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NFSS President's Message, July, 2002



What I see at the seed cup . . .

Our Journal has a new look . . . thanks to Harry Bryant for pursuing all our options, and Martie Lauster for pulling it all together.

Paula Hansen is acting Band Secretary pro-tem for Carol Heesen. Carol needed more time for her family and growing business. Thanks again Carol for your great service.

Sue Haberkorn has taken over Finch Shop for Ginny Allen. Thank you Ginny for helping us out in the interim. Ginny will continue as our Liaison Officer.

NFSS is becoming an action taking organization. We are working with AFA in altering laws that would restrict aviculture. We would like you to be a part of a committee to stay on top of these legal issues. Contact Harry Bryant (Utuweb@aol.com) or telephone your Regional Vice President, see appointed officers page for phone number.

Finch and Softbill Save is leading the way in dynamic aviculture. This is our best avenue for recognition as established breeders, thereby protecting our interests in aviculture. Thank you Kerri McCoy for this leadership.

NFSS is sponsoring an "**Afternoon of Aviculture Program**" consisting of presentations by Robert Black, Kateri Davis, Carol Heesen and John Wilson. Details and bios in this issue of the Journal. The silent auction will be a major fund source for NFSS this year. Details will be published in the next Journal but brace yourself . . . what can you donate now so your name can proudly appear in that next issue? A bird, a cage, a pair of birds, a gift certificate, a trio of birds, bird art, "fourple" birds, avian medicine . . . can you tell we want stuff? Contact Sally's Husband (vhunting@san.rr.com, (858) 452-9423) to arrange delivery and shipping directly to Santa Clara.

We would like you to take an active part of the NFSS's programs (booth sitters, greeters, photo takers, note takers, silent auction helpers etc.) at either AFA in Florida or NCBS in California. Pledge your time by email: sallych@san.rr.com or by phone (858) 452-9423. Participation gives you an opportunity to chat and meet in person with those people you have corresponded with via email, by phone or whose comments or articles you have learned from.

Warm regards,

Sally Huntington, President

Those Little Brown Birds

I want to give a pitch for those little brown birds--my Bronzewings. Actually, they are black, white, brown, striped, and iridescent green in places like a mallard duck. They are tiny and unimpressive from a distance. Their everyday song is not at all melodious. Yet they sing a very sweet, soft lullaby to their tiny hatchlings. Otherwise they chatter almost constantly and are highly "opinionated."

You can only truly appreciate them by becoming intimately involved in their daily lives. What you find when you observe them closely over time is this: they are neat, trim, and tailored looking. The bronze patches on head, shoulders, and sides fairly glow under full-spectrum lighting. The white belly strikes a clean and bright contrast below the glossy black hood of the head. Each brown feather on the back, tail, and wings is distinctly outlined like a finely hand-stitched quilt. Their eyes are bright, black, and alert. Their attitude is brash. They let you know if they don't like something through insistent vocalization and by flying to and fro at the front of the cage, always facing you. They look you in the eye as they fuss and fume. They even kill their babies if they're mad enough. In a group they constantly socialize with one another, groom one another, and explore their environment together. In their bathtub they bob up and down like kids in a pool. They do love the water!

The group immediately takes to newcomers and incorporates them as if they've been acquainted forever. They form tight bonds and fuss for days when companions are moved elsewhere. They act kindly toward other species larger than themselves (in a non-breeding situation). They become more and more tolerant of human intrusion as they get to know you, but their breeding habits and needs sometimes defy my best efforts. They actually breed easily but are also easily disturbed into abandonment. They are the only finches I've kept that bite determinedly when caught, pinching up the skin on my fingers and not letting go until I do, all the while shrieking fiercely. Fortunately, the bite is just a pinch!

How could I not respect such interesting and challenging little fireballs? I hope you get the idea they're not as plain as you thought.

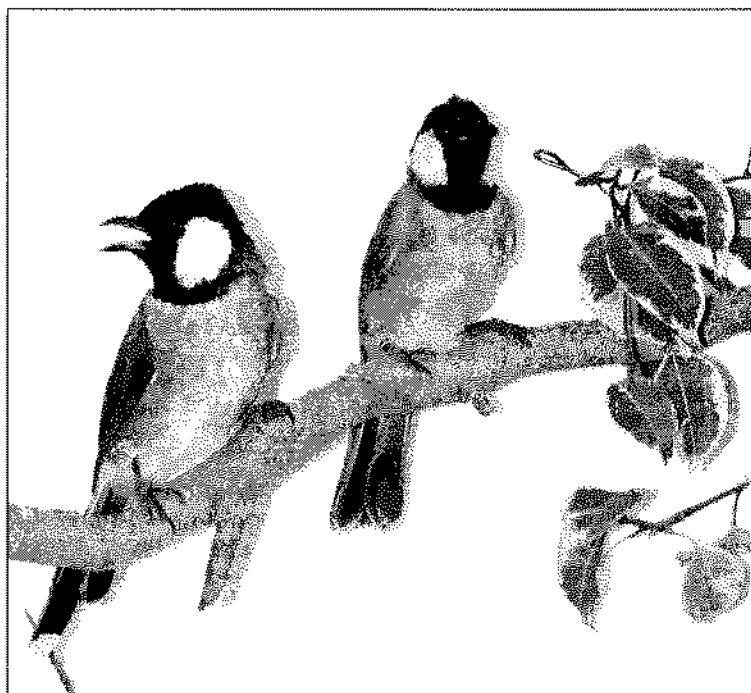
Best wishes,
Sue Haberkorn
Hagerstown, Maryland

Breeding the White-eared Bulbul

(*pycnonotus leucotis*)

By Sally Huntington

Are you aware the white-eared bulbul is monitoring the goings-on in Afghanistan? Few people know this handsome, precocious softbill is flitting about the desert-dry lowlands from Afghanistan, south throughout Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, all around the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, as far west as Bahrain, and as far east as the Northern parts of India.



Overall Description

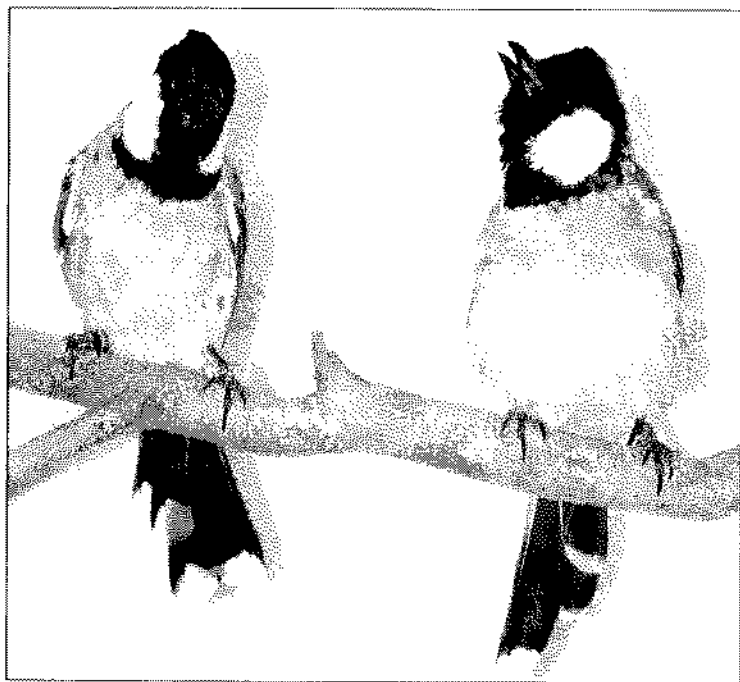
There are over 137 species of the bulbul family; *pycnonotidae*. The more common name, white-eared (*pycnonotus leucotis*) is often confused with the white-cheeked (*pycnonotus leucogeny*), a much larger Himalayan bulbul with a very pronounced crest. (Beaman & Madge, *Handbook of Bird Identification for Europe and Western Palearctic*, 1998).

The Latin name is required to insure written accuracy and some form of additional identification must accompany any reference to a 'bulbul'

until everyone is sure which one they are discussing. This article is about the white-eared, *leucotis*.

This bulbul has a medium gray body, jet black head, subtle rounded black crest and a distinct white patch over the ear coverts; hence the name. Feet and legs are mottled dark gray/brown.

An adult is 18 cm (6-7 inches) long from tail tip to beak tip. The tail is jet black, with 1/8th to 1/4th inch white tips on the end of the feathers visible from above and below. Oddly, this bulbul, as with the white spectacled, sometimes called 'yellow-vented bulbul', (*xanthopygos*), has bright distinct yellow feathers in the vent area, visible only from below and behind.



Personality

This is a very personable bird with size and behaviors similar to a Pekin Robin. They are bright, cheerful, busy, inquisitive, sociable and quick to connect and tolerate people. Like other bulbuls they are excellent flyers, quick to dart about and maneuver in and out of tight areas. They can hover in place for 5-8 seconds, hawking insects, and will catch small things tossed to them in mid-air. No flying insect makes it through a bulbul flight.

They amuse themselves (and onlookers) by tossing and catching

small paper clip sized items. One hand-raised male ('Ali-bulbul') has me trained. He flies to me with the paper clip, or other shiny object. It has become my job to hide it and switch it from hand to hand. His job is to keep track of the object, pecking at the hand he believes it is hidden in. If he picks the empty hand, he immediately goes to the other hand.

Sex, Birds and 'oo-toodle-oo'

These birds are sexually monomorphic. The male courtship includes an eye-catching display whereby he leans forward and down, with both wings held up over his back, tips almost touching. He maintains this for about 10 seconds, then stands upright and expresses a "oo-toodle-oo" song. During the song he puffs up his body feathers and moves his wings slowly and deliberately, (as though he were paddling through water) sometimes for up to 30 seconds.

Both sexes exhibit a general greeting with the 'oo-toodle-oo' song, minus the display. Both sexes will cluck what appears to be a repeated alarm similar to the Pekin Robins 'pit-pit-pit-pit' sound.

Hard to Find

I bought my first bulbul pair from an importer in California in 1997. I was intrigued because they were scarce, said to be non-aggressive and could be kept with other non-aggressive finches and softbills.

I soon discovered, however, there was very little general information available on the species. While trying to figure the correct 'set-up' for breeding, the hen died suddenly of unknown causes. I spent over three years assertively but vainly trying to find a replacement hen.

Thank you, Mr. Cristo

While at the Pomona Bird mart in March, 2001, I was lucky to run into softbill enthusiast Roland Cristo who told me he had noticed a hen bulbul for sale nearby. I took a chance, bought the bird on faith it was a hen, put the 2 together and . . . I had three clutches and 6 healthy birds the first year.

Set-up for settling in

Living in moderate climate San Diego, I set the birds up in 1 of 9 6'x5'x7' covered outdoor flights. These flights have numerous species of finches and softbills visible to one another through 3x1/2 inch wire mesh. I keep the cement block floor covered with about 2 inches of easily replaceable sand. I rotate potted plants such as ficus benjamina; small fuchsia trees & various cape honey suckle plants. My eventual breeding-pair shared their flight with a breeding pair of African Red-headed finches and 4

juvenile buttonquail bottom-cleaners.

Food & Water, Water & Food

I believe there should always be at least two sources of water for any flight and a non-spoiling dry-food (I prefer ZuPreem Cockatiel Fruit Blend Breeder Diet Pellets, in a gravity feeder) constantly available as 'snacks', especially if something compromises the perishable daily food (weather change, sudden insect appearance, owner delay, etc).

Note: Like pckin robins, bulbuls swallow ZuPreem whole.

For water supply, I prefer a 10" round, 1" deep dish on the ground for bathing and 'backup' water. This is changed *almost* every day. A 1-quart gravity flow Lyxit bottle is hung on the door, re-supplied and changed as required. The constant supply of dry (ZuPreem) for 'snacks' hangs midway in the flight.

Daily they received hard-boiled egg with Vionate vitamins, meal worms, gator-aid soaked ZuPreem pellets with Nekton-MSA and Nekton tonic-1, and fruit as available, such as banana, orange or apple slices, grapes and mango.

(Note - Nekton-MSA is 1/2 tsp per quart of gator-aid. Tonic-1 is 1 tbs per quart of gator-aid.)

The hard-boiled egg (shells included) & mealworms are 'served' in one 2x1x2" cup, hung on the door. The Vionate Vitamins are sprinkled with one tsp per hardboiled egg, ala Robert Black. Soaked ZuPreem pellets and fruit-of-the-day, in a separate container also on the door.

Although finch seed & millet were always available for the other birds and the quail in the flight, I never observed the bulbuls consume either.

As with most softbills, in the spring, I up the number of meal worms from around 25 a day to around 250, to stimulate breeding.

Nesting

In April, 2001 I made a 'howdy cage' ala Edith Pendleton's Brazilian cardinal style as published in the AFA journal circa 1997. This consists of a 15x12x12" wire cage, covered with green shade cloth, open entirely on the front side, hung 4-1/2' from the ground. I wedged a large wicker cup-nest into the bottom wire of the howdy-cage and spread two handfuls of coconut fiber throughout.

By mid May they were carrying around coconut fibers and 'courting'. In early June were sitting on three light-beige-colored eggs.



with multi-shaped speckles similar in size and shape to coarse ground pepper.

Parenting

Both parents took turns incubating the eggs. While one sat eggs, the other would roost nearby, posturing by flapping and carrying-on when I got 'too close to the nest.' Although I did inspect closely, they never became aggressive toward me, beyond threats and posturing. They tolerated me banding the young, (NFSS K band) at three days.

The chicks hatched on June 17th, 15 days after the first egg was laid. Since they were new parents I was afraid they might not care properly for the young. Cautiously, at three days old, I took one chick to hand raise, leaving the parents two birds. The 3 day-old-chick weighed 6.4 grams; similar in size to the two I left with the parents.

Baby diet

Initially, the parents primarily feed their chicks mealworms. I continued 250-300 large mealworms a day to the parents for the two chicks. After about I week, I saw them also carry and feed soaked pellets. The chicks fledged the end of June, about 15 days after hatching. They were easy to tell from the parents, as the young had gray head and tails, were half the size of the parents and were in heavy pinfeather. Initially they were very inactive, just sitting and waiting for the next feeding time.

I become a parent

I gave the chicks the same basic diet as did the parents but it was necessary to adjust it somewhat due its small size and its need for high protein. For instance, for the first two days, I fed every 15-20 minutes. As with other softbills I have raised, I did NOT feed at night, leaving the chick in the warm dark nest (see below) for up to nine hours.

During the day, I 'guttled' one large mealworm per feeding time and finger-fed these 'parts' straight to the begging beak, sometimes mixed with small hard-boiled egg chunks. The next 15 minute feeding time I would feed a Coekatiel ZuPreem pellet soaked as described above. The pellet was hand fed whole to provide protein and liquid. Because of the need for a high-protein diet, fruit was not introduced to the chick until he fledged.

As a rule, the chick would 'beg' for food and I would feed until

the begging stopped and it turned away. In the beginning, this 'turn-away' behavior was after 1 pellet or ½ mealworm. After 3-5 days, it took two pellets and a whole mealworm to get the 'turn-away'. In a sense, the chick told me when it had enough.

After two days or so, I began to feed every hour, (except at night) until it fledged.

Housekeeping and tracking.

Like many softbills, one indicator of a correct diet is that the droppings are encased in a clear membrane that is easy for the parents (or me) to remove from the nest. Feeding as above, and maintaining a temperature (use of reptile heater) in the chick's nest at 98/99 degrees seemed to be all that was necessary to maintain this indicator that all was going well.



Breeding the White-cared Bulbul

Aggressiveness

The only aggressiveness that took place seemed to be after the juveniles fledged. The pair of African redheaded finches that were previously 'okay', was suddenly not allowed within 4 feet of the fledged chicks. The bulbuls would chase, but never attack or harm the redheads.

At this point I removed the finches and their chicks but left the quail, which the bulbul seemed to ignore. When the juvenile bulbuls attained adult plumage, (around four months) I noted the parents would chase them about the flight, but, as with the redheads, would not 'attack' or injure. I removed the young, rather than chance injury.

When the first clutch was four weeks old, the parents laid two more eggs in the original immaculate nest. While one sat eggs, the other fed the existing young. Only one of the second clutch hatched. (I removed the un-hatched egg, which proved to have been infertile, when I banded the hatched chick, at 3 days). By this time, the first clutch appeared to be feeding on their own.

The Nursery scale

Whenever I treat an ill bird or begin to hand raise one, I begin a record of weight, in grams, that I monitor as treatment progresses. Small gram scales are available at most bird marts.

For this chick, I kept the following records.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weight/grams</u>	<u>Notes</u>
6-20	6.4	Began hand feeding, peeled worms & ZuPreem
6-21	7.9	
6-22	10.6	
6-23	14.4	
6-24	16.0	
6-25	19.5	First whole mealworm.
6-26	21.0	
6-27	22.6	
6-28	22.8	are fledged. Pm perched on side of nest to sleep.
6-29	23.9	
6-30	23.1	Can fly across room, 15 feet.
7-1	24.5	
7-2	24.7	
7-3	25.8	began bathing behavior
7-4	27.7	
7-5	28.8	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weight/grams</u>	<u>Notes</u>
7-6	30.6	nibbling on soaked ZuPreem
7-7	31.0	

A 3rd clutch!

When the 2nd clutch, single chick was 4 weeks old, the parents again laid eggs. This time, neither of the parents seemed interested in continuing to care for the fledged chick as they had with the first clutch. This single chick did not fair well after fledging and I decided to observe the behavior. It became very thin, as though it was not being fed. It died at five weeks old.

The last clutch again had three eggs, all of which hatched, fledged and are healthy.

After this third clutch, the parents did not nest again even though I did not disturb the set-up, including I continued the 250 mealworm count. With parents and some young, I can't say if they stopped nesting because of the presence of so many young, of fewer mealworms per capita, or if it was 'that time of the year.' (It was at this point I observed the chasing behavior and removed the older fledglings).

Overall

I am very pleased to have had the experience of successfully breeding this relatively unknown bird. Some unanswered questions:

1. Because they have been 'sighted' in the cold climates of Pakistan and Afghanistan, it would be interesting to see if and when they migrate, or if the young make it through the tough winters in those areas.
2. Did they stop nesting because of the lower relative mealworm count or relatively high population?
3. Because of the 'chasing' behavior toward their own fledged young, now in adult plumage, it appears as though they would not tolerate a colony situation in my size flights.
4. What is the lifespan of this bulbul? My oldest bird is at least 6 years and is still an active and healthy male.

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Yahoo, search: "Pycnonotus leucotis" resulted in 365 ornithological 'watcher' sites, which revealed numerous reports, accounts and confirmation of trips to bulbul areas. Dec 21-28, 2001.

Yahoo, search: "Pycnonotus leucotis" revealed "white eared bulbul stamps", 1 from Bahrain and 1 from Iraq. See www/bird-stamps.org/cspecies/126.htm Dec 21-28, 2001.

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The Classifieds

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The Bird Bug bit me!

by: Carrol Gribble

My love for finches started like most finch hobbies begin, with Zebra finches. "Frank" and "Pheebie" were my first pair of normal grays. They reminded me of an old married couple. They fought and argued all the time. But, then again, they truly loved each other.

They raised many babies which I traded the local pet shop for seed and supplies. Frank and Pheebie know their names just like you and I know ours. When I'd call Frank over to the side of the cage, believe it or not, he'd give me kisses! He was a super great little friend. I had those two little treasures for 7 years.

My first Lady Gouldian was a red headed normal male. I purchased him from a person only 5 miles from our house in April of 2000. We've traveled hundreds of miles since then to purchase some of our stock. Sometimes I think that's part of the fun of raising these little jewels, is finding them.

In the beginning, I talked with one person and he gave me a name of a breeder, and that breeder gave me a name of another breeder, and it snowballed from there. I was very fortunate to come in contact with some very well known finch breeders. Soon, I became a member of the National Finch and Softbill Society.

Then on May 6th, 2000, we attended the Toledo bird fair and bought our first pair of Owl finches and Blue Cap Cordon Bleus from Steve Hopman, breeder of exotic finches from Frankfort, Illinois.

Also at that fair, we met Jim and Chris Crouch, owners of JC Cage and Supply. They are from Arcadia, Indiana. Jim and Chris are at a lot of Ohio bird



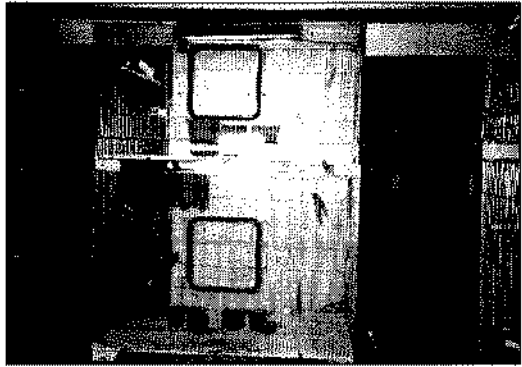
fairs. We have purchased all of our cages from them. Jim can build any size cage you may need. He has done this for us several times. As long as the cage is 36" or smaller, he'll ship them right to your house. That's nice. He has also sent us nesting boxes and other supplies.

Our breeding cages are all 36" long, 24" high, and 18"

deep. I use some Societies for fostering and their cages are 24" long, 18" high, and 18" deep. They all have 18" full spectrum lights on top of the cages and a lot of greenery in some of the cages. Not only do the birds love this, but it looks so cozy. Needless to say, we had to buy a new artificial

Christmas tree.

Our breeding program now consists of Blue Cap Cordon Blues, Lady Gouldian Finches, Owl Finches, and Strawberry Finches. I have helped hand feed many of these little guys. What a fantastic job. We are currently considering investing in some Goldbreasts, Shafttails, and Star Finches.



A normal day at our house begins with my husband, Terry watering the birds. Then I start with their sprouts treated with Daily Essentials 3 vitamins and Mineral powder and my breeders are given ProBoost Super Max, from Birds2Grow. Next, they are served mashed hard boiled egg and shell, dried egg food, from Quiko, Petamine, Spirulina, and bee pollen.

This is my egg recipe and is given separate from the sprouts in a treat dish. Finally, they are given their seed mix which is from Herman Bros. in Michigan. I buy Candice Cranmore's finch seed, my special conditioning seed mix, Japanese millet, and Canary seed, (90/10). I use Elaine Miller's soaked seed. Then in the afternoon, I collect the egg food dishes and they are given mixed veggies that have gone through the food processor, (which by the way, is a big time favorite), or some type of greens like, mustard greens, kale, broccoli, endives, and collards. Around 4 o'clock in the afternoon, they are all re-watered. About 7:30 in the evening, all treat dishes are removed and all papers are pulled from the cages.

Other products we use from Herman Bros. are cuttlebone and fine charcoal. I break up the cuttlebone and put it through a blender until it's a powder. I mix the fine charcoal with the cuttlebone. Also, from a local feed store, I buy oyster shells which I also put through the blender. Those little guys just love that stuff.

I haven't exhibited any of my birds at any bird shows. I'd like to go as a spectator, but not an exhibitor. I'm not a competitive person. I'm very content in just trying to maintain healthy, happy, fruitful birds. I've learned so much in the past 23 months, I learn something new almost daily. Even though I'm a beginner, whenever asked questions about what works for me, I tell all I can to help. I like helping people enjoy their birds, and who knows, maybe even help one of our feathered friends eat and feel better.

The money is nice we make at the bird fairs, but what makes me feel the greatest, is when we come home and people email me about the birds they have bought from us. Their compliments are much more rewarding to me. I knew in my heart from the beginning, I could do this. In my bird room, I find a little of heaven. That's my therapy room. I believe "Where your treasure is, there too, will be your heart."

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USDA INFORMS AFA THAT ANIMAL WELFARE ACT WILL NOW INCLUDE BIRDS

*Editors' Note: Many of you may be aware of this, but to those of you who are not, we wanted to share this letter from the AFA. We realize that the Journal will not arrive in time to allow you to attend the AFA convention, but hope you will have seen this letter on the NFSS web site or from the AFA prior to receiving the NFSS Journal. NFSS will be represented at the AFA Convention and our Legislative Attache, Harry Bryant, will provide us with updates as new information becomes available. **Please do not call the USDA.** They are not prepared at this time to receive your input directly. This is a very preliminary communication and we will keep you posted as we receive further information..*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture/APHIS/Animal Care (USDA) has recently received a verbal legal opinion that, contrary to the initial understanding, the final language in the amended Animal Welfare Act (AWA) indicates that birds and certain rats and mice (except for those forms bred specifically for research) are required to be covered under the Act. Thus, at this time, USDA is planning to proceed with a **Proposed Rulemaking** which will describe the scope of licensing requirements, minimum standards requirements, inspections of facilities and who will be covered under this new law. Breeders, dealers, transporters, exhibitors, and carriers are all included at present, but how these terms will be defined is critical. Representatives of all these categories need to provide input to insure that reasonable definitions and regulations are developed.

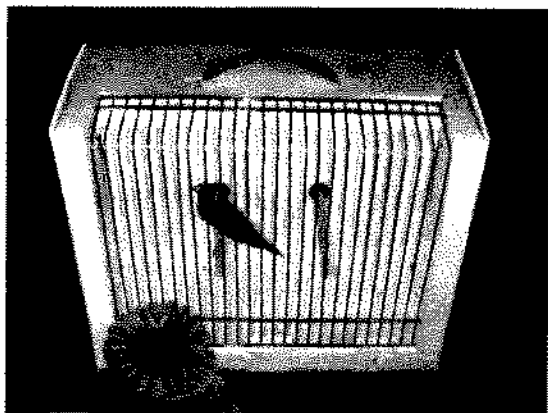
The AWA is one of the most significant laws that has ever been passed in regard to U.S. aviculture. USDA is scheduled to make the first public presentation regarding the status of this **Proposed Rulemaking** as it may relate to aviculture to those attending the Annual Convention of the American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA). This Convention is being held at the Hyatt Regency at Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida over 8-11 August 2002. This Convention provides an early venue for aviculturists and other affected parties to have an impact on the regulations that may result from the Act.

Dr. Chester Gibson, along with other USDA representatives, will make a formal presentation to AFA Convention attendees describing the status of this **Proposed Rulemaking** Friday, 9 August 2002. They will invite questions and comments at the end of their presentation. Further, they will also maintain a booth in the Exhibit Hall throughout the entire Convention in order to be able to provide additional information, answer questions and receive comments. We urge that you attend the AFA Convention and express your views. If you fall into any of the affected categories (breeder, dealer, etc.), it is critical to your operation and to the future of aviculture in the U.S. that your opinion be voiced. This is your chance to be heard early in the process and make a difference.

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Some selections from the

NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NFSS/>

For those of you who may not be aware of it, the NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum is an internet discussion list where NFSS members "meet" and discuss many aspects of finch & softbill aviculture. All NFSS Members are invited/encouraged to join this group and you may do so through the URL listed above. The following are some selected excerpts of discussions that occurred during May and June of this year. Those of you who do not have access to computers are invited to send in comments or ideas for inclusion in future Journals.

Violet Eared Waxbills

I have a violet-ear pair that I've had for about 4 months. They eat everything I give them live or not, still no eggs. I will admit I am having trouble keeping up with the quantity of live food they can consume. I now have twenty fly cultures set up so I can give a new one each day, and I have a few thousand mealworms but it took a couple of thousand to get my blue caps to lay, but they did it a lot faster. Just wondering if you, OR ANYONE ELSE, might share some tips on how to encourage them to lay.

-Terry Logan

How much light does your VE pair receive? Perhaps the duration and intensity of the light need to be increased.

What minerals do you offer? Violet-ears are prolific egg-layers. I offer cuttlebone, crushed oyster shell, crushed egg shell, and trace mineral dust (Birds2Grow). One word of caution -- they will sometimes gorge on new mineral sources. Initially offer small amounts and then gradually increase the amounts until they are free-choice.

Live foods are not essential for violet-ears to breed and lay eggs. However, since your pair is imported, I think you will find twenty 1/2 to 3/4 inch mealworms twice daily will initiate breeding if they are otherwise adequately nourished and

receiving enough light and minerals.

Mine receive Kaytee Forti-Diet for finches, spray millet, Petamine Breeding Formula in a treat cup, and moistened eggfood on top of their seed twice daily. My eggfood mix is 1/2 cup Lafeber's Finch Granules, 1 cup CeDe Mix, 1/2 cup CeDe Color, 1 1/2 cups CeDe Eggfood, 1 teaspoon ProBoost Super-Max (Birds2Gro), 1 teaspoon Daily Essentials 3 (Birds2Gro). Calciboost (Bird2Grow) is used whenever I think they need it. I also offer Avilac (a Lactobacillus seed mix from 8 in 1) weekly, and I occasionally offer hard-boiled egg. I keep a dish of dry potting soil in with them too.

Mine are housed in cages from President's Trading Co., which measure 24"L x 16"D x 16"H. They nest in the large hooded bamboo finch nests with a felt canary pad fastened in the bottom. They construct a nest using coconut fibers, and they also seem to appreciate a few feathers.

Society finches will foster them without live food using the diet listed above -- just offer the moistened eggfood three times daily. The fostered offspring will breed without live food, but I have not yet determined whether the fostered offspring will raise their own young without live food.

Keep breeding pairs visually isolated from other VE's. Bonded pairs can become quite unexpectedly volatile, especially when other VE's are around.

I think I've broken just about every rule in the finch books for raising them. They are continually challenging, but they are also the most personable and intelligent finch species that I have ever raised. Good luck with your pair.

I would like to encourage anyone on this list working with violet-ears to enroll them in the new NFSS Finch and Softbill Save program. We have a small group successfully breeding them, and we have all been learning from each other. I like to think of it as "Team Violet-Ear", and, you know, I think we will succeed in our combined efforts to establish them.

Actually, I hope that everyone of you will get involved with the Finch and Softbill Save program with at least one species. This program has such wonderful potential, but this po-

tential will only be realized if ALL of you become involved. It really doesn't take that long to fill out the paper work for a few pair of one species. I view it as a wonderful opportunity to give a little back to a hobby that has given us so much. How about it? Wouldn't you be willing to play just a small part in domestically establishing one species? Ten years from now, someone will be very glad that you did.

-Larry Baum, Hamilton, Ohio

Pinhead Crickets

Any ideas for feeding "pinhead" crickets in an inside aviary? They are so active it looks like they will be all over the house, meaning a possible war with the wife! Should I freeze them and then feed? (No, freezing the wife is not an option...)

-Harry Bryant

NFSS 2nd VP, Legislative Attache and webmaster

Pinhead crickets caused my birds to be evicted from all areas of the house except the sunroom. My spouse did not see the humor of having crickets in her shoes and everywhere else for a few days. I wonder if the birds ate even one? Some say they can be frozen and fed on top of live mealworms which wiggle and make them seem alive. My birds don't go for that either. Mealworms, bought tiny in large quantities are readily eaten and can be kept in a shoebox with a slice or two of potato. simple easy to maintain and All the birds, even gouldians and a mousebird love them especially when feeding babies.

Hi Harry, we feed all sizes of live crickets in little rubbermaid tubs. We did have a few large adults hop out of a tub but unfortunately for them they were in with Niltavas and were dead before they reached the ground!! We find the birds are quite happy to hop into the tubs for the treats that await them.

-Grant

I feed the pinhead crickets in a large shallow Rubbermaid container...but my trick is, I first place bahia grass seed blooms (from a non chemical treated part of my farm). I find the pinhead crickets cling to them, and try to hide among them...which my finches love. Not only do they get the crickets, but the thrill of the chase as well. Rarely do I find a stray cricket exploring my room of aviaries.

I'm sure you could use millet sprays, or even coconut fiber if there were no other alternatives. Good luck.

Hi Harry, I take out the amount that I am going to feed and place them in the freezer in a baggie for about 15 mins. My goldbreasts just love them. The trick is, to be quick about getting them in the baggie before having them all over the place. Good Luck. This works for me.

Saffron Finches

I think on this list, a while back someone was looking for saffron finches. I was afraid to be too optimistic back then but now I have at least 3 babies, still in the nest. If anyone has any experience with saffrons and/or has some words of wisdom to share I would love to hear from you. I guess I should also start looking for anyone breeding them in order to eventually find mates for my babies. Thanks,

Hi Kathy, regarding the Saffron babies, I raised a lot of Saffrons some years ago. I found the parents to be good with the chicks. I fed mealworms off and on, more or less as a treat. For the most part, the parents fed the offspring on seeds, greens and eggfood....lots of eggfood.

Beware!!! Everything went very well while the chicks were still in the nest, however, once they fledged the male was very eager to start the process over...like yesterday!! Unfortunately I reacted too late.....I came home from work one day

shortly after the chicks had fledged and found the mother skinned....totally skinned, no feathers, no skin left on her body. The male successfully raised the chicks. I introduced a 2nd hen to the male once the chicks were independent and removed from the flight. For then on I would pull the hen from the flight a day or two prior to the chicks fledging...the male raised all of the chicks without incidence. Perhaps this is an unusual situation with this species, however, keep an eye on the male just in case. P.S. I no longer keep this delightful finch...and I miss this species more than any species I've ever kept....they're very friendly towards their keeper, quite beautiful, nice song, etc. My problem was that every single chick I raised was a male. When a buyer came along who was willing to buy the pair and 11 or 12 male offspring, I jumped at the opportunity!!! Best of luck and enjoy this wonderful finch.

-Patrick Vance

The NFSS Sense of Humor Prevails!

The following exchange of "comic relief" came from a very serious and sometimes heated discussion of imported birds and the issue of captive breeding programs.

The condor program is doomed to fail on the long term .There wasn't a big enough genetic gene pool to start with.....It was my understanding that there are budgies breeding freely in the Florida wilds.....

Folks, there's more than budgies flying and breeding free in Florida, I know of a particular group of Mynah birds that's been around for the last 20 years! Some of the species I see frequently while bike riding are:

Quakers (they are everywhere).

Canary wing parakeets.

At least 3 different types of Conures (Don't know the names, some have red, others black)

Amazons (probably all represented)

Macaws (Blue & Gold, Scarlet, etc.),Mynahs (At least

2 species)

In my own backyard I have caught:

Cuban Bullfinches

Cuban Melodious

Spice finches

European Goldfinches

Java Rice finches

And even an occasional Gouldian!

-Take care, Rolando.

There ya go! No need for imports, just get down to Rolando's! ;-)

You forgot to give us your address, Rolando.

-doti

Hi guys— can't wait to move to Fla. (lol)

That's it - I am on my way over to Rolando's house with a net and a box!!!

-Darla

The Sacred Scroll

Greetings,

Four years ago in the March/April NFSS Bulletin, I wrote a letter to the editor, and Kerri McCoy, who was then editor, kindly printed it. I respectively issued a three fold challenge to every card carrying member of the NFSS. Challenge number 3 was:

"I challenge each member to acquire and attempt to propagate one or more "common" species in their aviary. Soon we will no longer be able to import many of the "common" species in America. The very future of many of them is in our hands and the time to act is now".

I personally view my birds as though they were Sacred Scrolls. I have been fortunate enough to have been handed precise copies of the original Scrolls. My task is to faithfully and with measured humility, continue to "Copy" the Sacred Scrolls. One day I will hand over copies of the Scrolls to an excited and eager acolyte whose task it will be to follow in my footsteps, as I have followed in the footsteps of other aviculturists. I do not want to be embarrassed on that day and have to tell the excited apprentice that I was too lazy, or too distracted to copy all of the Scroll. Neither do I want to tell said neophyte that I copied the Scroll, but some of the chapters are missing and I paraphrased here and there.

I received exact copies of the Scroll and my responsibility is to see to it that exact copies find their way into the hands of future bird keepers. I obviously cannot keep every specie, although at times it seems I have tried. But I embrace my little piece of aviculture with passion and I hope that everyone else will too.

The big picture is not good. Prudent bird lovers will develop a larger grasp of things ecological. I have long lamented the apparent absence of the red eared firetail and the beautiful firetail in American aviculture. To the best of my knowledge these two emblematic birds were never, at any time, imported before the ban. Further, the habitat of most of the eleven species of parrot finches is disappearing at an alarming rate. Yet, sadly, only 6 of the 11 are to be found in American aviaries.

I encourage every NFSS member to cherish their copies of the Sacred Scrolls and with loving care preserve them for the next generation of finch and softbill breeders. I trust the reader will forgive my use of metaphors and I will not be found guilty of waxing poetic. Thoughts and comments welcome.

Peace and love.

*Clint
Temple, Texas
Earth*

Afternoon of Aviculture

At the National Cage Bird Show
Thursday, November 14, 2002
1:00—5:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Convention Center— Napa III Room
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NFSS presents an "Afternoon of Aviculture", a seminar
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Avian Nutrition

Robert Black

Mousebirds: Unusual Softbills for Pets & Avlarias

Kateri Davis

Over-the-Counter Bird Products

Carol Heesen (From Birds2Grow)

Gouldian Genetics

John Wilson

There is limited space for this seminar—
so make your reservations early!

**Price: \$10.00 for NFSS Members/\$40.00 for Non-
NFSS Members.**

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2002

(There is a \$5.00 fee for late registration.)

Afternoon of Aviculture

Avian Nutrition

Robert Black

Robert Black is a foremost authority on avian nutrition. He has written fact sheets on a wide variety of species and nutritional issues. He has not only conducted extensive research on a variety of topics, he has numerous years of experience raising a wide variety of species.

Mousebirds: Unusual Softbills for Pets & Aviaries

Kateri Davis

Kateri Davis and her husband, Kevin Lund, own the Davis Lund Aviaries in Sacramento, CA where they have been specializing in working with soft-billed birds since 1990. Although not a huge set-up, their flock consists of over fifteen different species of softbills including mousebirds, touracos, and Tockus hornbills. Most are in mixed species collections, and many types have been successfully bred.

Currently a teacher by trade, Kateri has been working with exotic birds her whole adult life, both privately and professionally, including working in exotic bird veterinary hospitals and laboratories. Besides creating and maintaining an extensive softbill bird website, <http://members.aol.com/DLAviaries>, aimed at educating the general bird public about the wonders of softbills, she also writes and has had articles published in bird publications including Bird Talk and AFA Watchbird. In 2001, she published her first book, *Mousebirds In Aviculture*, after three years of research.

Mousebirds are unique African softbilled birds that are gaining in popularity as pets and aviary birds. Starting with a description of the different species, we will look into the basic care, husbandry, and breeding of these acrobatic and cuddly creatures. Mousebirds share many of the same pet qualities as parrots and can be kept in a mixed species aviary.

Over-the-Counter Bird Products

Carol Heesen

Carol Heesen has been breeding finches for 15+ years. Early on she was told, "a sick finch was a dead finch". Unable to accept that premise, Carol began her international search for treatments and medications that could be used at home for her own flock. Out of that research, Birds2Grow was founded. Currently Birds2Grow offers at-home medications to aviculturists around the world.

Afternoon of Aviculture

Gouldian Genetics

John Wilson

Born 1950 in Southern California. I began keeping pigeons at about twelve years of age progressing to racing pigeons and a section win in 1966. I've kept and bred ornamental pheasants, game birds and English Budgies. My first finches were a couple pair of Zebra Finches received as a gift that within a short period overran my outside cages with their offspring. In 1990 I replaced the large group of Zebras with two pair of Diamond Firetails. Employing strategies in feeding and fostering from the writings of Robert G. Black I had good success with these birds and began efforts to breed other species. I currently keep and breed Diamond Firetails, Parson Finches, Gouldians and Peale's Parrot Finch. My birds are housed both indoors in a large bird room and in outdoor planted flights.

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NFSS ELECTION BALLOT

Executive Secretary - Region 8 Vice-President - Band Secretary

Per the NFSS Bylaws paragraph five: In the event an Officer, either elected or appointed, dies, resigns or is removed, the Board may appoint a Pro Tem. If less than 180 days remain until the next regularly scheduled election the Pro Tem will serve until that time. If more than 180 days remain until the next regularly scheduled election, the Pro Tem will serve until a special election is held (not to exceed 180 days).

The position of Executive Secretary, Band Secretary, and Region 8 Vice President have been filled Pro Tem by the following individuals: Executive Secretary - Patrick Vance, Band Secretary - Paula Hansen, and Region 8 VP - Vince Moase. Per the bylaws listed above an election must be run after the 180-day term has been fulfilled.

NFSS members, please take the time to send in your ballots for these very important positions. Please note that the position of Region 8 VP is to be voted on **ONLY** by NFSS members living in that region (Region 8 Canada). The other two positions are to be voted on by the entire membership.

Band Secretary: 2 candidates

Paula Hansen, Salem Oregon

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Paula Hansen and I reside in Salem, Oregon. The land of no sales tax.

I am member of NFSS for 6 years, AFA member for 8, President of the Finch Connection Bird Club—8 years, member of Columbia Canary Club, Cascade Canary Club—4 years, with the Eastside Finch Club—1 year. All memberships are active.

I have raised Zebras, Societies, Shafttail, Green Singers, and Red Factor Canaries. I am also still breeding Gouldians, Gloster Canary, Button Quail, and the occasional Blue-capped Cordon Bleu and Gold breasted Waxbills. I am also a Red Siskin Recover Project Breeder for 7 years. My interest in birds started back in high school, where I worked in pet shops to save money for my first car. While most kids were hanging out with their friends after school and weekends, I was at the pet shop feeding and cleaning.

Presently, I am working as an employee for the State of Oregon. I have experience in distribution, inventory, and ordering, which mirror the requirements for this position. This is why I am offering my services to serve in the position of NFSS Band Secretary. I hope you will consider me as a candidate, and

know that you will not be disappointed. I will exercise my best efforts to satisfy each and every order.

Michael Scott, Pittsburgh, PA

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Michael Scott and I reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I have been a member of NFSS for a few years as well as a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society and the Erie Bird Club.

I actively raise Zebras, Societies, Shafttails, and the occasional Blue-capped Cordon Bleu and African Yellow Canary. I also have a White-tailed Jay that is quite tame and can actually say a few words.

My interest in aviculture stems back to my childhood, where birds were an everyday part of my life. While most kids were out playing with their friends, I was at the train station picking up sick and wounded pigeons, bringing them home and nursing them back to health until they could later be returned to their homes. And, I always had some type of bird as a pet throughout my youth.

Presently, I am retired and have an abundance of time to devote to my birds and animals as well as to my bird clubs. Detail work, that is required for the position of Band Secretary, is no stranger to me, as my working years were spent in management. This is why I am offering my services to serve in this position for the NFSS.

I hope you will consider me as a candidate, and know that you will not be disappointed. I will extend and exercise my best efforts to satisfy each and every one of you.

Executive Secretary - 1 candidate

Patrick Vance, Lathrup Village, MI

2002 marks 20 years of keeping and breeding birds. I maintain over 40 species of finches and 4 species of doves....adding up to 450 birds. I consider myself passionate about my flock. I've been a panel judge since 1992 and have twice, prior to now, served as secretary for the NFSS. I am excited to continue to serve on this Board that is currently staffed by an extremely energetic and devoted group of individuals.

Region 8 Canada Regional Vice President - 1 candidate

Vince Moase, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Vincent Moase and I reside in Os-

hawa, Ontario.

I have been a member of NFSS for a number of years. I'm also a member of the Durham Avicultural Society of Ontario and the Avicultural Advancement Council of Canada.

I currently raise Zebras, Bengalesees, Gouldians, Bichenos, Strawberies, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Black-face Fires and Red-headed Yellow-winged Pytilias and occasional Pekin Robins and Shama Thrushes.

I have kept birds from childhood, everything ranging from pheasants and waterfowl to birds of prey, first keeping finches in 1973.

I worked for ten years at the Toronto Zoo as an animal keeper, gaining experience with a wide variety of avian species.

I been a judge for the past 15 years and have judged shows across Canada and in the United States.

I feel qualified and hope you will consider me a good choice to serve in this position for the NFSS.

----- *Cut Here* -----

Election Ballot

NFSS Band Secretary

_____ Paula Hansen _____ Michael Scott
 _____ write in

NFSS Executive Secretary

_____ Patrick Vance _____ write in

NFSS Region 8 (Canada) Regional Vice President

(vote on this position ONLY if you are a region 8 member)

_____ Vince Moase _____ write in

Please mail your completed ballot by August 30, 2002 to:

NFSS Nominating Committee

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Showing is Sharing

News from NFSS
Judges Panel Director
Martha Wigmore

Join us at a show this year!!

From fine downtown hotels to idle 4-H buildings at the fairgrounds, from shopping malls to cultural and botanical centers, you'll find a special welcome at every NFSS show this year! And you'll leave a *better* aviculturist for your time. NFSS Panel Judges are educators as well as experienced evaluators of our birds. Your study of conformation qualities will take your own avicultural journey to levels your checkbook cannot take you. Let NFSS judges provide you insight along your way – valuable for your work in your bird room, at the shows, *and* at the bird sale.

NFSS' National Show 2002

Our annual national show is held in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show (this year on November 15th in Santa Clara, CA with NFSS Panel Judge **Cecil Gunby**. See "Events" listing.) Please feel free to offer your help with our show (check-in, secretary, ribbon-tie, and stewarding). I'd love to work with you! And I'd like to hear from you ASAP if you are planning to help out.

We must express a VERY special thank you to our generous section awards sponsors for the National. Their awards are one small way to thank all of YOU for exhibiting! Thank you to **Dale & Eileen Laird, Sally & Vince Huntington, Conrad & Shirley Meinert, Annette Howard, Clarence Culwell,**

Charles Anchor, Patrick Vance, Martha Wigmore, Darla Dandre & Mark Phelps, Roy Beckham, and our Division sponsor, **Julie Duimstra**. *Bring your birds to share with others!*

Panel Judge Resigns

Which NFSS panel judge is one of the 3 developers and first administrator of the NFSS FinchSave program, the very first NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence (his family is very likely still eating off of the china he won at west coast shows during his two first tremendous show seasons), AND the winner of the NFSS Great Nat'l Finch Pursuit Contest (say, what?!) back in 1986? Why, that was **Mr. Hal Koontz** of Bakersfield, California, of course! Sadly, Hal recently resigned from the NFSS Panel of Judges. "You know I have fond memories of NFSS and fully support the organization and its work," Hal writes. A panel judge since 1986, Hal's to-the-letter judging was powerfully educational for gallery and apprentices, alike. Thank you, Hal - and as always, best wishes!!

New for Show Catalogs and Show Secretaries

Your local clubs affiliated with NFSS have recently received the **updated (in 2002) NFSS Show Classifications** for your show catalogs. The detailed NFSS Classifications are informative and educational, and encouraging to the hobby. *We thank our affiliates* for using these

in all future shows.

Let us assist your Show Secretary for your NFSS Finch and Softbill Division. NFSS can provide your club **Show Secretary Worksheets**, corresponding to the NFSS Classifications and all ready for your use with your NFSS Division. For your copy, please contact me! *Thank you to Pat Miller of Marietta, Georgia for her early version of the worksheets!*

You Can't Show in California...

... the following birds, considered 'detrimental animals'. If you are planning to visit the National Cage Bird Show this year, please know that you may NOT exhibit in California these birds (NFSS section and classes are listed):

White Eyes (Zosterops)

(Sec 1, cls 108/9)

Mynahs (Sec 1, cls 116-121)

Except Indian Hill Mynahs are OK (Gracula religiosa)

Starlings (Sec 1, cls 122/3)

Except European Starlings are OK (Sturnus vulgaris)

Red-whiskered Bulbul

(Sec 1, cls 124/5)

Missel and Song Thrush

(Sec 1, cls 130/1)

Skylark, European Blackbird and

Fieldfare (Sec 1, cls 138/9)

Cuckoos, Crows, Ravens, Rooks, and

Jackdaws (Sec 1, cls 150/1)

Java Rice Birds (Sec 4, cls 408-417)

Yellowhammer (Sec 6, cls 610/1)

Sparrows, including Golden Sparrow

(all of Genus *Passer*) are prohibited

Except English House Sparrows OK

Madagascar & Baya Weaver

(Sec 7, cls 764/5)

Queleas (Sec 7, cls 764/5)

Please contact me if you need scientific names or with any corrections to the list.

NFSS Apprentices Wanted!

Is it time for you to see the birds from the "best seat in the house"? (Well, OK, second-best! Best has *got* to be looking in that nest of Cordon Bleus, or Pekin Robins, or you name it!) Since its implementation, NFSS' Apprentice Judge program has produced some of the *best* judges! Maybe you're ready? You'll find all the details in **The NFSS Judges Handbook and Official Standards, 2nd ed.** If you meet the qualifications, with at least 60-day advance notice you can take the written Apprentice test this year with me in Des Moines, IA, Chicago, IL, or Santa Clara, CA. I'm happy to answer your questions about the program.

Conformation – by Photo

It is impossible to evaluate any particular bird by photograph, but we can illustrate conformation issues by referring to pictures. We'd like your bird photo for our Panel Judges to discuss in The NFSS Journal. Share the good and bad – we'll shed a little light into your bird rooms! Send photos to my attention. (See "Panel of Judges" listing for my contact information.) All photos will be returned promptly.

Until next time — provide plenty of baths and treats for your birds this summer, and schedule a date with us this summer and fall — **at an NFSS show!**

News from the FinchShop

FinchShop Talk

Hello, friends. Early in June I was appointed FinchShop Manager. Since then I've been busy learning about the inventory and projects in development. Many changes were made to FinchShop during the tenure of Manager Pro-tem, Ginny Allen. I'm grateful for her hard work and the work of countless others who've positioned me to take over a very well reorganized FinchShop. Journal editor Martie Lauster did a superb job presenting a catalog in the last Journal. If you were impressed, I hope you went to the website to see what Webmaster Harry Bryant and Treasurer Mark Phelps have accomplished, too. The on-line FinchShop is a great place to shop! And shopping is REALLY what I want to talk to you about!

FinchShop now has items in its inventory for everyone on your gift list! Below are some examples that go beyond the obvious.

Nest boxes. A perfect hobbycraft idea for scout projects, 4-H, and occupational therapy classes. Just add paint and your imagination!

Judges Handbook. Any budding finch and softbill enthusiast will benefit from the information presented.

Tote Bag. Who doesn't need a cool tote for all their stuff? Makes a great storage bag for all your birdie catalogs; and I can just see it stuffed with needlecraft materials! Do you know any new Moms? Moms can never have too many totes when trundling tots!

Sally Huntington Note Cards. A gorgeous gift for bird and nature lovers. Buy several boxes and create your own assortment. These would make terrific thank-you gifts for teachers, hairdressers, bridesmaids, you name it!

Nature's Jewels Poster. Teens love posters. Why not dress up their room with this colorful collage of Lady Gouldians. They'll find its 3-D effect awesome.

Finchwear T-Shirts. Hey, you deserve something nice for yourself, too! Check out the gorgeous color artwork of these shirts on the website. And remember, they're SCREEN PRINTED, not ironed on!

Gouldian Pin and Zebra Pin. Ever think about giving these as a thank-you gift to those who purchase birds? People love give-aways, and it helps them remember YOU.

I hope this gives you some ideas you've never thought of before. When you support FinchShop, you support NFSS. Thank you so much! I look forward to serving you.

Sue Haberkorn
FinchShop Manager

ADDENDUM TO THE FIRST QUARTER, 2002, BOARD MEETING MINUTES2nd Vice President's Report

Publications - Update

The next issue of our NFSS Bulletin (now renamed as the "NFSS Journal") will be printed on a different grade of paper, with a glossy color cover. The new printer will print and handle all phases of the mailing, thereby freeing up our new Editor of this laborious task and allowing her to spend more time editing and soliciting new material for the magazine.

Website - Update

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Regards,

Harry Bryant, NFSS 2nd Vice President

Report of the Office of the NFSS Fourth Vice President.

Judges Panel Director, Standards, Points Manager and Research

First Quarter 2002 --- REVISED FOR PRINT --- Submitted by Martha Wigmore

Thank you to Steve Hoppin, Past Panel Director: Within two weeks of the close of the year, past NFSS 4th V.P. Stephen Hoppin completed his compilation of 2001 Exhibition results for publication and transferred all NFSS 4th V.P. materials to me. On behalf of NFSS, my deepest appreciation to Steve Hoppin for his years of great service in his role as Judges Panel Director as well as in his many other roles for NFSS, and for making our transition such a smooth one.

2001 Exhibition Awards: Thank you to all of our exhibitors during 2001! For many, it was a difficult show season this past fall as traveling with birds was so hard following the tragedies of September 11th. But how joyous it was to be able to share our love for birds in the many ways we could at shows in 2001! Given the difficulty of our show year, we are especially pleased to congratulate the accomplishments of our 2001 Champion Exhibitors, those whose birds earned more than 50 points in a single show season last year. These people are Harold and Margie McBrayer, Clara Gontero, and Darla Dandre. And Felipe Bonilla became an NFSS Exhibitor of Excellence during the 2001 show season for earning over 200 NFSS show points in his career with his birds. There were no Champion Birds in 2001, but several birds are closing in the accomplishment of earning 50 points at NFSS shows. Looking forward to seeing YOUR birds at shows this year!

Standards Committees: The first draft of the proposed Red Headed Finch Standard was returned to committee, comprised of Roy Beckham, Julie Duinstra, Conrad Meinert, and Sally Huntington, chair, to address several specific recommendations on 8/28/01. No report received.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our "not-for-profit" status (501(c)(3) - "Charitable Organization") remains intact and should remain so.

There has been some concern, and rightly so, that in the last few years, the Society has been in financial trouble. Through the efforts of the previous Board, including personal sacrifices and aggressive cost reductions, I am happy to report that we seem to be back on our feet financially.

The "books" are now being kept using Microsoft Excel. This will allow me to provide information in any format or layout required.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Phelps, NFSS Treasurer

Submitted by: Darla Dandre, NFSS Awards Manager 2002**CURRENT INVENTORY:**

4 Complete Ribbon Packages (this includes a 1st unflighted ribbon)	1 first place ribbon (spare)
16 Novice Ribbons	1 second place ribbon (spare)
4 First unflighted ribbons (leftovers)	1 third place ribbon (spare)
11 Second Unflighted ribbons	1 fourth place ribbon (spare)
9 Third Unflighted Ribbons	1 fifth place ribbon (spare)
-----	1 seventh place ribbon (Spare)
3 (Black) Int'l Participation Ribbons (available for the asking)	2 eighth place ribbons (spare)
	1 tenth place ribbon (spare)

DONATIONS:

If any member would like to recycle or donate any previously won NFSS ribbons. I will accept those ribbons and put together sets out of all the spares. Now what to do with the spare sets....

*** Please let me know your views and opinions on this issue.

SUPPLIERS:**ROSETTES:**

They are charging us approx 3.95/ribbon. The 11 ribbon set costs NFSS \$43.45. This is why we have to charge \$45.00 for our ribbon package. Even at \$45.00. we still take a beating on the postage it takes to ship these twice. (once from the supplier to me and once from me to the customer). Last year Moore Awards messed up our order and we received solid color rosettes instead of rosettes with a white inner ruffle. It was too late to send them back and have them re-done so we had to use the un-uniform rosettes.

NATIONAL CLUB AWARDS

NFSS provides and pays for Rosettes and Plaques for the following shows:

THE NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW (NCBS)

The National receives 1st thru 10th place 16" Long Rosettes (see attached picture). 1st thru 3rd 16" long Unflighted Rosettes, 4 plaques (1st, 2nd, 3rd Best in division and Best softbill in show) and the Val Clear Memorial Plaque for Best Softbill. These are all purchased by NFSS and donated to NCBS free of charge.

GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW (GABS)

The GABS receives 1st thru 10th place 16" long rosettes. 1st thru 3rd 16" long unflighted ribbons. These are all purchased by NFSS and donated to GABS free of charge.

*** Should anything change here? Opinions?

THE NEW AWARD

There has been some discussion on a new B & B ribbon. NFSS currently does offer this award in the form of a plaque (service/breeder award) No one ever purchases it. A less expensive award may be the key. I currently have no comment on the rules for this award. My only concern is after the award is decided upon. I will have to design a ribbon for it and figure out how much it will cost. I will say that any award created in 2002 will not be available for purchase until January 1st of 2003. This gives all clubs an equal opportunity in offering the award AND we will not have to change our Awards Order Form for this year.

Respectfully Submitted.

Darla Dandre, NFSS Awards Manager

Regional V.P. Region I Report:

Upon taking my position as Regional V.P. for region I. I contacted Ginny Allen and requested a listing of affiliated clubs in my region. so I could contact and introduce myself to them. This way I could get to know them. and we can have a good working relationship together. I also

requested if They would let me know the laws prohibiting finches and Softbills in their state, as the President requested. I also asked for some feed back on a breeders list for Region I, which I spoke about in my Bio when running for this position. This breeders list would be for the breeders of finches and softbills in the clubs, in this region. In light of the Postal service shipping problems. It has become very difficult to obtain new bloodlines. Where we shipped before, we now have to travel to obtain new blood. I feel that this list can help the breeders in my region locate new blood. Once compiled the list will be sent to the affiliated clubs in the region for its finch and softbill members to use. I feel that this list would not only help the finch and softbill breeders find new blood easier, but it could in turn help bring the clubs and breeders in this region closer together and help bring new members into the NFSS.

To date, I have heard from 5 clubs in my region. All telling me a little about their clubs, and that they will work on getting the information that we requested. I haven't received any farther information from the clubs.

The only state that I can give you information on is my home state of Pennsylvania. The only bird that I have found that is prohibited is the Quaker Parakeet, which isn't a species with the NFSS.

I will give the clubs another couple of weeks to get back to me, then I'll get in touch with them again. In the meantime, I'll do some web searches and see what I can come up with. I'm sorry that I don't have anymore information for you at this time, but know that I'm working on it.

A Question From the clubs and members:

These questions and concerns have been brought to me, so I thought that the board should be made aware of what it clubs and members are thinking. Some of the feed back that I received from some of the clubs and members, is a question of whether or not the NFSS has any plans to help resolve the shipping problems with the Postal service, or whether it plans to set up a viable in expensive means of shipping with another carrier?

Jim Felix, NFSS Regional V.P. Region I

Our friend, Clayton Jones of Soquel, California, just recently resigned from the NFSS Judges Panel, and has asked that we share with you this note he has sent:

My wife and I had a lot of good friends in the club and the clubs around the country that I judged. My wife went with me on every Judging assignment and made many friends. She enjoyed the people and the birds. All the clubs treated my wife special. I believe I was asked to judge at some clubs just for the pleasure of my wife.

Carolina passed away May 11, from her fight with cancer. Could you please see this is placed in the news letter. I know many of her bird friends would like to know.

Thank you,
Clayton Jones

NFSS 2ND QUARTER, 2002, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began on the NFSS' Officers' List via internet April 1, 2002 and ended May 20, 2002.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Please note that there are now three checking accounts shown on my report. The other two have been added to help facilitate the processing of orders for items purchased through the NFSS website.

Also, please keep in mind when reading this that income is at it's highest during the beginning of the year due to the sales of bands and a lot of Membership dues payments. The profit shown now will be eaten during the course of the year by Bulletin expenses and the purchase of bands and awards towards the end of the year.

Mark Phelps' report 2-3-02 to 4-28-02:

<u>Account Balances as of 4/28/02:</u>			<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Checking-Main/Bands	2,000.00	Bands	5,269.18	2,109.98
Checking-Membership	100.49	Membership	7,817.50	347.69
Checking-FinchShop	100.64	FinchShop	463.50	509.33
Savings	20,147.25	Affiliations	775.00	48.34
Advances	288.23	4th VP/Judges Fees	230.00	00.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>22,435.48</u>	Bulletin	312.00	2,677.00
		Awards	767.00	00.00
		Misc.	1.65	187.24
		<u>Total</u>	<u>15,635.83</u>	<u>5,879.58</u>
				<u>NET GAIN:</u> 9,756.25

The following report is the actual 2nd Quarter 2002 Treasurer's Report. NFSS Quarterly Board Meetings end prior to the actual Quarter end and this report reflects Income and Expenses incurred through the entire Quarter.

Account Balances as of 6/28/02 for the period 1/1/02 to 6/28/02:

			<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Checking-Main/Bands	2,000.00	Bands	6,588.56	2,129.98
Checking-Membership	100.00	Membership	9,597.50	385.93
Checking-FinchShop	100.00	FinchShop	964.96	744.18
Savings	24,055.11	Affiliations	1,150.00	48.34
Advances	100.00	4th VP/Judges Fees	240.00	00.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>26,355.11</u>	Journal	712.00	3,558.90
		Awards	1,605.00	00.00
		Finch/Softbill Save	75.00	00.00
		Advertising	35.72	375.00
		Misc.	5.32	249.24
		<u>Total</u>	<u>20,974.06</u>	<u>7,491.57</u>
				<u>NET GAIN:</u> 13,482.49

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The following are the NFSS membership numbers as of May 8, 2002:

621 Memberships

74 Dual (2nd Names of Dual Memberships)

695 Total Members

Regional Breakdowns:

<u>Region</u>	<u># Memberships</u>	<u>Dual Members</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
1	137	12	149
2	131	10	141
3	144	20	164
4	55	11	66
5	31	3	34
6	101	17	118
7	13	1	14
8	9	0	9

Respectfully submitted,
Martie Lauster

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT:

Affiliation packets were mailed to all 2000 and 2001 affiliated clubs in January. Follow up messages have been emailed to most of the clubs who have not responded. As of May 26, 2002 there are 48 clubs affiliated with NFSS.

As Liaison Officer it is my responsibility to answer questions concerning NFSS and assist clubs and individual members in any manner. In addition, I maintain a record of all individual club/ delegate information and information pertaining to shows/events. These I submit to both the editor and webmaster for publication.

Liaison Officer, Ginny Allen

FINCHSHOP

Submitted by Ginny Allen, FinchShop Manager ProTem

As the commerce division of NFSS, FINCH SHOP has functioned well as a service to finch/ softbill enthusiasts. As FinchShop Manager Pro Tem, I have sought new items for the inventory that would appeal to a wide number of customers and priced them competitively.

Added were tote bags, finch nets, nestboxes, Lady Gouldian poster, and Flights of Finches cards by Sally Huntington. Some items had to be discontinued due to lack of inventory. These included t-shirts, water bottles and the Diamond Sparrow print.

All back orders have been filled or the member notified of the date the order should be filled. Our treasurer will have to present the FinchShop financial records.

Martie Lauster has compiled a FinchShop catalog which can be duplicated for handouts at events. The www.NFSS.org website now has a Shopping Cart feature with Pay Pal.

Sue Haberkorn has accepted the appointment as FinchShop Manager and we will work together to provide a smooth transition.

BAND SECRETARY REPORT:

We have filled 225 band orders to date for 2002. After a very slow start, this figure is slightly higher than same time last year.

We have worked out the kinks of the Pay pal and the on-line orders now appear to be running smoothly.

I continue to look for a different company to work with due to the long delays getting orders from Hughes (3+ months!). Thus far, I have been unable to find ANYONE who will make the smaller a and b bands. I have begun buying our plastic bands from Redbird as this allows lower inventory levels and faster order fulfillment.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Heeson

EDITOR'S REPORT:

At this writing (May 8), I am in the throes of putting the May/June Journal together. This will be our first journal with a color cover and upgraded paper quality. Our new printer (Thank you Sally, Harry and Steve!) will receive the Journal electronically, will optimize picture quality, and print the Journal directly from the same software in which it is developed. We can expect very high quality output.

There have been many details to attend to. The new printer will also use a mailing house to package and address the Journal and mail to our members. We are in the process of transferring the Bulk Mail Permit to them (at a savings of \$125), a test of the mailing list has been successfully completed, and we are finalizing packaging details.

The Journal will be sent to the new printer on or about May 15, and the 2-week lead time will give them plenty of room to meet the mailing deadline of June 1.

Submitted by

Martie Lauster, NFSS Journal Editor

2ND QUARTER REPORT - ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS

Martie Lauster

An ad has been created for publication in the show catalogs for the AFA Conference, Great American Bird Show, and National Cage Bird Show. I am waiting for a couple of further details regarding ad format/placement and will send the ad to each of these shows for their June deadlines.

Initial communication with potential advertisers for the NFSS Journal and website pointed out the need to review NFSS' advertising pricing and strategy. Investigation of our current strategy uncovered the fact that we are too expensive for many advertisers to consider us and that our prices are way out of line with industry-accepted advertising pricing standards. A new pricing structure has been developed and work is underway on an advertising rate sheet that will provide potential advertisers with a clearer description of their options. This will be brought to the board for approval, and implementation will begin during the third quarter. Many thanks to Roy Beckham for his advice and counsel on improving our advertising strategy!

2ND VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

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Regards,

Harry Bryant

NFSS 2nd Vice President

3RD VICE PRESIDENT QUARTERLY REPORT

The Finch and Softbill Save Committee has completed the application forms for the FSS program. Harry Bryant, 2nd VP and Webmaster has set up all the new FSS program guidelines and application forms on the website. I posted to the NFSS Finch and Softbill Forum inviting NFSS members to take a look at the program, download the application forms and contact me should they have any questions.

Unfortunately, the FSS program did not kick off in the NFSS Bulletin's March/April issue as I had hoped. I don't know why it was not included in this issue of the Bulletin. Martie Lauster, our membership director and new NFSS Editor will be including the entire FSS program, including application forms, in the May/June issue. Thereafter, we will include a one-page card for members interested in information on FSS. I do not want to include the whole program in each issue of the Bulletin because it will take up too much space that should be used for article content.

The FSS Committee is currently working on setting up the procedures and protocol for Tier 3 of the FSS program. These procedures will be used to oversee the endorsement of Grant Rishman and Cathy MacKay's consortium. More information will be made available to the board next quarter.

I want it to go on record that Daniel Almaguez is still listed as the FinchSave Director in the NFSS Bulletin and any information mailed to him by NFSS members has not been forwarded to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri McCoy

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE NFSS 4TH VICE PRESIDENT.

Judges Panel Director, Standards, Points Manager and Research. Prepared by Martha Wigmore

NFSS Judges Panel and Apprentices: As was published in the May/June 2002 issue of the NFSS Journal, two NFSS judges have recently resigned from the NFSS Judges Panel. Clayton Jones of Soquel, California, has retired after serving NFSS as a judge for 14 years, since 1988. Tom Rood of Shelbyville, Illinois, after long consideration, resigned in April after nearly ten busy years as a panel judge. Both gentlemen offered much of their time and experience to exhibitors across the country. We had good times with both and learned so much from having them at our shows! They will be missed. Thank you, Clayton and Tom.

NFSS has 26 active panel judges. One judge currently has not paid the annual judge's fee and has been contacted. At present, we have one active apprentice, Jerrí Wiesenfeld of Jacksonville, Florida, who is making plans to complete her third apprenticeship this fall. In addition, we have at this time one new applicant planning to take the NFSS Apprentice Judge written test at the National Cage Bird Show in November 2002.

A Novice Reminder: For those interested in the NFSS Novice award for exhibitors, the NFSS definition of a Novice is as follows: "An exhibitor who has not placed three times in the top ten in the Finch and Softbill Division at a show(s) judged by an NFSS judge is a Novice Exhibitor [for NFSS purposes]." (see page 19 of the NFSS Judges Handbook.)

Standards Committees - Star Finch Standard Committee: Extensive work was done during the 1990's on a Star Finch Standard. Original committee members were Bill Parlee, Chair, Clarence Culwell and Gene Miller. Clarence Culwell has been appointed to bring the proposed Star Finch standard up-to-date and resubmit it for consideration. This work he expects to complete during May 2002. Red Headed Finch Standard Committee: First draft returned to committee to address specific recommendations on 8-29-01. No report.

NFSS Annual National Show being held at NCBS: Congratulations to Cecil Gunby of Sharpsburg, Georgia, for being accorded the honor of judging the Finch and Softbill Division at the National Cage Bird Show in Santa Clara, California on November 15, 2002! If you would like to volunteer to help steward, secretary, ribbon-tie or check-in for our Division at this show, you are Welcome! Please contact me as soon as possible. Further information about the show can be found at www.ncbs.org.

REGION 2 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Planning to set up a NFSS table at the Treasure Coast Bird Expo with TV, viewing finches in the wild, answering questions about them and the NFSS and hope to sign up new members. The show is August 18th from 9 AM till 5 PM. In Fort Pierce Civic Center. I hope to raffle some birds and the proceeds will go to the NFSS. Also, I will be going to the University of Florida later this month to present two Veterinarian Scholarships from our Club (Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club) in memory of two of our members (Marty MacNeel and Jennifer Willies) May 24th, this month.

Next year our club will be presenting a self-endowed scholarship which will be over \$20,000 in the name of our club, this scholarship will be forever in the club name and memories.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Castaner, Region 2 VP

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 7-2002 On May 1, 2002 the board voted to change the name of its publication to NFSS Journal. **11-YES 1-NO PASSED**

12 voting members were: H Bryant, K McCoy, M Wigmore, M Lauster, P Vance, H McBrayer, G Allen, C Heeson, J Felix, R Castaner, D Dandre, V Huntington

Motion 8-2002 On May 20, 2002 the board voted on the motion that the NFSS absorb all costs associated with PayPal. **11- YES 2- NO PASSED**

Motion 9-2002 Same date, the board voted on naming the on-line list the NFSS Finch/Softbill Forum **13 - YES PASSED**

13 members who voted: A Lee, H Bryant, K McCoy, M Wigmore, M Lauster, P Vance, M Phelps, G Allen, C Heeson, J Felix, R Castaner, D Dandre, V Huntington

Motion 10-2002 Take a look at 'by-laws' to include position of 'Legislative Attache' **9 - YES 2 - NO 1 - abstained PASSED**

Motion 11-2002 Harry Bryant to chair Legislative Attache Committee **9 - YES 1 - NO 1 - abstained PASSED**

12 board members who voted: H Bryant, K McCoy, M Wigmore, M Lauster, P Vance, M Phelps, G Allen, C Heeson, J Felix, R Castaner, D Dandre, V Huntington

Regarding Motions 10 and 11-2002: to create the position of Legislative Attache requires a vote by the general membership to amend the by-laws of the NFSS. In the interim, President Sally Huntington has officially appointed Harry Bryant to chair the committee of 'Legislative Attache'.

During the quarter there were discussions concerning the recommended leg band sizes for various avian species with the question of possibly forming a committee to study recommended band sizes for birds not currently listed as well as possible changes to the recommended size for a couple of species that are currently listed. A discussion of possibly producing a calendar for NFSS to be sold out of FinchShop, details to appear later.

Another discussion concerned the upcoming election to fill the positions of Region 8 Vice President, Executive Secretary and Band Secretary. Ballots to be included in the July/August NFSS Journal. Note: Paula Hansen, of Salem, Oregon, has graciously agreed to serve as band secretary Pro Tem. Welcome, Paula!!

The board wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Ron Castaner for his donation of a pair of Gouldian finches to last year's NFSS raffle winner, Jim DiDonato of Florida. Many thanks, Ron!!

And, finally, the 2002 Regional NFSS Shows are:

Region 1 Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Region 2 Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida

Region 3 National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries and Other Cage Birds

Region 4 Fort Worth Bird Club

Region 5 Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture

Region 6 (pending)

Region 7 Asociacion De Criadores De Finches del Este

Region 8 Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Respectfully submitted

Patrick Vance, Acting Secretary

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NFSS-Affiliated Clubs/Events

Regional Shows

Each year, NFSS selects from applicants, one club from each of the eight regions to host a Regional Show. The Regional Vice President is to help the host club with any special exhibits/displays depicting NFSS in Action.

Past issues of our publications, applications for Finch/Softbill Save, NFSS Membership Applications, FinchShop Catalogs and order forms, plus copies of information about the care of finches/softbills are made available to the host club. The Regional Vice President usually conducts a short, informal meeting following the awarding of Top Bench. Plaques for these shows are engraved "Regional Show".

The 2002 Regional Shows are:

- Region 1 Baltimore Bird Fanciers (Oct. 19—Parkville, MD)
- Region 2 Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida
(Dec. 14-15—Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- Region 3 National Institute of Red-Orange Canaries and other Cage Birds
(Nov. 30—Elk Grove Village, IL)
- Region 4 Fort Worth Bird Club (Sept. 28—Grapevine, TX)
- Region 5 Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture (Nov. 2 Denver, CO)
- Region 6 (Pending)
- Region 7 Asociacion De Criadores De Finches del Este
(July 13—Caguas, PR)
- Region 8 Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society
(Oct. 18-20—Windsor, Ontario, CANADA)

More information about these shows is included in the Affiliated Club Listings below.

REGIONAL CLUBS

Foothills/Eastern Atlantic Bird Club

(VA, DC, MD, WV, PA, OH, NC, NY, NJ)

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Club E-Mail: Moderators-FoothillsEastern
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Club Website: <http://www.babyfeathers.com/feabc/missstate.htm>

Southeast Bird Fanciers

(AL, AR, GA, FL, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN)

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gndallen@earthlink.net

Club Website: <http://members.tripod.com/sebfg/sebfg.htm>

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Avicultural Society

(Prattville, AL.)

Margie Lanier (334) 567-4073

margielanier@yahoo.com

Club E-Mail: reaves36271@aol.com

Show: Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Governor's House
Hotel, Montgomery, AL

Judges: Aug. 31 Paul Williams

Sept. 1 Dale Laird

Contact: Charles Reaves (256) 892-2204

reaves36271@aol.com

CALIFORNIA

Central California Cage Bird Club

Alvin Lea (559) 584-3764

Club Web Site: <http://pw1.netcom.com/~faaw/CCAS/index.html>

Event: June 2 Bird Mart Fresno Fairgrounds

Show: Oct. 26 *Judge:* Joe Krader

NFSS-Affiliated Clubs/Events

Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club

Matt Burriesci

Club E-Mail: scvcebc@yahoo.com

Club Website: www.geocities.com/scvcebc/

Show: **NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW**

Nov. 14-16 Santa Clara Convention Ctr.

Special Show Discount on American Airlines

Judge: Cecil Gunby, NFSS Panel Judge

CANADA

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

(Windsor, Ontario, CANADA)

Alfred Mion (519) 948-6398

julianne@mnsi.net

Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 8**

Oct. 18-20 Fogolar Furlan Sports

Complex Windsor, Ontario, CANADA

Judge: Charles Anchor

COLORADO

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture

Anna Sinclair (719) 634-6404

Club E-Mail: conurecare@prodigy.net

(Lisa McManus)

Club Website: www.rmsa-birds.org

Event: June 22-23 Annual Bird Mart

Lakeside Center Denver, CO

Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 5**

Nov. 2-3 Lakeside Center Denver

Judges: Nov. 2 Dr. Al Decoteau

Nov. 3 Miki Spartzak

Show Manager: arwennightstar@attbi.com

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Canary and Finch Club

Felix Felix (860) 951-9438

canarionto@aol.com

Show: Sept. 28 Hartford, CT.

Judge: Non-Panel

Contact: (860) 953-1362

FLORIDA

Aviary and Cage Bird Society

(Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

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carrie3@aol.com

Club Website: www.feathers.org

Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 2**

Dec. 14-15 War Memorial Auditorium

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Exotic Bird Club of Florida (Melbourne)

Giny Heptig (321) 952-9780

yngathett@aol.com

Club Website: www.homestead.com/exotic
birdclubofflorida.com

Events: Jun. 9 Bird Fair - Oct. 13 Auction

Location: Greater Palm Bay Senior Center
Palm Bay, FL

Event Contact: (321) 952-9780

Florida State Fair Exotic Bird Show

Dale Laird (407) 657-7989

dalel2@prodigy.net

Show: Feb. 17 Florida State Fairgrounds
Tampa, FL

Judges: Dale Laird Teri McAuliffe

Great American Bird Show

Marion Spartzak (410) 663-2652

spbe2@aol.com

Show: Sept. 21 Great American Bird Show

Judge: Armando Lee

Show: Sept. 22 Judge: Conrad Meinert

Location: Charlotte County Municipal
Auditorium—Punta Gorda, FL

Hotel: Best Western Waterfront Hotel

Contact: Dave Dollar (727) 937-5447

sandhillxotics@aol.com

SunCoast Avian Society (Pinellas County)

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Club E-Mail: acs651@aol.com

Club website: www.suncoastaviansociety.org

Show: Aug. 3 The Coliseum

St. Petersburg, FL

Judge: Miki Spartzak

Contact: (727) 892-5202

Tri-State Avian Society (Tallahassee, FL)

Barry Laster (850) 847-1975

barryl@polaris.net

Club Website: www.tristateaviansociety.org

Event: May 18-19 Annual Spring Bird Fair

North Florida Fairgrounds Tallahassee, FL

Contact: Grace Crouch (850) 539-3935

GEORGIA

Georgia Cage Bird Society (Marietta, GA)

Pat Miller (770) 425-9455

jandpmiller@mindspring.com

Show: Nov. 3 Jim Miller Park Marietta, GA

Judge: Conrad Meinert

NFSS-Affiliated Clubs/Events

HAWAII

Honolulu Canary & Finch Club
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ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club
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Club Website: www.gccbc.org
Show: Nov. 2 Radisson Arlington Hgts. IL
Judge: Armando Lee
Event: Sept. 21 Bird Fair
Hattendorf Ctr. Elk Grove, IL.
Contact: Jeanne (847) 358-2470

Illini Bird Fanciers
(Central Illinois)

Patricia A. Montgomery (217) 787-0840
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Show: June 1 4-H Bldg. Shelbyville, IL
Judge: Conrad Meinert

**National Institute of Red Orange Canaries
and Other Cage Birds**

Stephan Hopman (815) 469-8455
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Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 3**
Nov. 30 Holiday Inn
Elk Grove Village, IL
Judge: Martha Wigmore

IOWA

Mid America Cage Bird Society
Rhoda Shirley (515) 243-1511
Club E-Mail: rlgibson@netins.net
Club Website: http://www/geocities.com/
heartland/flats/3777/macbs.html
Show: Oct. 5 Des Moines Botanical Center
Des Moines, IA
Judge: Martha Wigmore

LOUISIANA

Gulf South Bird Club, Inc. (New Orleans)
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Baltimore Bird Fanciers (Baltimore)
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heartland/3575/bbf.html
Event: May 18 Bird Mart
Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 1**
Oct. 19 *Judge:* Dr. Al Decoteau
Location: Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall
Parkville, MD

MICHIGAN

Great Lakes Avicultural Society
Diana Hugo (616) 842-0163 hugo@iserv.net
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Show: Oct 19 Rockford North Middle School
Rockford, MI
Judge: Clarence Culwell

Motor City Bird Breeders

Pat Piekarz (586) 296-2957
dpiekarz1@comcast.com
Show: Oct. 26 Italian Cultural Center
Warren, MI
Judge: Harold Bowles
Show Mgr: Bob Zalewski (313) 365-5942

MISSOURI

Missouri Cage Bird Association
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Club Website: www.birdclubs/mo/mcba
Show: Nov. 2 Days Inn at Six Flags
Eureka, MO
Judge: Paul Williams

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society
(Manchester, NH)
Ray Schwartz (603) 362-6106
prismsdad@aol.com
Club Website: www.boaf.com
Events: Mar. 24 BOAF Spring Bird Mart
May 11 The New England Avian
Symposium
Show: Oct. 26 *Judge:* Dr. Al Decoteau
Location for all the above:
Center of NH Holiday Inn
Manchester, NH

NFSS-Affiliated Clubs/Events

NEW YORK

Astoria Bird Club

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Brooklyn, NY

Greater Rochester Avian Society (Rochester)

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Club Website: www.angelfire.com/zine/gras
Show: Oct. 26 (NFSS Division of the Int'l
Canary & Finch Society Show)
Best Western Hotel Lockport, NY
Judge: Patrick Vance

International Canary and Finch Society (Buffalo)

Mary Ellen Sacca (716) 825-8271
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Show: Oct. 26 Best Western Hotel
Lockport, NY
Judge: Patrick Vance
Information/Reservations: (716) 434-6151

New York Finch & Type Canary Club

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Show: Oct. 19 St. Jude's Church
Brooklyn, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society

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Event: May 25 Holshouser Bldg.
NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC

OREGON

Finch Connection

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Show: Oct. 26-27 Clackamas Community Ctr.
Clackamas, OR
Judges: Oct. 26 Julie Duimstra
Oct. 27 Sally Huntington
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PENNSYLVANIA

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society, Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)

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Show: Nov. 2 Palace Inn Monroeville, PA

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Delco Bird Club, Inc.

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PUERTO RICO

Asociacion De Criadores De Finches del Este

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Show: **REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 7**
July 13-14 Nacional de Verano ACFE
Judge: Armando Lee
Show: Nov. 1-3 Nacional del Invierno ACFE
Judge: TBA
Location for Both:
Universidad del Turabo
Caguas, PR

TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club (Nashville, TN)

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Show: Oct. 5 Tennessee State Fairgrounds
Nashville, TN 37203
Judge: Annette Howard

Southeast Tennessee Avicultural Society

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Event: March 9-10 Spring Fair (9:00-5:00)
Show: Oct. 26
Location for both: Niota Elementary School
Niota, TN

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TEXAS
<p>Alamo Exhibition Bird Club, Inc. Nathan Durbjn (830) 609-2799 birds@compuvision.net <i>Club Website:</i> www.aebc.org <i>Events:</i> Apr. 20 Sept. 28 <i>Location:</i> Live Oak Civic Center Live Oak, TX</p>
<p>Texas Bird Breeders Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568 culwell5@flash.net <i>Show:</i> Nov. 2 Maybor Convention Center Temple, TX <i>Judge:</i> Julie Duinstra</p>
<p>Canary and Finch Harold McBrayer (281) 338-2814 haroldmcbrayer@hotmail.com <i>Show:</i> Oct. 26 League City Civic Center League City, TX <i>Judge:</i> Paul Williams</p>
<p>Fort Worth Bird Club Clarence Culwell (817) 220-5568 culwell5@flash.net <i>Club Website:</i> www.fwbc.org <i>Show:</i> REGIONAL SHOW—REGION 4 Sept. 28 Grapevine Convention Ctr. Grapevine, TX <i>Judge:</i> Cecil Gunby</p>

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W.I.N.G.S.
<p>Darla Dandre (630) 671-1143 dbirdbranch@aol.com <i>Event:</i> Apr. 6 Spring Bird and Craft Fair 10:00-4:00 Expo Grounds Manitowoc, WI <i>Contact:</i> Donna Schulz (920) 894-7828 snoball@dotnet.com <i>Show:</i> Sept. 14-15 Villager Lodge Fondulac, WI <i>Judges:</i> Sept. 14 Dr. Al Decoteau Sept. 15 Conrad Meinert</p>

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Club City/State: _____

Club Meeting Dates/Location: _____

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Delegate's Signature: _____

Club Officer: _____

Address: _____

*Phone: _____ *E-Mail: _____

Club E-Mail Contact (Important): _____

Club Web Site: _____

Show/Event Date: _____ Panel Judge: _____

Show Location: _____

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2002 NFSS Awards Order Form

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For each individual show!

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815-729-9789 or e-mail a copy to:
Dbirdranch@aol.com

This information must reach the Awards Manager as soon as possible but no later than two months BEFORE show date. Awards are sent Priority Mail to the designated person.

PLAQUES: All plaques are \$25.00 each. They are walnut finish with the engraved NFSS logo on brass over black plate on the left and the club information on brass over black plate on the right. All are 6" x 8".

*Please circle how you wish your plaques to read; Best in *DIVISION* or *SHOW**

If you do not make a selection, plaques will be engraved "Best in Division".

Club Name to be Engraved: _____

_____ 1st Place Plaque _____ 2nd Place Plaque _____ 3rd Place Plaque

_____ Best Finch in Show _____ Best Softbill in Show

_____ Service Award/Breeder Award (please provide engraving information).

Sub Total _____ Plaques @ \$25.00 per Plaque = \$ _____

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_____ Basic Rosette Package (1-10 + Best Unflighted) \$45.00

_____ Unflighted ribbon add-on (2nd & 3rd Place) \$10.00

_____ Novice Ribbon \$ 7.00

Rosette and Ribbon Sub-Total = \$ _____

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Total Amount of Check PAYABLE TO NFSS: \$ _____

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Name: _____

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Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Date: _____ Judge: _____

Location: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NFSS Club Delegate: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Show Manager: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Can this information be published in the NFSS Journal? Yes No

The National Finch and Softbill Society Band Order Form

Mail form and payment
pavable to NFSS to:

Paula Hansen
NFSS Band Secretary
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Salem, OR 97302

NFSS offers, to members only, closed traceable aluminum bands, available only in the NFSS color of the year. The bands are engraved with the initials NFS, size code, year, and number. There is no choice of numbers. All orders are recorded for permanent reference. Bands are ordered in strings of ten, all the same size. New members may order before receiving their membership number. Write "NEW" for membership number on the order form.

Orders processed weekly as received. Please, no mail requiring signatures. **\$1.00 handling fee effective 3/1/99.**

Band Size	# of Strings	Price per String	Total Amount
A		\$3.25	
B		\$3.25	
C		\$3.25	
D		\$3.25	
E		\$3.25	
G		\$3.25	
J		\$3.25	
K		\$3.25	
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From \$50-\$100 = \$2.00 Over \$100 = \$3.00
If you choose NOT to include this sum, NFSS will NOT be responsible for replacement of bands lost in shipment.

Subtotal: _____
Insurance: _____
Handling: **\$1.00**
Total: _____

Name: _____ NFSS #: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please enter the year of the band you are ordering if other than 2002 _____

The National Finch and Softbill Society Guide to Ordering NFSS Closed Leg Bands

Size A: Gold-breasted Waxbill, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Owl Finch (Bicheno), Quail Finch, Red-eared Waxbill, Strawberry Finch, and other small waxbills.

Size B: Black-cheeked Waxbill, Cordon Bleu, Cuban Melodious Finch, Fire Finch, Olive Finch, Rufous-backed Mannikin.

Size C: B&W Mannikin, Blue-capped Waxbill, Bronze-winged Mannikin, Cherry Finch, Green Singing finch, Grey Singing Finch, Heck's Shaftail, Lavender Finch, Painted Finch, Pileated Finch, Pytilias, Red-headed Parrot Finch, Shaftail Finch, Silverbills, Star Finch.

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Size L: Diamond Dove, other small Doves, Quail, Softbills.

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Size S: Indian Hill Mynah, Java Mynah, Ring-necked Dove, Toucanettes, White-tailed Jay.

Size T: Small Hornbills, Plush-capped Jay, small Toucans, small Touracos.

Banding instructions included with each order.



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Finch and Softbill Save Application
2002 Program

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Name: _____ NFSS # _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

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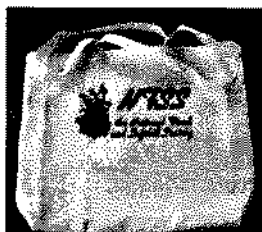
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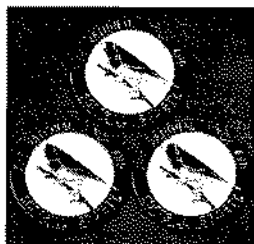
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Name:		
Dual Membership 2 nd Name:		
Address:		
City:		
State:	Zip:	Country:
Phone #:		
E-Mail:		
New Member? Renewal (List NFSS #)		
How did you hear about us?		
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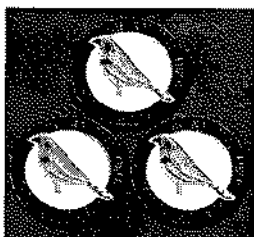
NFSS TOTE BAG

The NFSS Tote bag is available now with a pressure applied NFSS logo in color on one side. Great for bird events or just shopping. The bag is 100% cotton washable denim in a neutral color...very sturdy. It is 14" high X 16" wide and 4" deep with two 22" heavy web handles. **\$8.00**



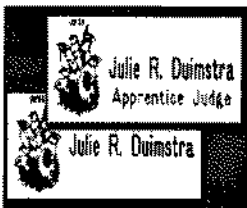
NFSS GOULDIAN FINCH PIN

A multicolored, enameled lapel pin featuring a red-headed Gouldian Finch design. The pin measures 1 inch (25mm) in diameter and is imprinted with the words: "The National Finch and Softbill Society" in gold colored lettering around the perimeter of the pin. A perfect gift for any Gouldian Finch fancier! **\$5.00**



NFSS ZEBRA FINCH PIN

A multicolored, enameled lapel pin featuring a stylized design of a Zebra Finch. The pin measures 1 inch (25mm) in diameter and is imprinted with the words: "The National Finch and Softbill Society" in gold colored lettering around the perimeter of the pin. A perfect gift for any Zebra Finch fancier! **\$5.00**



NFSS NAME BADGE

White plastic name badge with finely detailed black engraving. Each name badge is imprinted with the NFSS logo created by Rose Gianaferra. The standard name badge includes one line of engraving and a standard pin type fastener. **\$B.00** (Add \$1.00 for second line of engraving; Add \$1.50 for Magnetic Fastener.)



NFSS BULLETIN (PAST ISSUES)

NFSS Bulletins published from the inception of NFSS in 1984 through the present. **Be sure to specify the year and volume when placing your order.** An index of all published articles (1984 to present) is available on the website. **\$4.00** each.

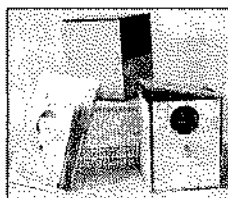


NFSS FINCH SHOP



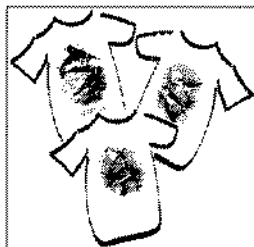
NATURE'S JEWELS—GULDIAN POSTER

This beautiful poster (24" x 36") depicting the many mutations of the Gouldian finch is now available thru NFSS FinchShop. The colors are intense and the 3-D look of the birds make this a most unusual addition to any room. **\$20.00**



NEST BDX KITS

Nest boxes in kit form, 5" X 5" X 6" high. Choose from the five styles: Half-open front available in side or rear mount; Hinged-top lid with hole in front available in side, front, or rear mount. **\$4.99**



FINCHWEAR T-SHIRTS

White, high quality, 100% preshrunk cotton T-shirts (Hanes Beefy-T). Original artwork was painted by Frohawk over 100 years ago and is *SCREEN PRINTED* in stunning detail on these shirts. Choose the Gouldian Finch, Society Finch or Zebra Finch. Your choice of design on front or back of shirt. The eFinch logo appears in black on the sleeve or left front of the shirt. Available only in sizes L and XL, while supplies last. **\$16.50**



VIDEO—FINCH HUSBANDRY

This video (VHS Format) by Vince Moase, formerly of the Metro Toronto Zoo, spans time and aviaries built in two different residences. It was originally produced to help budding aviculturalists in Vince's local bird club. **\$25.00**



BIRD NETS

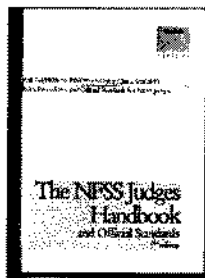
5 1/4" spring steel hoop with vinyl binding to prevent trauma. 100% dark nylon netting with secure seams. 5" hardwood handle. Perfect for use in catching finches in cages. **\$8.00**



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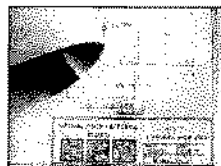


JUDGES HANDBOOK AND OFFICIAL STANDARDS, 2ND EDITION



This handy reference contains the official show standards that have been adopted by The National Finch and Softbill Society. Included are the standards of conduct for an NFSS Panel Judge, the current show classification schedule, points/awards schedules, banding information, Judge's report forms, the NFSS Bylaws, the Apprentice application and evaluation forms and information and procedures for those aspiring to become an NFSS Panel Judge. **\$13.00**

NFSS SHOW CAGE PLANS



The NFSS Show Cage Plans are offered for sale either individually or as a set of all 3 sizes. These are the specifications and blueprint for the box type show cages that are recommended for use by NFSS for exhibiting various species of finches and softbills.

\$4.00 ea. \$10.00 for set of all three.

NFSS #1 - For smaller finches & softbills up to and including the Zebra Finch in size.

NFSS #2 - For finches & softbills larger than the Zebra Finch and up to the size of the Java Rice Bird.

NFSS #3—For larger finches and softbills.

FINCH NOTE CARDS

5 1/2 x 4 1/4" Note Cards (With Envelopes)

These beautiful water colors by Sally Huntington have been viewed at the National Cage Bird Shows, Great American Bird Show, AFA, and numerous bird shows and marts across the USA. Her art has been a favorite of many collectors and bird fanciers. These cards are reduced representations of the original water colors. All prints are copywritten. No reproductions.

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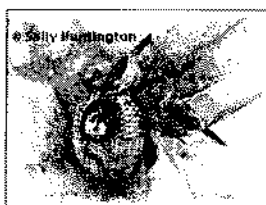
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Orange-breasted Male Zebra Finch



Pekin Robin

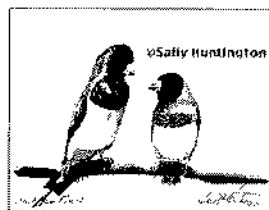


Blue Cap Wrenbill

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Gouldian Finch Pair



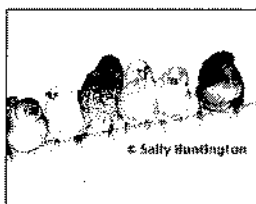
Diamond Sparrow



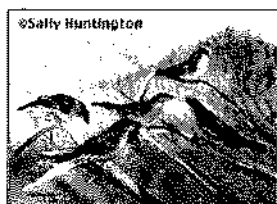
Gouldian Finch Trio



Fire Finch



"Mother's Day"



Gold Breasted Waxbill



Orange-Cheek Waxbill



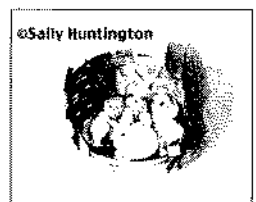
Owl Finch



Redheaded Finch



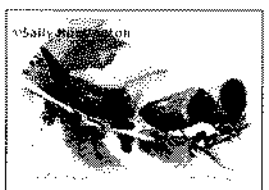
Pearl Headed Silverbill



White Society Finches



Red-Cheek Cordon Bleu



Red-Headed Parrot Finch



CFW Zebra Finch Pair



CFW Male in Show Cage



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General Admission for everyone 12 and older: \$3.00
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- ☛ Plenty of **FREE** parking.
- ☛ Competition and Judging in the following categories: *Type Canaries, American Singers, Finches & Softbills, Lovebirds, Hookbills, and Cockatiels*
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- ☛ Birds for sale (*Only birds may be sold in the sale bird area.*)
- ☛ Bird-related information

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Please! For safety's sake **NO** pets are allowed in the hall. Only birds registered for the show and/or sales area will be admitted to the hall.