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Best wishes, Brenda

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


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ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A PLACE
CALLED PITTSBURGH.....

by Debbie Stone

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In September of 1991, my husband and I took a business vacation touring Zoological Parks and Aquariums. We traveled a remote area outside our native New Hampshire. It proved to be a long, but profitable learning experience (in ways we did not anticipate). We left our home in N. H., with a final destination of Indianapolis, and then home again, along a different route with only 7 days to make the trip. Of course, we experienced routine mishaps along the way (after all, what's a trip without them?). Deplorable roads, unbelievably severe storms, flat tires, bald tires, leaking struts, no room at the inn, rooms that were overpriced, 200 miles between restrooms and exit ramps too it seemed. The purpose of our trip was to find large collections of endangered species of any kind, but with special emphasis on avian collections to photograph and observe for future use for a book I plan (hope) to write and illustrate.

One city after another, one major zoo after another brought increasing disappointment and frustration. It seems most zoos have limited, eliminated or are in the process of selling and dispersing their avian collections! Most of the birds observed at each institution were familiar and readily available to all of us.

We were somewhat impressed with the Cincinnati Zoos' avian collection and pleased overall with the diversity of other animal collections they maintain. Their avian collection featured some readily familiar species, some very rare endangered species and some that fall between the two. A fairly good balance of all. The "scientist" aviculturist in me was satisfied and the average zoo goer, with an interest in birds would have been also. Their botanical gardens and grounds were beautiful. It was an all-around pleasant expanding the day there and the weather couldn't have been better.

More cities and zoos came and went, and it was time to start home and relieve the poor girl caring for my rather large breeding collection, and several clutches of chicks she was left with. (She has 28 birds of her own, 2 children, a husband and 6 cats. She was a little stressed when I checked in and mentioned needing a vacation herself when we got back!)

Our route included a stop at the Pittsburgh Zoo. From literature and word of mouth, we understood they had a fairly good collection of avian species. They were out of shape, so we followed signs and arrows. The first we saw of their collection were mostly Asian waterfowl, white storks, flamingos, a pelican and the like. We continued to follow signs for the aviaries, viewing other exhibits along the way. We spotted, quite a distance away behind high stockade fencing and padlocks, what appeared, (through our telescopic lens), to

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be Ruppella Griffona vultures, with a female in the net and a beautiful male posted nearby. There was another pair of raptors which we could not see well enough to identify. This small glimpse behind padlocked gates and lots of tree branches was exciting to find, even though we felt like peeping toms! Continuing our tour of the zoo, we saw emus and Australian Black Swans and found oarvees at the end, near the children's zoo. Doubling back, thinking perhaps we had taken a wrong turn and missed the aviaries, we found oarvees walking in circles and finding nothing. We had been there approximately four hours in anticipation of the avian exhibit so we asked the first zoo worker we could find to point us in the right direction. We were told the zoo had dispersed their aviary, did not plan on re-establishment and had been selling their collection. There would be no collection to witness after all.

It seems we had traveled a few thousand miles, spent a great deal of money, and ruined our cars' front end on the highway in search of avian collections that no longer exist.

As we left the grounds of the Pittsburgh Zoo we popped into the small gift shop at the entrance for film and T-shirts that might feature birds or at the least other endangered species. Bird T-shirts are a weakness of mine and my husband has a weakness for souvenir T-shirts from wherever he goes. While there I started chatting with two local ladies who were also looking through the T-shirts. They happened to be pet bird owners and bird lovers. I told them of our trip and our search for avian collections.

Earlier my husband and I had noted an ad in "Zoo Life" magazine for an aviary in Pittsburgh. A very small, insignificant ad with an address, no bold lettering or flashy graphic to catch your eye. We were unable to locate the place on a map and are not at all familiar with the city. I inquired if the two ladies knew of it. At the mention of the aviary they became animated and excited. They strongly encouraged us to visit the aviary; they said they were frequent visitors and they loved it! I asked a few questions about the collection. They seemed to be most impressed by the Nyctieth Macaws but they confirmed that there were some unusual and endangered species there, although they did not know what they were. They gave us directions and off we went. We expected this to be another disappointment but it was only a few miles away and after all, we were there and we were on the last day of our trip and from here it would be non-stop to home. We decided it couldn't be any worse than anywhere we had already been.

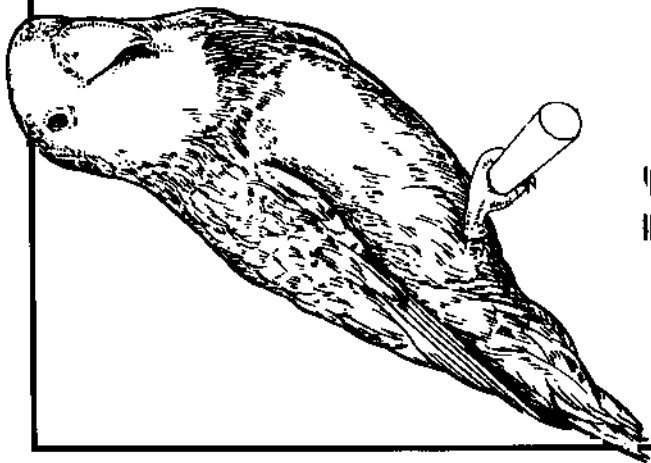
Which finally leads me to what this article is really about. After going in circles 3 or 4 times we finally located the Pittsburgh Aviary. The aviary is housed in a large brick and glass building in the center of a park called Allegheny Commons West, not far from the sports stadium. We paid a very small fee and found ourselves in a foyer with a gift counter. We were told they too were out of maps but that we should go through a door, "that way".

One minute later, through those doors, we entered into nothing short of Paradise.

A beautiful, open, living, growing habitat landscaped with palms, Bird-of Paradise and such. No cages, no glass, no bars and unlike zoos where you feel that the animals are on display in your world, you enter here and feel as though you had walked into their world. Here are wonderful mature plantings that created a splendid natural environment and a forest canopy. A suspended foot path leads you over and through this huge room, complete with running stream, pools, boulders, rocks and "cave" sites. There are ground plantings from moss and ferns to small tropicals growing among the trunks of the larger tree varieties, as viewed from the suspended walkway above. The mostly glass walls of the structure are barely visible through the dense foliage and natural light is supplied by a semi-domed glass roof. We spent at least 1 1/2 hours on the walkway observing the birds. Through the dense foliage came one rare, endangered, wondrous species after another. After you think you've seen them all and prepare to leave, more appear. There were some nesting sites visible among the foliage and the pairs we could glimpse seemed to be nesting successfully. (Editors note: Since Dr. Lindsey Cleck has been the director of this Aviary he has achieved a notable record of World First Breeding Awards in this exquisite habitat.) We loved the feeling of intimacy with the "forest" and our avian hosts. They were on branches close enough to touch, or flying within inches of us and didn't seem to be affected by human presence. There were ground dwellers, rock dwellers, tree dwellers water dwellers and dwellers of the canopy...

We proceeded to the end of the walkway and through a chain curtain. We thought we'd probably seen it all, and if so, this one stop had made our trip worth while. We took more than four 24-shot rolls of film and we still hadn't seen and photographed every species.

Pushing that chain curtain aside, we found ourselves in the middle of another but different open habitat. This room is round and is landscaped as a park with a circular walkway and park benches. Behind these mature plantings and trees again obscured the walls. It has a central fountain and pool also with beautifully maintained mature specimen plants. I must say that all of the botanical plantings do not look to be planned but look like the hands of the gods scattered the seeds, Mother Nature tended them and someone came along and built a building around it all! This "park" as we have called it, was as wonderful as the previous environment we had just left, and the species in it were just as diverse. Following the circular "park" path to the right, we went through the next door. Now we were excited to see what lay behind each door! In this area we followed a semi-circular hallway lined with glass-fronted enclosures, housing many beautiful rare species. Each glass enclosure environment was as nice and as naturally created as the large open rooms we'd just passed through. Each was appropriate to the species housed there. As you rounded the corner the next exhibit literally took your breath away - the most magnificent and incredibly beautiful pair of mature concave Casqued Hornbills sat regally in a gorgeous natural setting, and was the main focal point of this area. The hallway, as I mentioned, is a semi-circle which leads you back to the "park" room. The last display before leaving this area were Lilac-breasted



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NFS SHOW RESULTS 1991

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Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
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Column headings for this report are as follows:

Rank	Exhibitor	NFS #	Points	Species	NFS Band #	6 year
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NFS SHOW RESULTS 1991 2ND HALF

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Editor's Note: I apologize for not including this first show report in the first half..it was my oversight. The second and third were not included in the first half because the judge did not send me a copy.

TENNESSE BIRD SHOW Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert
 June 15, 1991 Memphis, TN 2 exhibitors 6 entries

1. T. McCowan 1103 Gouldian

FORT WORTH BIRD CLUB Panel Judge: Msrty Von Raesfeld
 October 5, 1991 Arlington, TX 15 exhibitors 88 entries

1. C. Culwell 072 8 Shafttail
 2. J. Hulsey 1182 7 Bamboo Psrrot Finch
 3. J. Hulsey 1182 6 Blue-fsced Parrot Finch
 4. G. & J. Miller 109,410 5 Gouldian
 5. K. Estes 4 Cherry Finch
 6. C. Culwell 072 3 Silverbill
 7. G. & J. Miller 109,410 2 C. F. W. Zebrs 1718D'90
 8. C. Culwell 072 1 Society

CAPITAL CITY CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge: Msrty Von Raesfeld
 October 12, 1991 Austin, TX 7 exhibitors 54 entries

1. J. Hulsey 1182 6 Blue-faced Parrot Finch
 2. C. Culwell 072 5 Shafttail
 3. C. Culwell 072 4 Shafttail
 4. J. Hulsey 1182 3 Bamboo Parrot Finch
 5. C. Culwell 072 2 Society
 6. C. Culwell 072 1 Blue-faced Parrot Finch

GULF SOUTH BIRD CLUB Panel Judge: William Parlea
 October 19, 1991 New Orleans, LA 9 exhibitors 40 entries

1. M. Salsmones 5 Calico Ringneck Dove
 2. R. Reynolds 4 Brazilian Cardinal
 3. K. Lovarty 3 Orange Weaver
 4. M. Boudreaux 2 Gouldian
 5. E. Kruse 178 1 Zebra

BADGER CANARY FANCIERS
October 26, 1991 Milwaukee, WI

Panel Judge: Paul Williams
10 exhibitors 59 entries

1. Sue Feldstein	919	6	Fawn Society	
2. Liene Lada	639	5	Pied Java	207K'89
3. Frank Ornezaa		4	Shafttail	
4. Judy Petera		3	Gouldian	
5. Kan Kiadrowicz		2	Pied Zebre	
6. Liana Lada	639	1	Pied Java	361K'90

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CAGE BIRD CLUB
October 26, 1991 Camp Hill, PA

Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby
11 exhibitors 75 entries

1. Marion Sparzak	1027	7	Melba Finch	
2. Woody's Bird Farm		6	Indian Hill Mynah	
3. P. & M. Krichtan	741,742	5	Pr. Shafttails	453C, 20110'91
4. Kris Kroner	551	4	Black & White Mannikin	
5. Kris Kroner	551	3	Maggie Mennikina	180, 182C'89
6. P. & M. Krichtan	741,742	2	Cordon Bleu	2688'89
7. Kris Kroner	551	1	Saffron Finch	256K'90

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR AVI.
October 26, 1991 Meriden, CT

Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman
15 exhibitors 44 entries

1. Lynn Mahn	1518	5	Indian Hill Mynah	
2. C. Voronovitch	176	4	Jeve	4K'91
3. C. Kolodziejczyk	664	3	Spica Finch	
4. C. Kolodziejczyk	664	2	Cherry Finch	
5. C. Kolodziejczyk	664	1	Blue-capped Waxbill	

FRESNO CANARY & FINCH CLUB
October 26, 1991 Madera, CA

Panel Judge: Joe Krader
17 exhibitors 162 entries

1. A. & D. Lea	623	12	Shafttail	
2. Willis Beker	578	11	Zebre	
3. A. & D. Lea	623	10	Fischer Whydah	
4. A. & D. Lea	623	9	Melbe	
5. A. & D. Lea	623	8	Diamond Dova	
6. A. & D. Lea	623	7	White Hooded Nun	
7. B. Novickas	327	6	Bk. Brst. Zebra	
8. A. & D. Lea	623	5	Orange Weaver	
9. A. & D. Lea	623	4	Cordon Bleu	
10. M. & D. Sanna		3	Society	

GOLD COAST ALL BIRD CLUB
October 26, 1991 W. Palm Beach, FL

Panel Judge: George Warren
11 exhibitors 106 entries

1. Stephen Hoppin	042	9	Shafttail	1534C'90
2. John Dapas	663	8	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
3. John Dapas	663	7	Pallid Headed Nun	
4. Philio Barth	1253	6	Rock Bunting	
5. Philio Barth	1253	5	Java	
6. Stephen Hoopin	042	4	Red-crested Turaco	
7. John Dapas	663	3	Green Finch	
8. Cindy Patten	425	2	Shafttail	
9. Stephen Hoppin	042	1	Bk. Crested Finch	

HEARTLAND CANARY & FINCH CLUB
October 26, 1991 Lawrence, KS

Panel Judge: Earl Courts
5 exhibitors 34 entries

1. Jim Leach	1115	4	Diamond Sparrow	
2. Jeff Johnson	1049	3	Zebra	
3. Jim Leach	1115	2	Gold-breasted Bunting	
4. Jim Leach	1115	1	Java	

MIDDLE TENNESSE CAGE BIRD CLUB
October 26, 1991 Nashville, TN

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson
8 exhibitors 50 entries

1. B.&W. McCormick	1045,1046	6	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
2. Linda Oorland		5	Pekin Robin	
3. B.&W. McCormick	1045,1046	4	Cordon Blau	
4. Roger Maxwell		3	Silverbill	
5. B.&W. McCormick	1045,1046	2	Green Singer	
6. B.&W. McCormick	1045,1046	1	Blue-faced Parrot	

MOTOR CITY BIRD BREEDERS
October 26, 1991 Detroit, MI

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert
11 exhibitors 64 entries

1. P. Vance	908	7	Gold-breasted Waxbill	
2. P. Vance	908	6	Shafttail	
3. P. Vance	908	5	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	1585D'
4. P. Vance	908	4	Rosy Rump Waxbill	
5. K. Young	1491	3	Fawn Zebra	
6. P. Vance	908	2	Fawn Shafttail	
7. M. L. Texwilliger	648	1	Java	19H'87

OKLAHOMA CAGE BIRD CLUB
October 26, 1991 Tulsa, OK

Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby
10 exhibitots 43 entries

(OKLAHOMA, contd.)

1. Jim Hulsey	1182	5	Bamboo Parrot
2. C. Culwell	72	4	Shafttail
3. C. Culwell	72	3	C. F. W. Zebra
4. C. Culwell	72	2	Society
5. C. Culwell	72	1	Shafttail

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 2, 1991 Turlock, CA

Panel Judge: Cleyton Jonas
121 entries

1. S. & M. Payna	380, 779	10	Black-cheeked Waxbill
2. Fred Momen		9	Star Finch
3. M. & D. Senna		8	Society
4. M. & D. Senna		7	Zebra
5. A. & D. Lea	623	6	Fischer Wydah
6. Steve Payne	380, 779	5	Pr. Firefinchas
7. Steve Payne	380, 779	4	Gold-brestad Waxbill
8. Steve Payne	380, 779	3	Red-eared Waxbill
9. A. & D. Lea	623	2	Red-headed Finch
10. A. & D. Lea	623	1	Silver-eared Mesia

GEORGIA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
November 2, 1991 Atlanta, GA

Panel Judge: Brenda Oesey
11 exhibitors 56 entries

1. John Dapas	663	6	Crimson Pileated
2. John Dapas	663	5	Gold-breasted Waxbill
3. John Dapas	663	4	White-headed Nun
4. John Dapas	663	3	Wh. Brst. Gouldian
5. Eva Duffey	493	2	Silverbill
6. John Dapas	663	1	Greenfinch

GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 2, 1991 Rolling Meadows, IL

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau
19 exhibitors 110 entries

1. Robert & Sue Rahe	863, 864	9	Violet-eared Waxbill	
2. Patrick Vance	908	8	Shafttail	
3. Andrea Supler	608	7	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	16980'89
4. Cathy Wiegale	563	6	Society	335E'89
5. Patrick Vance	908	5	C. F. Zebra	
6. Patrick Vance	908	4	Cin. Java	
7. Patrick Vance	908	3	Gold-braasted Waxbill	
8. Patrick Ysnce	908	2	Sociaty	
9. Cethy Wiagele	563	1	Cuban Olive	1511C'91

GREATER PITTSBURGH CAGE BIRD SOCIETY
November 2, 1991 Washington, PA

1. M. & T. Yoder	630, 631	6
2. P. & M. Krichten	741, 742	5
3. P. & M. Krichten	741, 742	4
4. M. Jonnett & S. Hertwell		3
5. M. Jonnett & S. Hertwell		2
6. P. & M. Krichten	741, 742	1

Panel Judge: Roddy Gebel
12 exhibitors 55 entries

African Silverbill	
Cordon Bleu	268B'89
Aurora	496E'91
Ringneck Dove	
Ringneck Dove	
Pr. Shaftteil	453C, 20110'91

MISSOURI CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
November 2, 1991 Eureka, MO

1. Virginia Patrick	1391	7
2. Virginia Patrick	1391	6
3. Virginia Patrick	1391	5
4. Jan Marcott	619	4
5. Tom Rood	043	3
6. Dennis Burhans	430	2
7. Tom Rood	043	1

Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman
19 exhibitors 74 entries

Crim. Wing Pytilia	
Lavender	
Ring Neck Dove	
Dwl	
Zebra	3153D'91
Red-headed Parrot Finch	
C. F. W. Zebra Pr.	3159, 31600'91

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOCIETY OF AVI.
November 2, 1991 Denver, CO

1. Katrina Brown		6
2. Don Locke	745	5
3. Don Locke	745	4
4. Teri McAuliffe	343	3
5. Anna Sinclair	519	2
6. Anna Sinclair	519	1

Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld
9 exhibitors 53 entries

Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
Cheffinch	
Black-hooded Weaver	
Lavender Waxbill	
Society	772E'91
Zebra	3381D'90

SAN DIEGO BIRD SHOW
November 2, 1991 Del Mar, CA

1. Sharon Russell	877	6
2. Bill Novickas	327	5
3. Sharon Russell	877	4
4. Larry Buzon		3
5. Sharon Russell	877	2
6. Bill Novickas	327	1

Panel Judge: Brian Binns
13 exhibitors 55 entries

Pair Stars	
Zebra	2067D'90
Diamond	
Emerald Toucanette	
Gouldian	
Zebra Pair	2092D'90 4122D'91

TEXAS BIRD BREEDERS & FANCIERS
November 2, 1991 Killen, TX

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell
3 exhibitors 24 entries

(TEXAS, contd.)

1. Jim Hulsey	1182	3	Bamboo Parrot Finch
2. Jim Mulsay	1182	2	Tri-color Parrot Finch
3. Oarrin Mill	429	1	Button Quail

CENTRAL KENTUCKY CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 3, 1991 Lexington, KY

Panel Judge: Earl Courts
5 exhibitors 12 entries

1. Bill Mullins	1482		Gouldian
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CAPITOL AREA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
November 9, 1991 Baton Rouge, LA

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau
4 exhibitors 13 entries

1. T. Schaxnaydre	183		Java
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DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD CLUB
November 9, 1991 Creamery, PA

Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby
11 exhibitors 80 entries

1. P. & M. Krichten	741,742	8	Shafttail Pr.	453C, 2011d'91
2. Kris Kroner	551	7	Java	245K'90
3. P. & M. Krichten	741,742	6	Aurora	463C'91
4. D. Lannetti		5	Gouldian	
5. P. M. Krichten	741,742	4	Society	1114E'90
6. E. Hughes	263	3	Fisher's Nhydah	
7. Kris Kroner	551	2	White Hooded Nun	
8. P. & M. Krichten	741,742	1	Shafttail	451C'91

EXOTIC BIRD CLUB OF FLORIDA
November 9, 1991 Indialantic, FL

Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin
10 exhibitors 98 entries

1. Philip Barth	1252	8	Rock Bunting
2. John Dapas	663	7	Orange Bishop Weaver
3. John Dapas	663	6	Wh. Brst. Gouldian
4. J. Wiesenfeld	626	5	Wh. Hooded Nun
5. John Dapas	663	4	Gold-brewasted Waxbill
6. Cindy Patten	425	3	Zebra
7. Walt Patty	208	2	Tanager
8. Dale Laird	490	1	Shafttail

GOLDER GATE AVIAN SOCIETY
November 9, 1991 Tracy, CA

Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld
146 entries

1. R. Pizzurro	1053	11	Painted Finch
2. S. & H. Payne	380, 779	10	Black-cheeked Waxbill

(GOLDEN OATE, contd.)

3. S. & M. Payne	380, 779	9	Gouldian
4. O. & M. Senna		8	Society
5. A. & D. Lea	623	7	St. Helena Waxbill
6. R. Pizzurro	1053	6	Tri-colored Nun
7. A. & D. Lea	623	5	Fischer Whydah
8. A. & D. Lea	623	4	Blue-capped Waxbill
9. Anita Lujan	603	3	Orange-cheeked Waxbill
10. Anita Lujan	603	2	Red-headed Parrot Finch

GREATER LOS ANGELES COMBINED SHOW
November 9, 1991 Lawndale, CA

Panel Judge: Hal Koontz
6 exhibitors 14 entries

1. Mel Isaia			European Goldfinch
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ROCHESTER CAGE BIRD CLUB
November 9, 1991 Rochester, NY

Panel Judge: Cecil Ounby
8 exhibitors 40 entries

1. Pat Oonan	1517	5	Silverbill
2. B. Whiteford	557	4	Diamond Dove
3. B. Whiteford	557	3	Aurora
4. V. Steffenhagen	240	2	Society
5. V. Steffenhagen	240	1	Blue-capped Waxbill

NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW
November 15, 1991 Dearborn, MI

Panel Judge: Earl Courts
51 exhibitors 347 entries

1. Jake Hoekstra		16	Zebra
2. Brenda Geesey	180	15	Blue Grey Tanager
3. Tom Rood	43	14	Pr. C. F. W. Zebras 3126, 3159D'91
4. Mike Manley	1525	13	Pearl Headed Amadine
5. Tom Rood	43	12	Gouldian 495D'89
6. Tom Rood	43	11	Shefttail 344C'89
7. Dr. Val Clear	21	10	Oeryl-spangled Tanager
8. Dr. Val Clear	21	9	Amezilia Hummingbird
9. A. J. Lee	1454	8	Pr. Blue-backed Gouldians
10. M. Terwilliger	648	7	Java

PHILADELPHIA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY
November 23, 1991 Intercourse, PA

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey
11 exhibitors 80 exhibitors

1. D. Lannetti		8	Gouldian
2. Kris Kroner	551	7	Jeva 245K'90
3. P. & M. Krichten	741, 742	6	Cordon Bleu

(PHILADELPHIA, contd.)

4. R. Szlechte	657	5	Zosterops	
5. R. Szlachta	657	4	Siberien Rose Finch	
6. Kris Kroner	551	3	Maggie Mannikina	180, 182G'90
7. P. & M. Krichten	741, 742	2	Society	491E'91
8. Roddy Gabel	236	1	Shafttail	

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November 30, 1991 Glen Ellyn, IL

Panel Judge: Jon Hoffmen
16 exhibitors 87 entries

1. R. & S. Rahe	863, 864	8	Violet-eared Waxbill	
2. P. Ripple	904	7	Society	1611E'91
3. R. & S. Rehe	863, 864	6	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
4. P. Vance	908	5	Java	
5. L. Lada	639	4	Java	207X'89
6. A. Supler	608	3	Silver-eared Mesite	
7. C. Weigle	563	2	Pekin Robin	
8. L. Lada	639	1	Zebre	

NEW ENGLAND FINCH FANCIERS

November 30, 1991 Hartford, CT

Panel Judge: Brende Geesey
24 exhibitors 126 entries

1. L. Hehn	1518	10	Indian Hill Wynth	
2. K. Kroner	551	9	Java	245K'90
3. R. Szlachta	657	8	Siberian Rose Finch	
4. P. Krichten	741	7	Aurora	463C'91
5. D. Smith	660	6	Zebre	
6. K. Kroner	551	5	Seffron	256K'90
7. K. Kroner	551	4	Wh. Heeded Nun	
8. P. Krichten	741	3	Cordon Bleu	268B'89
9. R. Szlachta	657	2	Cherry Finch	434C'91
10. C. Ellis	1129	1	Gouldian	72940'91

SANTA CLARA VALLEY BIRD CLUB

November 30, 1991 Santa Clara, CA

Panel Judge: Brien Menderich
172 entries

1. M. & D. Senna		12	C. F. W. Zebre	
2. S. & M. Payne	380, 779	11	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
3. S. & M. Payne	380, 779	10	Gouldian	1340'91
4. A. & D. Lea	623	9	Silverbill	
5. M. & D. Senna		8	Zebra	
6. F. Nomen		7	Gouldian	
7. J. Wyles		6	Pekin Robin	
8. A. & D. Lea	623	5	Purple Grenadier	

(SANTA CLARA, contd.)

9. A. & D. Lea	623	4	Blue-capped Waxbill
10. M. & D. Senna		3	Gold-breasted Waxbill

AVIARY ASSOCIATION OF KERN Panel Judge: Clayton Jones
December 7, 1991 Bakersfield, CA 13 exhibitors 100 entries

1. D. & K. McVay	1414	9	Red Hessed Parrot Finch
2. B. Novickas	327	8	Zobrs
3. A. & D. Lea	623	7	White Hooded Nun
4. B. Novickas	327	6	C. F. W. Zebra
5. D. & K. McVay	1414	5	Violet-eared Waxbill
6. A. & D. Lea	623	4	Red Headed Finch
7. A. & D. Lea	623	3	Green Singing Finch
8. A. & D. Lea	623	2	Star Finch
9. A. & D. Lea	623	1	Silver-eared Mesia

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complete show listing, send \$2.00 for copying and postage to the home office.

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A MAJOR OMISSION !!

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On page 23 of the November/December issue I published a list of the
items that were donated for the very successful 2nd Annual NFS Benefit Auction.
Thanks to my flying fingers hitting the "delete" button there was a major two-
line omission!

Marvia Yoder donated a pair of Molba Fiaches and then he did a jim-
dandy job of auctioneering and raised \$ 200 for NFS by selling them to the high
bidder, Jim Foxuell of Virginia.

Thanks Marvia, and please excuse me...just a beginning typist with
poor aim on the left hand! And Jim, congratulations and thanks..hope to see
them and their chicks on the show bench.

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G'DAY, MITES!

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By Les Gibson

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If this was an Australian magazine, the article would be about Crocodile Dundee's pals, but instead it is about the tiny relatives of ticks and spiders that are such widespread pests on birds. Various species of mites attack cage birds in different ways. Some are very difficult to identify, so the names need not concern us. Also, the life cycles of the many types varies from the totally known to the completely unknown, with some only partially documented. It will suffice here to simply recognize a mite infection and get rid of it.

One of the most easily recognized and probably the oldest known and documented type is the "red mite" of poultry and canaries. It is directly and easily spread and has been listed on a whole host of birds. The mites are seen as little moving gray specks which hide in the bird's surroundings. When they feed, usually at night, they become engorged with blood, hence "red mite".

I once had a pet Silky chicken which was always scratching itself. Two weeks after acquiring it, it occurred to me to look in its feathers, where I found seething masses of red mites on every part of its body. Quick treatment followed, consisting of swishing the bird around in hot water until the feathers were thoroughly soaked. It was next held immersed, except for the head, for three or four minutes, and later dried with a hair-dryer. Flea powder was then worked into the head feathers. The change in the bird was immediate and remarkable. The little shed where it lived was completely dosed in (dog) flea powder, all nooks and crannies being dusted, and all debris removed.

This same treatment can be applied to cage birds. The birds have to be soaked, so that no trapped air remains in the feathers. Water should be as hot as possible so that oxygen is removed from it and the mites drown, and also so that the bird does not get cold. The cage must be treated completely, inside and out. This treatment also works for feather lice, which are more of a nuisance than a threat, and are not that common.

Specific areas that are affected by another type of mite are around the beak and on the legs and feet. These mites are not as common as formerly but used to be a great pest. Probably the appearance of modern powders and aerosols have kept down infestations.

However, a problem with this type of mite is that the parasites might not be obvious for some time. A normal-looking bird can be released into your stock then, a year later you wonder where all the mites are coming from.

This rather embarrassing situation happened here recently. A European Goldfinch, acquired in February '90, suddenly showed up with a massive infestation on its feet, exactly a year later, and after it had been put out in an aviary. These scale mites burrow into the outer, horny layer of bare skin on

legs and feet and at the base of the beak. Large masses of skin cells grow out quickly and die, forming bizarre, hard white growths, which, in the case of the Goldfinch, looked like it was wearing snowshoes. Because of the thickness of these layers, treatment with a miticide is unlikely to be successful by itself. These lesions form on the undersides of the feet and are very difficult to cut off close without cutting the toes.

Various preparations can be used to soften the lesions, including hand lotion, but a very good way is to use an enzyme which digests dead skin. In this case Trypzyme was used (a veterinary aerosol, containing trypsin), sprayed once a day on the feet and rubbed in. After only three treatments, the dead layers had both diminished and softened to the point where they could (mostly) be carefully cut off, or even simply rubbed away with the fingers. The Trypzyme was applied in the morning, and a miticide (actually for dog ear-mites) was used to soak the feet each evening. This was also rubbed up over all the featherless parts of the leg. In five days the feet looked almost normal, except for a few little patches of dead skin, and a lot of scissor-nicks (my eyesight not being what it was). A companion Goldfinch looked fine, but its legs were rubbed with miticide as a precaution.

At the same time as the foot problem showed up on the Goldfinch, the cock of a pair of Mesias in the same aviary was seen to sneeze several times - a common sign of lung mites. The pair was brought in and treated, as will be outlined in the article to follow on lung mites. This isolated sneezing may not have warranted treatment, but the birds were bought from a store where lung mites were rife, at least in the csnaries. Birds quite often sneeze just after having a bath - to shake the water from their nostrils - and Mesias are avid and frequent bathers, having several baths a day in hot weather and one every day or two even during a freeze.

In the next article, we will deal with lung mites specifically.

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DEEP THROAT SWAB, (OR LUNG MITES)

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by Les Gibson

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Long mites have been reported sparsely from around the world, and are probably quite common, while remaining undiagnosed. Fiochee and Canerice account for all or most of the reports. In Avetrelia, for example, they are endemic to just about every finch collection and are widespread in "commercial" canaries in the Portland, Oregon area.

Little is known about the mites' life-cycle and how they spread exactly, but contagion is very rapid. In spite of frequent changes of newspaper and food and water receptacles each day, long mites spread quickly around the writer's collection of Gouldians. This would point to a bird-to-bird inhalation of mites, with no outside stage or intermediary host, as is common with parasites.

Once the aviculturist is tuned-in to mites, diagnosis is quite easy. The very earliest sign may be apparent only when a bird is chased and caught up in a net. It then begins to wheeze. Intermittent wheezing leads to the next more audible sign of sneezing. The bird sneezes a few times at first and may stay at this stage if it is in good condition and kept in spacious surroundings. But if it is debilitated or even just stressed from overcrowding, it can rapidly get worse in only a few days until it is sneezing continually, at up to 10 times a minute, day and night. Finally it develops a cough (yes - finches can cough). Conditions for the above are common in bird stores, which is excusable, and in some private establishments, which is not.

The constant wheezing, sneezing or coughing deprives the bird of sleep, and, while it usually continues to eat and look normal, it may succumb to sheer exhaustion. The sneeze or cough is dry, with no discharge from the eyes or nose, and this readily distinguishes lung mite disease from the much more common upper respiratory infection. In the latter, the bird huddles up, looks sick, goes off its feed, and discharges copiously from the eyes and nose. However, most finches in Australian collections seem to be able to live with mites, albeit uncomfortably. Probably the climate helps. Some of the above-mentioned Gouldians became worse during a cold spell, and keeping the birds warm eased breathing problems.

The mites live down the trachea (there is actually no room in the lungs) and probably in the air sacs too. Perhaps a word here on avian lungs would be appropriate. These can be compared to a car radiator, with the air being forced through, when it enters the air-secs. Air from the sacs is again passed through the lungs on exhalation, making for very efficient oxygen intake and carbon dioxide removal. This explains the canary's sensitivity to mine gasen. Small birds breathe normally at the astonishing rate of 70 to 100 breaths per minute, the smaller the bird, the higher the rate.

The mites get coughed up and sneezed out and this is probably how they spread. For those with facilities, they can be brought up from deep in the throat with a tiny wire swab (human nasal swab) and seen readily with the low power lens of a microscope. In my observation, no eggs or young were seen, only adult mites.

Diagnosis can, however, be confirmed without seeing a mite, simply by curing the bird. A "no-pest-strip" containing the pesticide Dichloroova (usually 1%) is hung in a partially enclosed cage and this will usually bring about a dramatic cessation of symptoms and a cure in three days. The strip can be left in the birdroom for longer (or permanently - although this is not recommended) without any long-term harmful effects.

The secret, and hard part, is to match the strip with the volume of air in the cage or room. It is actually better to cut off a small section of the waxy strip and hang it in a small, partially enclosed cage - a plastic bag makes a good cover. Leave the bottom half open as the heavy Dichloroova vapor floats downward. Birds left for more than 12 hours in a more or less completely enclosed cage will die in two days. They get breathing problems and literally froth at the mouth.

If the covered cage is too small for the size of strip used, or vice-versa, the bird will be seen to stagger about on the bottom within three hours. If it is immediately removed to fresh air, recovery will be uneventful. High temperature potentiates the insecticide by causing it to evaporate from the strip more quickly in greater quantities. If in doubt, experiment with sparrow, or err on the safe side.

At the other extreme is a large birdroom in which insufficient vapor can concentrate to effect a cure, or it may take a week or two. Windows must, of course, be closed. Totally useless is what one Australian did after hearing talk about this treatment. He reported that the strip "didn't work on the mites, *mite" and said it only "did in" some cockroaches. It turned out that the latter were killed when they crawled over a strip hung in an outside aviary! I must work harder on my accent.

* As pronounced by Crocodile Dundee and 20,000,000 other Aussies.

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Les has added a few additional notes...he says, "I've seen lung mites in Canada, U. K., Australia and South Africa. I am now convinced that they are fairly common here. Just about every commercial cenary breeder on the west coast seems to be plagued and lots of finch keepers admit to this, if pressed. An Australian Waxbill that had been successfully treated this way for mites was examined when it later died and was found to have tiny holes drilled through the upper part of the top mandible, like boring insects make in wood." Thanks again for giving us the benefit of your experiences Les.

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Rollers in another perfectly wwturwl hwbitat.

All the birda ae'd seen thaa fwr wore in exqaiote feather and perfectly maintained. All seemod extremely content and many were breeding.

No pot shop varieties here! It is a rare wondrous collection of some of the most beautiful avian species in the world. I was literally green with envy...what I wouldn't give....

We went back through the chain curtain and the first magical room (where we again loitered a while longer) and into the lobby. Here we were told to turn right and follow the halls. Through the halls were individual cages, with what we supposed to be ex-pets donated to the aviary and a Hyacinth Macaw who was hatched and raised here. There were Amazons, macaws and even a Crow with an extensive vocabulary. These halls were all lined with glass enclosures, each landscaped in accordance to the habitat in which each species originated - again in these enclosures we continued to find ever more rare, endangered, beautifully cared for and happily breeding species.

One very large room, actually a wing, was closed for repairs. We understood that when open it contained native species in a native environment of forests and wetlands. From the outside of the building 30 to 50 foot tree tops and lush foliage could be viewed through the extensive glass panes high up the walls of this wing.

Outside the Pittsburgh Aviary, along the side of the building, are well camouflaged individual aviaries containing more rare, endangered exotic species including raptors and Demoiselle Cranes from Asia.

I can't say enough about what a wondrous aviary this is. You'll find no matter how well you know your birds that you'll go home to your reference books and try to find: "what was that bird?" Bali Mynah, King Vulture, Leafbirds, Sunbirds, Fruit Eaters, Hornbills, Hummingbirds, Hoopoes, Kookaburras Kingfishers, Barbets, Liocichlas, Ground Cuckoo...too numerous to mention, so numerous it's easy to forget and some we have yet to identify.

I've called this article "Once Upon A Time In Pittsburgh..." because this splendid, magical and beautifully cared for breeding collection is in danger. The city administration of Pittsburgh has made sweeping cuts in its' operating budget and planned to close it entirely. This may still happen unless funds from the private sector can be found to make up for what the city has taken away from the aviary on the commons. The aviary must find those funds to remain open.

It appears we may lose this glorious place! If it is possible to reach every citizen of the city and show them what they'd be losing and each donated some money or at least wrote a letter to the city administration, the aviary could be saved.

In an effort to help I've written this article. I hope by those words I've been able to take you to the wonderful world of the Pittsburgh Aviary. It would be a horrible waste to lose such a wonderful avian collection. I hope if you're ever in the area you'll find the Aviary on the commons with its' doors still open and you'll be as fortunate as I have been to have had the opportunity to experience these gorgeous rare creatures in their open

but intimate surroundings. And if you feel as much at peace as we were in these open environments you may find one of the local inhabitants inches from you on a branch openly curious, or sitting next to you on a park bench or...

If anyone wishes to help keep the Aviary open, please write to the address below to see what you can do to help. Maybe with our help this is one story that won't begin and end with "once upon a time..."

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P. S. To Dr. Clack: If by chance you should read this, I would like to commend you. I would have loved to have met you. I am envious of the beautiful animals you maintain and breed. I wish you the best and I hope that the Aviary remains a magical haven for visitors for many years to come. Thank you for the pleasure and memories. We hope to be able to return again one day.

Sincerely, Debbie Stone

The Editor would like to suggest that you also write a brief and friendly note to the City Administration expressing your feelings about the plan to close this aviary.

Mayor Sophie Maaloff
City - County Building
Grant Street
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Bruce and I have had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful Pittsburgh Aviary in the Commons many times and it's magic never diminishes. It is a wonderland where you can share the world of the birds as you stand in a re-created rain forest and they carry out their natural activities. In a world that is covered with macadam, punctuated by gunshot and fouled with pollutants it is more important than ever before that places where peace, tranquillity and beauty reign are preserved.

SAVE THE AVIARY !!

Since numerous financial donations are time-consuming for the Aviary staff to process, if you want to make a contribution you may send it to the NFS home address, marked "for the Pittsburgh Aviary Fund" and later in the spring NFS will issue one check to Dr. Clack. In our spring Board Meeting I will be asking our Directors to approve a significant contribution from the NFS treasury.

NEWS AND NOTES

The big news is that The National Finch and Softbill Society is beginning its' ninth year and is stronger and more vigorous than ever. We are financially sound, we are prepared for the new year and we are steadily growing in members. Our Bulletin is full of informative articles and our FINCHSAVE Program is in good hands and ready to accept new applicants.

Our election is completed and all the names, addresses and phone numbers of the new Board of Directors are printed in this issue. Unlike some organizations, all of our Board members are accessible to all of our members and we encourage you to contact the members of the Board when you have a question or a concern about the conduct of this Society.

Several of the long-time supporters of NFS, some of them members since the very beginning, are still on our Board and several have taken a "sabbatical" from the long years of serving NFS. We owe these "founders" a great deal. Without their vision, determination and dedication we would not have this strong and vital Society today. We have new Board members too, with the same determination and dedication, and we look forward to their contributions.

The 1991 Census is complete and will be printed in the next issue. This is one of the most valuable things ever conceived by a national society for the benefit of its' membership and we hope that you will use it for your benefit and the benefit of the birds you raise.

In the November Board meeting, (as reported in the last issue) the unanimous vote of the quorum present was not to re-affiliate with AFA. In the annual general meeting a member requested that the question be put to the general membership for the deciding vote. That tally is complete.

5 1/4% of the total membership submitted votes and the tally was:

- 24 in opposition to re-affiliation
- 23 in favor of re-affiliation
- 1 undecided

The decision not to re-affiliate is confirmed. This was based on looking at the benefits as opposed to costs, and the current and recent past actions of AFA in regard to the relationship with its' affiliates.

The list of affiliates, delegates and show dates is again being updated to reflect the elections being held around the country and the announcements of show dates and judges. If your clubs' information is not correct, please, contact me TODAY.

During the 1991 show season we had no complaints, formal or informal, about our Panel Judges and this is a point we are proud of. In 1991 we had three birds complete the required 50 points to attain their NFS Championship. Tom Rood showed two, a dilute Society and a normal Zebra and Kris Kroner had a normal Java. All three birds, of course, were domestically raised and were closed banded with NFS bands by their owner/exhibitors.

HOORAY FOR NFS !! ONWARD AND UPWARD !!

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A "TRADE" SECRET TO SHARE
from Joe Heard

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The undercoat from a Malamute dog, when made available to Joe's Parrot finches seemed to be just the trigger to their successful breeding this year. It must have been just what they were waiting for!

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AND ANOTHER...
from Jennifer Crohn

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I have from time to time read about people having trouble with flying insects in their bird rooms and aviaries. We have all but eliminated this problem with a ten-dollar fluorescent bug lamp, the kind that electrocutes its' victims. It works best at night, but we leave it plugged in all the time. It's designed in such a way that the birds can't get to the electrified wires. I wouldn't use it around animals inclined to chew through its' wiring without reinforcing the cord somehow; otherwise it has proved safe and effective for about a year now.

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Keep those cards and letters comin' in friends....the information our members share with each other is one of the strongest of the many strong points of the National Finch and Softbill Society.

The Editor.

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Plight of the Gouldians

A most gorgeous fellow,
red, purple and yellow,
Stood watching his 'Lady' preen,
With a little romancé,
and a comical dance,
They began a courting routine,

She, in perfect feather,
a look - all together,
With eyes as dark as the night,
He had one request,
to build her a nest,
Way at the top of the flight.

With more romancing,
song and dancing,
High to the nest he flew,
For the Gouldian male
saw the twitch of her tail,
And knew that he could pursue,

In a nest, first class,
with soft, dry grass,
Five little eggs she did lay,
But a society pair,
having an affair,
Came and stole it all away,



Shirley Perkins

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George Warren was well-known and well-loved by his American friends. In 1987 he judged the National Cage Bird Shows' Finch and Softbill Division, in Columbus, Ohio, and in the past he judged a Canadian National Show. He made the trip from his home in Portsmouth, England many times to judge local and regional shows around the United States. Exhibitors in New Hampshire and Illinois were looking forward to seeing him this fall.

His personal favorites in the bird fancy were the delicate and difficult Sunbirds and Honeycreepers. He and his wife Alice, with their son, traveled extensively in Europe attending the fabulous World Avicultural Exhibitions.

He sent many rosettes, plaques, loving cups and other awards to clubs in the USA to support and encourage the exhibition of finches and softbills. The best known is the lovely "G. & A. Warren Plaque" which each year is awarded to the best bird in the New England Finch Fanciers show. This beautiful trophy will be a reminder of the Warren's generosity and kindness.

On behalf of the membership I offer our condolences to his family. We will remember him as a kind and generous gentleman who did a great many things to encourage N.F.S. We are grateful for his support and we will miss him.

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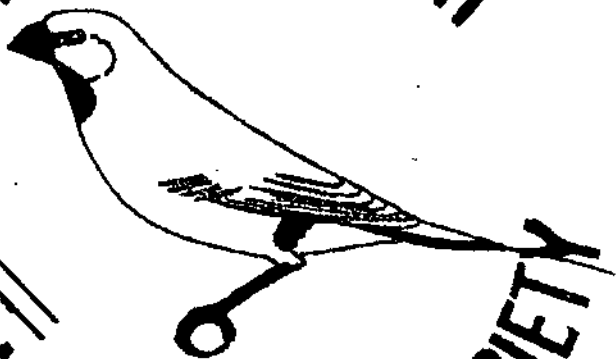
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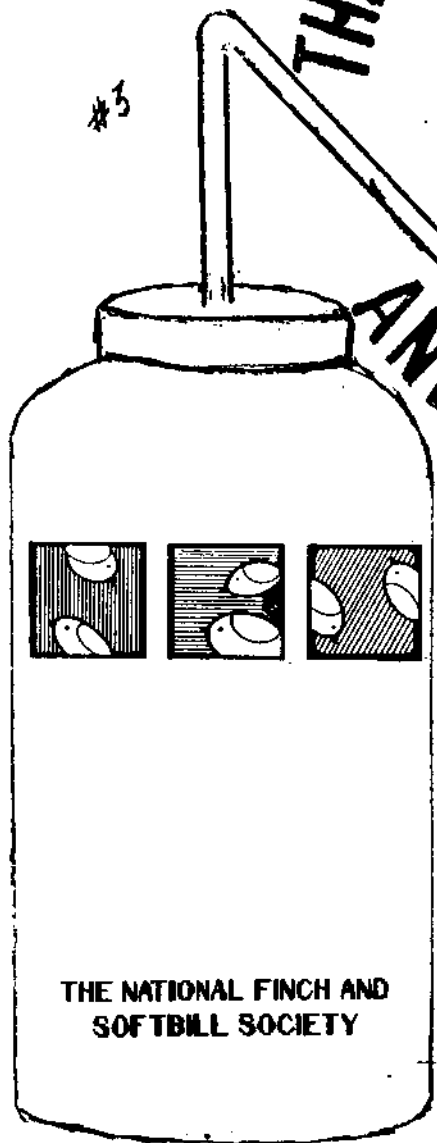
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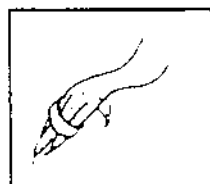
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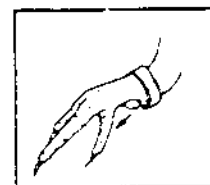
The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come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



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



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



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



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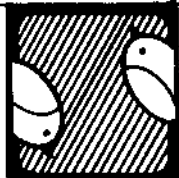
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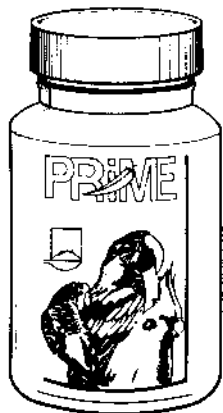
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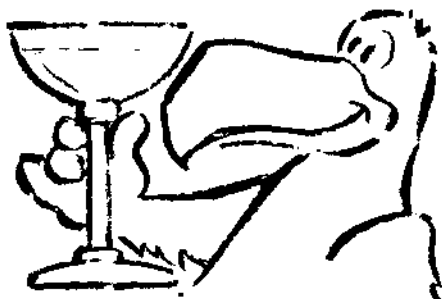


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Instead of merely "fortifying" like the others, essential nutrients are added to Forti-Diet according to a precise scientific formula developed by

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There's no worry about one being deficient. Or one being overpowering. The most important benefit is the elimination of the guess-work normally

required to give birds the right combination of nutrients they need. Because our added nutrients are combined in an ideally sized nugget form, birds consume it much more readily.

Matter of fact, tests prove birds find the Forti-Diet Golden Granule Nuggets up to 3 times more appealing.

Kaytee Forti-Diet is now available in several convenient sizes. Ask for it today.



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