlighted	Normal Zebra Female	NFS	2015		937	Jose Urrutia	14131	0
1st Novice	Gouldian BH PB YB	SEM	2015		3735	Tiago Pacheco		0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE : Judges Special cage 2060 7th Dom. Silver Zebra. A small show, yet the quality of the zebras was impressive.
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Baltimore Bird Fanciers				Regional Show #1		
DATE: 10/17/15		City, State/Prov				Country		
ENTRIES: 21		Baltimore				JUDGE: Nizam Ali		
ENTRIES: 21						EXHIBITORS: 4		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Society Finch	JFL	15		633	Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	8
2nd	Parson Finch		13		806	Abe Ogin		6
3rd	Zebra Male	FCL	15		491	Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	4
4th	BH Gouldian		14			Steven Funk	10141	2
5th	Gouldian Finch					Steven Funk	10141	0
6th	Red Head Star Finch	NFS			99	Steven Funk	10141	0
7th	Blue Back Gouldian	FCL	15		22	Abe Ogin		0
8th	Chestnut Society	FCL	15			Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	0
9th	Shaft Tail					Steven Funk	10141	0
10th	BH Gouldian					Steven Funk	10141	0
1st UnFlighted	Shaft Tail				9	Steven Funk	10141	0
1st Novice	N/A							0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Society of Canary + Finch				Regional Show #3		
DATE: 10/24/15		City, State/Prov				Country		
ENTRIES: 84		Livonia, MI				JUDGE: Bob Peers		
ENTRIES: 84						EXHIBITORS: 9		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Redbill Fire	NFSS	2014	A	678	Rebecca Mikel	5510	20
2nd	Speacled Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	18
3rd	RH Normal Gould Cock					Susan Stieve	11047	16
4th	Silverbill (AF)					Susan Stieve	11047	14
5th	Crimson Pileated					Rebecca Mikel	5510	12
6th	OH Dilute Gouldian Cock					Susan Stieve	11047	10
7th	Orange Cheek					Kristen Reeve	5892	8
8th	Cut Throat					Susan Stieve	11047	6
9th	BF Parrot Finch					Rebecca Mikel	5510	4
10th	Speccled Tanager					Rebecca Mikel	5510	2
1st UnFlighted	N/A							0
1st Novice	Normal Shafttail					Roger Rotarius	5485	0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - Ricardo Gaskin
 JUDGE
 COMMENT: Awesome African section and some nice gouldians. The club goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. Ricky Gaskin did a good job apprenticing.

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Show Name		CCCBC				Country			
City, State/Prov		Turlock, CA				JUDGE: Clarence Culwell			
DATE: 10/31/15						EXHIBITORS: 7			
ENTRIES: 39									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Zebra, Normal					Tuan Tran	13018	5	
2nd	Society, Choc self Euro					Andrew Griffith	13063	4	
3rd	Zebra, Dominant Silver					Janet Edmonds	5296	3	
4th	Zebra, Normal					Tuan Tran	13018	2	
5th	Gouldian, Black Head Dilute					Chris Hartje	8009	1	
6th	Owl					Tuan Tran	13018	0	
7th	Society, Choc Pearl					Chris Hartje	8009	0	
8th	Cutthroat Pair					Laura Watkins	4315	0	
9th	Gouldian, Red Head					Janet Edmonds	5296	0	
10th	Shaftail					Laura Watkins	4315	0	
1st UnFlighted	Zebra, Normal					Tuan Tran	13018	0	
1st Novice	Gouldian, Black Head Dilute					Chris Hartje	8009	0	
Best Junior								0	
Apprentice Judge -		KJ Brown							
JUDGE									
COMMENT:									

Show Name		Columbia Canary + Finch				Country			
City, State/Prov		Clackamas, OR				JUDGE: Sally Huntington			
DATE: 11/7/15						EXHIBITORS: 9			
ENTRIES: 33									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Gouldian Silver BP/BH					Kelsey Weyland	14132	5	
2nd	Euro Blk/Grey Society	NFS	2015		4422	Hector Diaz	10140	4	
3rd	Siskin	NFS	2015		4344	Hector Diaz	10140	3	
4th	Pair of Strawberry	NFS	2014	A	0012/18	Chelzie Gitzen		2	
5th	Cream Uno					Hector Diaz	10140	1	
6th	Ring Neck Dove					Beth Murphy		0	
7th	Society Fawn/White	NFS	2014		7232	Dezrae Lord	9147	0	
8th	Mousebird					Kelsey Weyland	14132	0	
9th	Strawberry	NFS	2013		0178	Nancy Ingram	4700	0	
10th	OH Nor Gouldian					Nina Rapp	13093	0	
1st UnFlighted	Siskin	NFS	2015		4344	Hector Diaz	10140	0	
1st Novice	Gouldian Silver BP/BH					Kelsey Weyland	14132	0	
Best Junior	Society Tricolor	NFS	2014	D	7128	Dezrae Lord	9147	0	
Apprentice Judge -		K.J.Brown							
JUDGE		Even with a smaller entry there were 9 exhibitors and nine different classes including silkie ringneck doves and a lovely PB/BH silver gouldian. K.J. Brown did well in his last apprenticeship.							
COMMENT:									

Show Name		ACF Winter Show				Country			
City, State/Prov		Caguas				JUDGE: Laura Tinker			
DATE: 11/6-8/2015						EXHIBITORS: 25			
ENTRIES: 329									
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS	
		Club	Year	Size	#				
1st	Fawn Hen Zebra	NFSS	15	D	379	Hiram Morales	5060	23	
2nd	CFW Cock Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1363	Hiram Morales	5060	22	
3rd	Fawn Pair Zebra	ACF	15	D	1570/83	Carlos. Mendez	16028	21	
4th	Diluted Gouldian	ACF	15	D	164	C. Rivera		20	
5th	YH-PB-Green Gouldian	ACF	15	D	2195	T. Camacho		19	
6th	Fawn Cock Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1238	Hiram Morales	5060	18	
7th	Diluted Chestnut Society	ACF	15	D	137	Tomy Rviz		17	
8th	Diluted Gouldian	ACF	15	D	292	Juan Alicea	8081	16	
9th	RH-WB Green Gouldian	ACF	15	D	328	Juan Nieves		15	
10th	Gray Hen Zebra	NFSS	15	D	1208	Hiram Morales	5060	14	
1st UnFlighted	Fawn Hen Zebra	ACF	15	D	379	Hiram Morales	5060	0	
1st Novice	RH-PB-YB Gouldian	ACF	15	D	1521	Urbano Perez		0	
Best Junior	Cutthroat	ACF	15	D	116	Eddie Cross Jr		0	
Apprentice Judge -		Gene Perez							
JUDGE		Beautiful birds at the show. Top quality. There were two divisions. The unflighted was used for NFSS show report with 329 birds. There were 58 more birds in the open division also making the total 387 birds! Congratulations to all the exhibitors - some beauties that did not make top 10. Keep up the great work!							
COMMENT:									

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Show Name		TBBFA				Country		
City, State/Prov		Temple, TX				JUDGE: Alfredo Bruguera		
DATE: 11/7/15						EXHIBITORS: 6		
ENTRIES: 112								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	13
2nd	White-Hooded Nun	NFS	2013	E	301	Laurie Erwin	7004	12
3rd	YB-PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	11
4th	Blue-Capped Cordon Bleu					Sally Porter	5636	10
5th	Self Chocolate Society	NFS	2012	D	00651	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	9
6th	Purple Grenadier					Sally Porter	5636	8
7th	Chery	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	7
8th	Star	NFS	2015		455	Hellen Hoffman	9156	6
9th	Blue Faced Parrot					Laurie Erwin	7004	5
10th	European Goldfinch					Laurie Erwin	7004	4
1st UnFlighted	Chery	NFS	2015	D	1706	Cheryl/Leland Burns	05607/05608	0
1st Novice	Owl Finch					Jan Chery		0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE Excellent showing, 112 entries. Very good birds in really good condition. The best Gouldians, I have seen lately. Very good.
 COMMENT:

Show Name		Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club				Country		
City, State/Prov		Arecibo				Puerto Rico		
DATE: 11/21/15						JUDGE: Bob Peers		
ENTRIES: 207						EXHIBITORS: 29		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D	1223	Ismael Perez		22
2nd	RH, WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D	539	Gene Perez	14100	21
3rd	Black-brown Society	ACF	2015	D	951	Carlos Mendez	9132	20
4th	Fawn-cheek Zebra					Edwin Garcia	14222	19
5th	Lightback Zebra Male					Edwin Garcia		18
6th	Penquin Zebra Male					Gene Perez	14100	17
7th	RH, WB Gouldian	NFS	2015	D	546	Gene Perez	14100	16
8th	Pied Zebra					Ramses Colon		15
9th	Normal Zebra Female					Carlos Mendez	9132	14
10th	Fawn Zebra Female	ACF	2015	D	1570	Carlos Mendez	9132	13
1st UnFlighted	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D	1223	Ismael Perez		
1st Novice	Fawn Zebra Male	ACF	2015	D	1223	Ismael Perez		
Best Junior	N/A							

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE Some very nice birds especially for the weather conditions. A wonderful club and they put on a great show. Exhibitors are a very knowledgeable. And Thanks for treating the judge so well.
 COMMENT:

Show Name		National Bird Show				Country		
City, State/Prov		St. Charles, IL				Clarence Culwell		
DATE: 12/4/15						JUDGE: Clarence Culwell		
ENTRIES: 207						EXHIBITORS: 27		
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Parson					Abraham Ogir		22
2nd	Pekin Robin	NFSS	2011	J	001	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	21
3rd	BF Parrot Finch					Rebecca Mikel	5510	20
4th	Grey Zebra Male	NFSS	2015		100	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	19
5th	Yellow PB Gouldian					Laurie Erwin	7004	18
6th	Euro BL/BR Society					Dennis Burhans	430	17
7th	Shaftail	NFSS	2015		84	Vince/Kendra Moase	513	16
8th	PR BLK/BR Society					Hiram (Ken) Rampersaud	5142	15
9th	RH Parrot Finch	CFS			23	Mike Manley	4029	14
10th	Grey Zebra Male					Carlos Mendez	16028	13
1st UnFlighted	Grey Zebra Male	NFSS	2015		100	Sally/Vince Huntington	2238	0
1st Novice	N/A							0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE Birds were excellent. Very pleased with my top bench. Gallery was wonderful.
 COMMENT:

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Show Name		Florida Canary Fanciers				Country		
City, State/Prov		Orlando, FL				JUDGE: Kenneth Gunby		
DATE: 12/12/15						EXHIBITORS: 4		
ENTRIES: 65								
AWARD	SPECIES	BAND				EXHIBITOR	NFSS #	POINTS
		Club	Year	Size	#			
1st	Fawn Zebra					Van To	14045	8
2nd	Isabelle Shaftail					Anita Phillips	14163	7
3rd	Normal Zebra					Van To	14045	6
4th	Blue Daenis					Lauren Ogburn	13057	5
5th	Chocolate Self Society					Van To	14045	4
6th	Normal Shaftail					Anita Phillips	14163	3
7th	CCF Zebra					Van To	14045	2
8th	Owl					Van To	14045	1
9th	RH Nor. WB Gouldian					Anita Phillips	14163	0
10th	Lightback Zebra					Van To	14045	0
1st UnFlighted	Normal Zebra					Van To	14045	0
1st Novice	Isabelle Shaftail					Anita Phillips	14163	0
Best Junior	N/A							0

Apprentice Judge - If applicable
 JUDGE Great show! Very helpful staff.
 COMMENT:

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Quarantine Protocols for New Birds

By Tiffany Park

The importance of quarantining new birds away from an existing flock of healthy birds is not something to approach nonchalantly. Unfortunately, some people do not appreciate the importance of following proper quarantine procedures until they have experienced their own personal disaster with illness and disease brought in by new birds. When it comes to masking illness, birds should be considered “masters of disguise.” More often than not, by the time the bird is visually telling us something is wrong (fluffed up, inactive, lethargic, etc.), whatever is ailing the bird has been allowed to progress to the point of being potentially life-threatening.

Because birds can mask illness until it becomes a life-or-death situation, it is very easy to bring a sick bird into your flock thinking it is healthy.

Suggested Quarantine Protocols

The following are my recommended quarantine procedures. Others' protocols may differ slightly, and I urge everyone to perform research and choose the methods that work best for them.

I recommend that new birds be quarantined away from your existing birds for a minimum of 4 weeks. Note that I am saying minimum. In some cases, I have quarantined birds for up to three months before introducing them to my flock. Generally speaking, if I feel the birds came from a questionable environment or I was not able to see the facilities where the birds came from, I am much more strict about the way in which I quarantine the birds.

Treatment During Quarantine:

The subject of proactively treating birds for disease while in quarantine is a touchy one. I do not generally recommend that individuals treat birds for undiagnosed illnesses, but sometimes, taking the proactive road with new birds due to an unknown health history can give peace of mind to the buyer that their flock will not be put at risk once the new birds are introduced. There are many diseases that can be carried by birds asymptotically (lying dormant) for months - during which time they have the ability to infect other healthy members of the flock without any warning.

Owning a microscope and performing your own fecal smears on new birds is one way to eliminate treating for certain things unnecessarily. However, microscope work is difficult, and accurately identifying pathogens versus artifacts via the scope is a learning process that takes years of experience to master. The Avian Microscopy group on Yahoo! is an excellent place to start if you are interested in learning how to perform fecal analysis on your own birds. There are many experienced individuals on that group willing to lend a helping hand/eye/ear to help identify existing problems.

However, some folks simply are not going to be predisposed to running out and spending money on a microscope and supplies for the purposes of looking at finch poop during a quarantine period! For these individuals, I have designed a rough quarantine treatment schedule which I have outlined below.

Please note - This quarantine treatment outline is only a suggestion. Individuals administering medications to their birds do so at their own risk. Veterinary advice is always recommended.

Quarantine Treatment Schedule

Day 1

SCATT - Apply 1 drop to the skin of the bird. This can be accomplished by holding the bird in the palm of the hand with the head secured between the pointer and middle finger. Use your pointer finger to push back the neck feathers and expose the skin on the back of neck, and apply a single drop using a dropper or pipette.

or

Iverlux - Alternatively, for large numbers of birds - a water soluble Ivermectin treatment such as Morning Bird's Iverlux can be used. The recommendation is two consecutive days of treatment for three consecutive weeks.

ASM treatment is predominantly for species characteristically associated with Air Sac Mite infections. E.g., Canaries and Gouldians.

In serious cases of ASM, a secondary respiratory infection may be present which could require subsequent antibiotic treatment to address.

Although I treat birds during quarantine for ASM - I belong to the camp of people who do not believe that routine ASM treatments are necessary, and that ASM infections are, at best, generally anecdotal.



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Worm-Away - A water soluble wormer such as Morning Bird's Worm Away should be used for two consecutive days, and then repeated in 7 days. The wormer eradicates intestinal/internal parasites such as threadworms, tape worms and gizzard worms.

The follow-up treatment of Worm-Away is designed to cover the entire life-cycle.

Note: The ingredients in SCATT (Moxidectin) and Iverlux (Ivermectin) also act as wormers.

Moxidectin acts as a preventive and treatment for internal ascarid (roundworm) parasites.

Ivermectin treats threadworms by killing worms in the intestines, and will kill developing roundworms but will not kill adult roundworms.

The active ingredients in Worm-Away are Praziquantel and Oxfendazole.

Praziquantel treats trematode (flukes) parasites as well as tape worms and works by killing the worms.

Oxfendazole is a broad-spectrum anthelmintic mainly used for roundworms, strongyles (nematodes - e.g., gizzard worms) and pinworms (threadworms).

Day 15

SCATT - Apply 1 drop to the skin of the bird. This can be accomplished by holding the bird in the palm of the hand with the head secured between the pointer and middle finger. Use your pointer finger to push back the neck feathers and expose the skin on the back of neck, and apply a single drop using a dropper or pipette.

This follow-up application of SCATT is to be sure the entire life-cycle of ASM is covered. Alternatively, this can be applied after three weeks instead of two (Day 22)

Days 21-22 35-46 & 49-50

Baycox (Coccidiosis) - Baycox is used for two consecutive days, every other week, over a six week time period. This ends up being six total applications of treatment. Treatment takes place over six weeks because Coccidia has a six-week life-cycle.

Coccidiosis is a protozoan infection that can generally be acknowledged as being endemic in the US. Birds can be carrying and periodically shedding the organism with no outward signs of disease or infection. This is especially true for birds housed in outdoor aviaries. It is for this reason that I always treat for Coccidiosis during quarantine.

Days 60-69

Ronidasole (Anti-Protozoal) - Ronidasole (in the form of Ronex or Ronivet-S) should be administered for 7-10 consecutive days to eradicate any motile flagellates.

There are currently two brands and two concentrations of Ronidasole available: Ronex (Morning Bird) and Ronivet-S(Vetfarm). Each is available in either a 6% and a 12% form.

If using the 6% concentration, my recommendation for treating is using 4x the recommended dosage for the first three days of treatment, then treating at 2x the recommended dosage for the remaining 4-7 days.

If you are using the 12% concentration, then you would double the dosage for the first three days, and administer the normal dosage for the remainder of treatment.

Certain protozoal infections (Trichomonas) are more common than others (e.g., Hexamita), and with the relative frequency of Trich infections in caged birds this is why I would recommend treating incoming birds with Ronidasole during quarantine.

Protozoan organisms (including Coccidia) can be detected by a PCR test through Avian Biotech - but tests can be costly if individuals are buying multiple birds.

Note: although Coccidia is a protozoan, it is not treated with Ronidasole.

With a small investment and by dedicating a couple of months' time, you can be sure that your entire flock remains healthy.

Cocciostat vs. Coccidiocide:

A cocciostat is a medication that retards the life-cycle of the coccidia organism. They are generally used in aviaries where the infection is likely to remain endemic - e.g., chicken and pigeon enclosures, outdoor aviaries, and aviaries which are likely to have repeated exposure. The idea is that when conditions (during periods of stress or warm, humid weather) are favorable for the organism to spread, the cocciostat is given to retard the life-cycle (the shedding of the oocysts) so that outbreaks are fewer among the birds. During the summer months, many outdoor aviaries treat with a cocciostat to prohibit infection. A cocciostat WILL NOT CURE a coccidiosis infection. In fact, the nature of the product is designed to prevent the portion of the life-cycle responsible for symptoms of the infection itself. So, if your birds are symptomatic, the cocciostat will do nothing. If the birds are asymptomatic and you use a cocciostat, it will only be effective during the period of time it is given, and it will not eradicate any existing coccidia organisms.

Examples of Cocciostats: Cocci-Care, Coccivet, Abba Sulfox 55ml

A coccidiocide is a medication indicated for treating (eradicating) the coccidia organisms. The complication here is that there are many medications on the market that suggest they "treat" coccidiosis. TriMethoprim Sulfa is one such medication thrown around as being effective against coccidia. From individuals who have positively diagnosed a bird with Coccidiosis based on fecal exams, the only medication that has been used and reported to have eliminated the oocysts from follow-up fecals is BAYCOX which is why it is the only medication I would use or recommend for treatment.

It is my opinion that TMS and other combination meds such as MedPet 4-in-1 act more as a cocciostat than a coccidiocide.

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Finch Society of San Diego County

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Website: www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com

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Meetings: 3rd Sunday of month

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First Coast Finch and Softbill Society

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Other Divisions: Canary- Colorbred, Song (12/9-11th), & Type

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Email: jim.dwyer@netzero.net

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Phone: 800-474-3272
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Address: PO Box 595, South Easton, MA 02375
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Meeting Dates: no regularly scheduled meetings
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Facebook: Columbia Canary Club
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Club Contact: Ben Garza – 210-275-3369

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Website: fortworthbirdclub.com
Club Contact Email: FWBC@fortworthbirdclub.com

Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association

Website: texasbirdbreeders.org
Club Contact Email: Cheryl@newworldranch.com

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