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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Rebecca Mikel**

### **This Summer is Flying Past!**

Plans for the 2017 NCBS are well underway and the NCBS Board have been busy bees with preparations for another fantastic event. Our event will continue to be hosted by the Pheasant Run Resort in St Charles, Illinois; our new date this year is October 26-28th. As with prior years, there will be over 18 divisions and thousands of birds of the highest quality exhibited. The National Event is also the gathering place for over 25 Specialty Societies and their members. And, to kick off the weekend, NFSS is once again hosting "The Afternoon of Aviculture," made available by the sponsorship of the Finch Society of San Diego, California. Please stay tuned for more details about this event and pay close attention to the announcements in this, and future, issues of the Journal.

While I currently serve as President for this society, I am also a member of the Board for the National Bird Show. As a member of that group, I attend their annual Spring Meeting and attempt to share relevant information with you from that meeting. Discussion at that 2 day meeting resulted in some Show Rules changes you will need to be aware of – IF you are exhibiting birds at the 2017 event. (Please feel free to contact me directly for questions, concerns, or clarification about any of this):

Rules 5 and 9 were revised after multiple requests to consider that NBS become a "Bred by Exhibitor" only show. The NBS Board considered all aspects of how this would affect the attendance and outcome of future shows. While the Board understood the logic of maintaining a breeder show, it also was sympathetic to those exhibitors just starting to show and does not wish to be exclusive. As a result, the following has changed to discourage buying birds just to show and rewarding those that have bred their own stock. Rule 5 previously stated that entries have to be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least thirty (3) days prior to the show. This period has now been revised to 365 days prior to the show. Rule number 9 stated that all Division winners would compete for the upper level awards (Anchor, Song and Scannell). This has been revised to state that all Higgins winners will go on to compete for the upper level awards. This will help promote Bred and Banded as well as curb purchasing birds with the intent to show them. (Parrots and Finches are excluded from the "bred and banded by exhibitor" requirement).

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Prior to the show there will be online purchasing available on the website. An online form, payment and new deadlines will be announced soon as well as instructions. This will aid in the lag between the deadline and the show and allow items to be prepared in advanced and estimated more efficiently.

Those of you who are current NBS members received the letter regarding the new Judge selection process. This will go into effect in 2018.

Pheasant Run is currently putting together a perpetual contract for NBS. Details will be finalized soon and NBS will have a permanent date and it looks like it could likely be in November. Look for details to come soon.

Divisions will assume some additional responsibilities. Those include; distribution of awards, verification of show report and data entry on the secretary spreadsheets etc. This means if we want to have a successful show, we're going to need more volunteers to help out pre/during/post show times.

If you are an NBS member - look to the upcoming NBS Newsletter for more detailed explanation of these items and more. I will be responsible to share this information on the NFSS yahoo and Facebook pages as it becomes available.

Happy Birding

Rebecca Mikel  
President NFSS



## Finch Society of San Diego County and National Finch and Softbill Society's



**Annual Afternoon of Aviculture**  
**Save the Date: 10/26/2017 Thursday**  
**Free Admission**

### Speaker Schedule:

- 1:00 "Repairing Damaged Eggs and Assist Hatching – Andrea Cabibi  
Director of Reproductive Biology, TAXONYX Reproductive Science Inc.
- 2:00 "How To Influence Fertility and Sex Ratios" – Andrea Cabibi  
Director of Reproductive Biology, TAXONYX Reproductive Science Inc.
- 3:00 "Nutritional Needs for Finches and Softbills" – Jennifer Watts, Ph.D.,  
Director of Nutrition, Chicago Zoological Society - Brookfield Zoo
- 4:00 "Identifying Gouldian Mutations" – Jose Urrueta and Daniel Maldonado,  
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## NFSS Annual Census – 2016

**Welcome to the 2016 Census** — now open! The National Finch and Softbill Society's Annual Census was started in 1984. Its purpose is to collect information about the numbers of each species kept in captivity and of those the number being bred. The results of the Census are available online and in the NFSS Journal.

The census is open to both NFSS members and non-members. Participants may choose to remain anonymous or to have their name included in the census to help those working with the same species to locate each other. Only NFSS members will have access to this information and only upon request. Please take a few moments to contribute to the NFSS Annual Census. *Your bird counts should reflect what you had on December 31, 2016.* Any birds acquired since that date should not be included in this count.

We have made many changes to the census. For those who have species with many mutations, we've made it easier for you. With species such as Gouldians, Societies, Zebras, simply list the total you have of each species. No longer will you need to list each mutation separately, making it much easier for you to count your birds. Any specie not listed can be listed under "Other" at the end of each section.

**The closing date for the census is July 31, 2017.** Your Data on your Birds and Region will be published in the journal. Your personal information (Name, Phone or Email) is for the Finch Save Director only to contact you should they need to.

Thanks to Paula Hansen and Charles Cook, who have put in countless hours of work on a new format for the online Census. We thank Roland Cristo for his generous donation for sponsoring this continued survey.

You can go to [nfss.org/fss/8257-2/](http://nfss.org/fss/8257-2/) to complete the Census online or complete this printed form and mail to:

**Finch Census, 3rd VP/FinchSave Director, 325 Ranch Road, Joshua, TX 76058**

<b>Species – Finches</b>	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y/N)
African Citril ( <i>Serinus citrinelloides</i> )				
African Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura cantans</i> )				
Black And White Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura bicolor</i> )				
Black And White Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila luctuosa</i> )				
Black Siskin ( <i>Carduelis atrata</i> )				
Black-bellied Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rara</i> )				
Black-cheeked Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda erythronotos</i> )				
Black-crowned Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda nonnula</i> )				
Black-faced Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta larvata</i> )				
Black-headed Nun ( <i>Lonchura malacca atricapilla</i> )				
Black-headed Siskin ( <i>Carduelis notata</i> )				
Black-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i> )				
Black-winged Bishop ( <i>Euplectes hordeacea</i> )				
Blue-billed (African) Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> )				
Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i> )				
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i> )				
Blue-faced Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura trichroa</i> )				
Brimstone Canary ( <i>Serinus sulphuratus</i> )				
Bronze-winged Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura cucullata</i> )				
Brown Twinspot ( <i>Clytosipiza monteiri</i> )				
Canary ( <i>Serinus canaria</i> )				



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Species – Finches	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y/N)
Chaffinch ( <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> )				
Cherry Finch ( <i>Neochmia modesta</i> )				
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater ( <i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i> )				
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i> )				
Chinese Grosbeak ( <i>Eophona migratoria</i> )				
Combassou ( <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> )				
Crimson-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia phoenicoptera</i> )				
Cuban Melodious Finch ( <i>Tiaras canora</i> )				
Cutthroat Finch ( <i>Amadina fasciata</i> )				
Diamond Firetail ( <i>Stagonopleura guttata</i> )				
European Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )				
European Greenfinch ( <i>Carduelis chloris</i> )				
European Serin ( <i>Serinus serinus</i> )				
European Siskin ( <i>Carduelis spinus</i> )				
Five-colored Munia ( <i>Lonchura quinticolor</i> )				
Goldbreasted Waxbill ( <i>Amandava subflava</i> )				
Golden Song Sparrow ( <i>Passer luteus</i> )				
Gouldian Finch ( <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i> ) All				
Grand Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura grandis</i> )				
Green Singer ( <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> )				
Green-backed Twinspot ( <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> )				
Green-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia melba</i> )				
Grey Singer ( <i>Serinus leucopygius</i> )				
Grey-crowned Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura nevermanni</i> )				
Grey-headed Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura caniceps</i> )				
Grey-headed Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura griseicapilla</i> )				
Heck's Shafftail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda hecki</i> )				
Indian Silverbill ( <i>Lonchura malabarica</i> )				
Jacarini Finch ( <i>Volatinia jacarini</i> )				
Jameson's Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i> )				
Japanese Grosbeak ( <i>Eophona personata</i> )				
Java Rice Finch ( <i>Padda oryzivora</i> )				
Lavender Finch ( <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i> )				
Lemon-breasted Canary ( <i>Serinus citrinpectus</i> )				
Linnet ( <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> )				
Madagascar Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura nana</i> )				
Maggie Mannikin ( <i>Lonchura fringilloides</i> )				
Masked Grassfinch ( <i>Poephila personata</i> )				
Napoleon Weaver ( <i>Euplectes afra</i> )				
Orange Bishop ( <i>Euplectes orix franciscana</i> )				
Orange-cheeked Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> )				
Orange-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia afra</i> )				
Owl Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i> )				
Owl Finch - Black Rumped ( <i>T. bichenovii annulosa</i> )				
Painted Firetail ( <i>Emblema picta</i> )				
Paradise Whydah ( <i>Vidua paradisaea</i> )				
Parson Finch ( <i>Poephila cincta</i> )				
Peales Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura pealii</i> )				
Peruvian Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella bellicosa</i> )				
Peters' Twinspot ( <i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i> )				
Pin-tailed Nonpareil ( <i>Erythrura prasina</i> )				
Pin-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua macroura</i> )				
Purple Grenadier ( <i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i> )				
Quail Finch ( <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i> )				
Red Siskin ( <i>Carduelis cucullata</i> )				
Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> )				
Red-billed Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima</i> )				



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Species – Finches/Softbills	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y/N)
Red-capped Cardinal ( <i>Paroaria gularis</i> )				
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu ( <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> )				
Red-collard Whydah ( <i>Euplectes ardens</i> )				
Red-crested Cardinal ( <i>Paroaria coronata</i> )				
Red-crested Finch ( <i>Coryphospingus cullatus</i> )				
Red-faced Crimson-wing ( <i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i> )				
Red-faced Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia hypogrammica</i> )				
Red-headed Finch ( <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i> )				
Red-headed Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i> )				
Red-headed Quelea ( <i>Quelea erythrops</i> )				
Red-throated Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura psittacea</i> )				
Rosy Twinspot ( <i>Hypargos margaritatus</i> )				
Rosy-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> )				
Saffron Finch ( <i>Sicalis flaveola</i> )				
Scaly-crowned Weaver ( <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> )				
Shafttail ( <i>Poephila acuticauda</i> )				
Siberian Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis major</i> )				
Society Finch ( <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> )				
Spice Finch ( <i>Lonchura punctulata</i> )				
St. Helena Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda astrild</i> )				
Star Finch ( <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i> )				
Straw-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua fischeri</i> )				
Strawberry Finch ( <i>Amandava amandava</i> )				
Swee Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda melanotis</i> )				
Timor Zebra ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i> )				
Tri-colored Nun ( <i>Lonchura malacca</i> )				
Tri-colored Parrotfinch ( <i>Erythrura tricolor</i> )				
Violet-eared Waxbill ( <i>Uraeginthus granatina</i> )				
Western Bluebill ( <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> )				
White-bellied Canary ( <i>Serinus dorsostratus</i> )				
White-headed Nun ( <i>Lonchura maja</i> )				
Yellow-rumped Seedeater ( <i>Serinus atrogularis reichenowi</i> )				
Zanzibar Red Bishop ( <i>Euplectes nigroventris</i> )				
Zebra Finch ( <i>Taeniopygia guttata castanotis</i> )				
Other Finch (specify):				
Other Finch (specify):				
Other Finch (specify):				
Other Finch (specify):				
<b>Species - Softbills</b>				
African Black Crake ( <i>Porzana flavirostra</i> )				
African Yellow White Eye ( <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> )				
Allen's Gallinule ( <i>Porphyrio alleni</i> )				
Amethyst Starling ( <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> )				
Bali Mynah ( <i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i> )				
Bananaquit ( <i>Coereba flaveola</i> )				
Barbary Shrike ( <i>Laniarius barbarus</i> )				
Bearded Barbet ( <i>Lybius dubius</i> )				
Black-faced Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis lineata</i> )				
Black-spotted Barbet ( <i>Capito niger</i> )				
Black-throated Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax chinensis</i> )				
Blacksmith Plover ( <i>Vanellus armatus</i> )				
Blue Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis cayana</i> )				
Blue Tit ( <i>Parus caeruleus</i> )				
Blue-gray Tanager ( <i>Thraupis episcopus</i> )				
Blue-naped Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> )				

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Species – Softbills	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y/N)
Blyth's Hornbill ( <i>Aceros plicatus</i> )				
Burnished-buff Tanager ( <i>Tangara cayana</i> )				
Chestnut-eared Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i> )				
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan ( <i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i> )				
Cissa ( <i>Cissa chinensis</i> )				
Collared Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i> )				
Collies Magpie Jay ( <i>Calocitta colliei</i> )				
Common Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> )				
Crimson-rumped Toucanet ( <i>Aulacorhynchus haematopygus</i> )				
Double-toothed Barbet ( <i>Lybius bidentatus</i> )				
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> )				
Emerald Starling ( <i>Coccycolius iris</i> )				
European Blackbird ( <i>Turdus merula</i> )				
European Roller ( <i>Coracias garrulus</i> )				
European Song Thrush ( <i>Turdus philomelos</i> )				
European Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )				
Garden/black Eye Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> )				
Golden Tanager ( <i>Tangara arthus</i> )				
Green & Gold Tanager ( <i>Tangara schrankii</i> )				
Green Aracari ( <i>Pteroglossus viridis</i> )				
Green Honeycreeper ( <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i> )				
Guianan Toucanette ( <i>Selenidera piperivora</i> )				
Guinea Turaco ( <i>Tauraco persa</i> )				
Hartlaub Turaco ( <i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i> )				
Hwamei ( <i>Garrulax canorus</i> )				
Indian Hill Mynah ( <i>Gracula religiosa</i> )				
Jackson's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni jacksoni</i> )				
Japanese White Eye ( <i>Zosterops japonica</i> )				
Kikuyu White Eye ( <i>Zosterops poliogaster kikuyuensis</i> )				
Laughing Kookabura ( <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> )				
Livingstone's Turaco ( <i>Tauraco livingstonii</i> )				
Oriental Pied Hornbill ( <i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i> )				
Paradise Tanager ( <i>Tangara chilensis</i> )				
Pekin Robin ( <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> )				
Piping Hornbill ( <i>Bycanistes fistulator</i> )				
Plush-crested Jay ( <i>Cyanocorax chrysops</i> )				
Purple Glossy Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i> )				
Purple Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i> )				
Purplish Back Jay ( <i>Cyanocorax beecheii</i> )				
Red And Yellow Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> )				
Red-billed Blue Magpie ( <i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i> )				
Red-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> )				
Red-crested Turaco ( <i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i> )				
Red-faced Liocichla ( <i>Liocichla phoenicea</i> )				
Red-faced Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius indicus</i> )				
Red-legged Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i> )				
Red-tailed Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax milnei</i> )				
Red-vented Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> )				
Red-winged Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax formosus</i> )				
Ross' Turaco ( <i>Musophaga rossae</i> )				
Royal Starling ( <i>Cosmopsarus regius</i> )				
Silver-eared Mesia ( <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> )				
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna brevis</i> )				
Southern Ground Hornbill ( <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i> )				
Speckled Mousebird ( <i>Colius striatus</i> )				
Spotted Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i> )				
Spur-winged Plover ( <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> )				

## NFSS Annual Census – 2016

Species – Softbills/Doves & Quail	Cocks	Hens	Unsexed	Breeding (Y/N)
Trumpeter Hornbill ( <i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i> )				
Turquoise Tanager ( <i>Tangara mexicana</i> )				
Viellot's Barbet ( <i>Lybius vielloti</i> )				
Violaceous Euphonia ( <i>Euphonia violacea</i> )				
Violaceous Turaco ( <i>Musophaga violacea</i> )				
Von Der Decken's Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni</i> )				
White Head Black Bulbul ( <i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i> )				
White-backed Mousebird ( <i>Colius colius</i> )				
White-cheeked Turaco ( <i>Tauraco leucotis</i> )				
White-collared Mynah ( <i>Acridotheres albocinctus</i> )				
White-collared Yuhina ( <i>Yuhina diademata</i> )				
White-crested Thrush ( <i>Garrulax leucolophus</i> )				
White-eared Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i> )				
White-headed Mousebird ( <i>Colius leucocephalus</i> )				
White-rumped Shama ( <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> )				
White-throated Laughing Thrush ( <i>Garrulax albogularis</i> )				
Yellow-breasted Cissa ( <i>Cissa hypoleuca</i> )				
Yellow-hooded Blackbird ( <i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i> )				
Yellow-rumped Cacique ( <i>Cacicus cela</i> )				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
Other Softbill (specify):				
<b>Species - Doves and Quail</b>				
Bare-faced Ground Dove ( <i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i> )				
Barred Cuckoo Dove ( <i>Macropygia unchall</i> )				
Bartlett's Bleeding Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba criniger</i> )				
Black-naped Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus melanospila</i> )				
Button Quail ( <i>Coturnix chinensis</i> )				
Cape Dove ( <i>Oena capensis</i> )				
Diamond Dove ( <i>Geopelia cuneata</i> )				
Emerald Dove ( <i>Chalcophaps indica</i> )				
Golden Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba rufigula</i> )				
Island Collared Dove ( <i>Streptopelia bitorquata</i> )				
Luzon Bleeding Heart Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i> )				
Peruvian Ground Dove ( <i>Columbina cruziana</i> )				
Pink-headed Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus porphyrea</i> )				
Ringneck Dove ( <i>Streptopelia risoria</i> )				
Roul-roul Partridge ( <i>Rollulus rouloul</i> )				
Stephan's Dove ( <i>Chalcophaps stephani</i> )				
Sulawesi Quail Dove ( <i>Gallicolumba tristigmata</i> )				
Tambourine Dove ( <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> )				
Victoria Crowned Pigeon ( <i>Goura victoria</i> )				
Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove ( <i>Ptilinopus occipitalis</i> )				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				
Other Dove/Quail (specify):				

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# What is Cuttlebone?

Susan Stieve



A Squid's Relative – Cuttlebone, also known as cuttlefish bone, is the hard, brittle, internal structure found in all members of the cuttlefish order Sepiidae. Cuttlebone is not an actual “bone” at all but rather a chambered, gas-filled internal shell used for buoyancy control in these sea-dwelling creatures.

Cuttlefish are cephalopods, and are distant relatives of the octopus, squid, and nautilus. They can live 1-2 years and commonly grow 6-10” long. As natives to tropical and temperate ocean waters, they are commonly found along the coasts of Asia, Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, and Australia; cuttlefish are not found in the Americas. Like octopi and some squid, all cuttlefish are venomous; they catch their prey -- such as crab and fish -- with their tentacles. As they pull the prey toward their beak, they use a venomous bite to paralyze it prior to eating. Cuttlefish are sometimes referred to as the “chameleons of the sea” due to their remarkable ability to rapidly alter their skin color at will.

## Many Uses of Cuttlebone

The Greco-Roman world valued the cuttlefish for its “ink”, a unique brown pigment the creature releases when alarmed. The word sepia, referring to a brown pigment in English, is derived from the genus name Sepia; today artificial dyes have mostly replaced natural sepia.

Cuttlefish is an important dietary item in some countries including Asia, Taiwan, and the Philippines. The cuttlebone is discarded when the cuttlefish is cleaned in preparation for eating; they are typically washed and sun-bleached prior to export.

Cuttlebones have historically been ground into powder and used as an antacid, added as an abrasive to toothpaste, used as an absorbent, and also as a polishing powder which was used by metalsmiths. It is able to withstand high temperatures, and is soft and easily carved, making it still a favorite today as a mold-making material for creating metal castings for jewelry and other small objects.



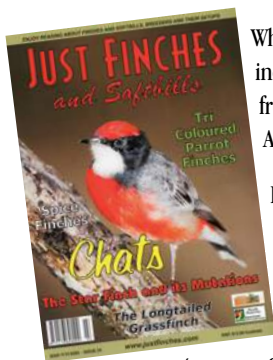
## Why Give It to Birds

What good is cuttlebone to a bird? Primarily, it is used as a source of calcium and also provides a few other essential minerals birds require in their diets (see the chemical breakdown below). Cuttlebone is made of aragonite, which is a crystal form of calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ); it is also the major component of bird eggshells. Cuttlebone consists of 85% calcium carbonate, and cuttlebones are commonly used as calcium-rich dietary supplements for pets which may require supplemental calcium in their diets including not only caged birds but also chinchillas, hermit crabs, reptiles and snails.

Cuttlebone is a natural byproduct of the food industry. It may be a healthier alternative to provide supplemental calcium to your birds rather than mineral blocks, which typically are made with plaster of Paris (gypsum plaster) and may contain artificial dyes and flavorings.

Cuttlebone is typically affixed inside the cage near a perch where birds will chew on and ingest bits of it. Take care when placing cuttlebone in a cage; find a location where it will not be easily soiled. Cuttlebones are commonly available from pet stores as well as online merchants, in single packs or also available in bulk if you have a large flock. I've found new cuttlebones can have a unique unpleasant scent which fades over time. I have noticed that some of my birds like cuttlebones, others seem to prefer mineral blocks, and some don't appear to like either. Try them both and see what works best for you. A shaved

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*Top and bottom view of a cuttlebone, the buoyancy organ and internal shell of a cuttlefish*

or powder form of cuttlebone is also available online, I provide it to my finches in a separate food dish and they eat it faster than I can fill the dish!

Birds on seed diets can be prone to calcium and other vitamin deficiencies, if you breed finches or other bird species you might consider providing supplemental calcium to them if you do not already. Calcium deficiencies can cause soft-shelled or thin-shelled eggs, and can lead to egg-binding in hens. Vitamin D3 is also involved in calcium absorption, so those who keep birds inside with no natural sunlight might also consider providing vitamin D3 to ensure proper calcium absorption. This is true whether one provides birds with cuttlebone, mineral blocks, or other types of calcium supplements.

Modern liquid calcium supplements like Cal-D-Solve by Avitech, or Calcivet by Vetafarm contain both calcium and vitamin D3 for improved absorption of calcium.

### **Chemical Analysis: Analysis of cuttlebone shows it contains:**

Calcium carbonate 85%

Magnesium 0.42%

Nitrogen (Kjeldahl) 63 mg/kg potassium 8,300 mg/kg

Phosphate (total) 20 mg/kg

Zinc 167 mg/kg

Iron 101 mg/kg

Cobalt 19 mg/kg

Copper 11 mg/kg

Manganese 8 mg/kg



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Bird Sales November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

† Show Contacts:

Sandra Foote-Gregory

503-792-3582

Nina Rapp

503-663-7277

† Judges:

Canary Colorbred – Linda Hogap

Canary Type – Kristine Rigdon

Finch/Softbill/Dove/Quail – Armando Lee

† Admission \$2.00

† Show: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 5

† Sale : November 4, 10 - 5

† Sale: November 5, 10 -3

† Show Location:

(formerly Red Lion @ Quay)

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Vancouver, WA

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## NFSS REGIONAL SHOW

November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

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St Johns, FL 32259

**Day/Time:** Saturday, 11/4/17, 10:00 AM

**Judge:** Jerri Wiesenfeld, NFSS

**Division:** Finch/Softbill/Quail/Dove

**Contact:** Lauren Ogburn, **Email:** sunbay@comcast.net

**Visit us on Facebook:** First Coast Finch and Softbill Society

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# Blue Dacnis — Jewels on the Wing

Lauren Ogburn



*Blue Dacnis pair  
(male right, female left)*

The Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) is a beautiful, smart, and delightful species. Native to South America, they are in the family Thraupidae, which also includes tanagers and honey-creepers. Relatively small at 11 cm, they are one of the smallest Thraupidae.

Sexually dimorphic, the Blue Dacnis is a species in which the female is not just a drab, brown bird, but a stunning jewel in her own right. Both sexes take one's breath away with vibrant blues, teals, and greens, which only intensify with each molt.

Here at Sunbay, in Northeast Florida, there is a pair of Blue Dacnis in each of my indoor aviaries. They are compatible with many species; I have them housed with Gouldians, Violet-eared waxbills, Fire Finches, Purple Grenadiers, African Quail finches, and Forbes parrot finches. I do not keep more than one pair per aviary, as they will be aggressive to perceived competition for mates and nests.

Blue Dacnis are relatively hardy and healthy. My oldest pair is over seven years old; since they were wild-caught and imported, they could very well have a few more years left. In addition to keeping them in an ambient temperature of no less than 70 degrees Fahrenheit, they require substantial flight room, both horizontal and vertical. Bedding is orchard grass, which makes it easy to clean



up their fruit-diet droppings, which can be messy to those used to keeping finches only.

Their diet is varied—it sounds complicated, but it really is not. Daily fresh fruit is a must. These birds will get hypoglycemic and perish if not fed the proper diet. Favorites are papaya, oranges, pears, watermelon, cantaloupe, mango, and bananas, organic if possible. Insects are also a requirement. Here they get a constant supply of live mealworms and live wax worms every day. A “softbill” diet is provided; I get mine from Paradise Earth.



*Blue Dacnis female*

The Dacnis show a definite preference to their food being offered up high; they are not seen on the bottom of the aviaries often. They will also pick at chitted seed, greens, and egg food. Clean, fresh water, for both drinking and bathing, is also a must. These birds absolutely adore baths! Every single day, they are the biggest splashers in the aviaries, obviously having a great time in their daily soakings.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan*

### NFSS REGIONAL 3 SHOW

- Event 1
- ✦ Hospitality Night – Friday, October 20, 2017 – 5 pm to 7 pm  
RSVP by 10-18-17
- Event 2
- ✦ Annual All Bird Show, Silent Auction, Raffle & Concessions  
Saturday, October 21, 2017 – 10 am – 4 pm

- ✦ Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150
- ✦ Divisions: Finch & Softbill -NFSS | Canary Type/Colorbred/Hybrid/American Singer | NCS | ABS
- ✦ Contact: Mary Tarsitano ✦ Email: [mtarsitano@gmail.com](mailto:mtarsitano@gmail.com) ✦ Phone: 586-781-6429
- ✦ MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.scfbmichigan.com>



*Blue Dacnis male wet after bath*



*Blue Dacnis male*

These birds have a delightful “twisp-twisp” sound, which you will hear first thing in the morning, and they are the last to roost for the night. They are often seen hanging upside-down from the top of the aviary and the natural tree branches provided for them. They are curious and not overly fearful of humans. They can be “tamed” to take food from, and land on, your hand.

The Dacnis’ courtship and breeding ritual is fascinating. The male will display by rapidly pointing his beak straight up, showing off his striking black bib. The hen will reciprocate, and both will vocalize. The courtship can be alarmingly aggressive for short bursts. The hen will “taunt and tempt” the male into chasing her. The male will eventually mate with her, sometimes after chasing the hen to the ground. After a rest, the process will repeat, sometimes for hours.

The preferred nest is an open canary-type bowl-shaped nest, placed high. The hen seems to be the main nest-builder. The nest is not particularly built up or well cushioned. They use coconut fiber, sisal, and fine grasses. On average, two light-tannish/bluish eggs, with darker speckles, will be laid. The hen alone incubates, while the male will bring her food. Hatching will take place in about 14 days.

A future article will address hatching through adult-hood.





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# Long Live Finch Society of San Diego

Sally & Vince Huntington



An acknowledgement is long overdue from NFSS for the annual support we get from the Finch Society of San Diego County, California (FSSDC). For the past 4 years, FSSDC has borne the costs for us of the “Afternoon of Aviculture” (AOA). The AOA is a bird-related 3- to 4-hour workshop for those attending the National Bird Show (NBS), currently held at The Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois. These workshops consist primarily of presentations by hand-picked avian experts, including officials from zoos

across the U.S., representative speakers from major bird food manufacturers, and avian veterinarians. These experts provide reports on various avian-related research and study projects from around the world, and the latest from the Judges’ Panel of NFSS.

Who is the FSSDC and why do they provide this relatively expensive support of NFSS, costing approximately one thousand dollars annually?

It’s 1973 in San Diego, California. A family has a few questions about a pair of small birds they had bought to brighten up their lives: Zebra Finches, the little seed-eating birds from Australia. They cost \$3.50 complete with a cage that fit nicely in the kitchen. They soon realized there was nowhere to turn for routine or common bird information. The Zoo people seemed too busy to answer their questions as were the veterinarians and there’s no Internet yet.

A friend suggested they look at the Want Ads section #845 of the local San Diego Union newspaper. Seems bird Q&A had found their way to section #845 over the years. Our family found four bird articles in that section that day: two “birds for sale,” a cage for sale and someone asking to meet to discuss birds. These first phone calls first became the bird people, then eventually the Finch Society of San Diego County.

Co-founders of FSSDC, Marilyn Dixon, Doris Morgan and Bertha Scroggins became intrigued by the idea of an organization that met regularly in the interest of its members avicultural needs. Pulling together every name they could think of, they mailed over 100 invitations to meet on a particular September, 1973 afternoon. Anticipating ten or twelve interested people, they were amazed when 68 came to the meeting.

## Successful Club Creates Education for Bird Enthusiasts

At one point in those early years, they boasted a membership of 355, including members from Japan, Europe, nearby Mexico and throughout the States. (They currently have 142 members.)



After a dozen years of gaining experience, FSSDC published a book (Let's Talk Birds- a guide to raising birds in San Diego County). FSSDC members wrote informal chapters on what they knew best about birds. The 193-page book, though somewhat outdated now, is still a major source for novice bird lovers. For instance, they defined the care and feeding differences between the seed eating "finch" and the more omnivore "softbills." Members experimented with growing mealworms and providing fruit flies for softbills, and ways to minimize the waste of bird seed that seems to come with the manner in which finches feed.



Ruth Schlomer wrote about diet tips and the difference between sprouted and unsprouted seeds. William Toone and Bill Guyett wrote about the daily environment and how the length of days and nights affect breeding. Darel Cavender contributed tips on foster parenting, while Alice Kramer shared knowledge in raising the softbill Button Quail.

Other members began building breeding cages, and still others concentrated on building wind, rain and wildlife -control aviaries whereby finches and softbills could survive outdoors in the mild San Diego climate. They established committees to study which flowers, bushes and shrubs best served birds for nesting, security and temperature control. Another committee studied all aspects of water for birds; bathing, drinking, dampness, wetness and microbial growth, how water bred bugs that would be intermediate hosts for parasites. They explored the myths of sexing birds with string and swinging objects, by mouth markings, feather and color patterns, by the new DNA info, and more.

FSSDC soon became a major voice for finches and softbills bird care. As with all national club organizations centering on raising and caring for small live creatures, membership started falling off as computers offered easy access to more and more needed information. Our own (NFSS) web site, Facebook, YouTube, etc. provide daily Q&A.

Over time, beginning with the clubs of the 1980's, it became obvious that members remained active for vastly different reasons. It was no longer just "Let's Talk Birds." A club's purpose was to identify and regularly address each of the varied avian-related needs of its membership. Their newsletters, the monthly speaker presentations, and their committee findings were expected to meet the various interests at a conscious level. Some members simply enjoyed the peaceful predictable social monthly meeting, a simple snack and bird-talk, while others





## Fort Worth Bird Club 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Bird Show

Sept. 17, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cleburne Conference Center**  
1501 W. Henderson  
Cleburne, Texas 76033

Exhibitors check in from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 16 and 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Sept. 17  
Entry fee is \$4 per show cage with a \$40 maximum fee

### Divisions and Judges

Budgies – Dewayne Weldon – BAA	Cockatiels - Jim Heffernan – NCS
Canaries - Color - Henry Vela – NCA	Finches –Sally Huntington – NFSS NFSS Regional Show (Region 4)
Canaries - Type – Henry Vela	Parrots - Jeff Robinson – NAPS

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## NFSS Regional Show

September 9, 2017

### East Coast Finch Society

**Location: 1330 Silas Deane Hwy.**

**Wethersfield, CT. 06109**

**Show Manager: Daniel Maldonado**

**Phone: (860) 796-8191**

**Email: danny\_mk@yahoo.com**

**Judge: Armando Lee (NFSS)**

**Divisions: NFSS – Finch/Softbill/Dove/Quail**





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became seriously interested in details of diet and temperature control for their birds. Some became devoted to competitive bird shows and the travel associated with making the numerous national bird shows and marts between August and late November each year. Some began identifying and publishing details of size, color and conformation of each finch and softbill breed. Others noted the international politics of birding (CITES) was developing. Organizations that were anti-bird and anti-pet care were popping up. Bird people were amazed that anyone would actually be against grandma having her little singing bird.

## Today in the FSSDC

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of this Society is to join together individuals who share a common interest in collecting and breeding finches and softbills.

## About the Club

Welcome to the Official site of the Finch Society of San Diego County (FSSDC) Serving Southern California Finch and Softbill Breeders since 1973. The FSSDC is for all aviculturists with a love for and special interests in all varieties of Finches and Softbills, from little Zebra Finches to giant Toucans. Our members represent all aspects of aviculture: conservationists, collectors, breeders, show exhibitors, veterinarians, and pet owners. Club meetings are held traditionally on the 4th Sunday of each month with topics representing the many subject's members find of interest; rare species conservation, aviary construction, hand feeding babies, nutrition and feeding tips, locating wanted bird species, identifying sick and unhealthy birds and whatever is topical. Once you join FSSDC, special benefits of membership are found in our monthly newsletter (mailed or on-line). It lists special events and the monthly speaker or program. There is a raffle or auction of birds and bird related items at each monthly meeting. Members get bonus raffle tickets for these monthly drawings. For those members who show up before the program begins, there is a free "early bird" raffle. Note: only club members may buy and sell birds from one another one hour before the monthly meeting. While there is a generous "snack" at each meeting, there is a once a year "free lunch", for members, at the annual Birthday meeting in September. We invite anyone with a love of aviculture to visit our club and become a part of this enriching community.

The Finch Society of San Diego County cannot exist without its members. As a small volunteer run organization, it is your interest, presence and patronage that makes the club the success it is. Membership is one of the primary ways in which the club raises funds put on the programming and events that make it so special. Though a local club, FSSDC sponsors a major annual education event, Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA), along with the National Finch and Softbill Society at annual National Bird Show. You may wish to take a turn on the board of directors.

Please consider the benefits of becoming a Club member, and please join this one of a kind club.

Sally and Vince Huntingdon - FSSDC, NFSS, FSS, AFA, ASA, MAP, NBS

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### CALIFORNIA

#### **West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show – Specialty Club**

Meetings: none

Website: [www.efinch.com/show](http://www.efinch.com/show)

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: Zebra and Society Finch Show – Saturday the 29th, 2017

Location: La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom St. Sacramento, CA, 916-448-8100

Ask for show room discount

Show Schedule: [www.efinch.com/show/schedule.html](http://www.efinch.com/show/schedule.html)

Show Manager: Richard Renshaw

Contact: [rrenshaw@vcnet.com](mailto:rrenshaw@vcnet.com)

Judge: Laura Watkins

Classifications: Standard Zebras, Rare Zebras, Standard Societies, Rare Societies

#### **Finch Society of San Diego County**

Meetings: 4th Sunday of each month

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

Website: [www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com](http://www.finchsocietyofsandiego.com)

Email: [sdfinchsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sdfinchsociety@gmail.com)

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#### **East Coast Finch Society**

Club Contact: JOSE URRUTIA

Location: 70 Porter Brook Ave. East Hartford, Ct. 06118

Email: [jm\\_jariel@yahoo.com](mailto:jm_jariel@yahoo.com)

Phone 631-875-1544

#### **EVENT 1**

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Location: 1330 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield, Ct 06109

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### FLORIDA

#### **First Coast Finch & Softbill Society**

Meetings: 1st Saturday every 3 months

Location: 860 Fruit Cove Road, St. Johns, FL 32259

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### **EVENT 1**

Show: First Coast Finch & Softbill Society-Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10:00am  
Contact: Lauren Ogburn  
Email: sunbay@comcast.net  
Judge: Jerri Wiesenfield – NFSS  
Division: Finch|Softbill|Quail|Dove

## ILLINOIS

### **Illini Bird Fanciers Inc.**

Meetings: First Sunday of the month, 12 pm – 4 pm  
Location: Havard Park Baptist Church, 2401 S. 9th, Springfield, IL  
Website: [www.illinibirdfanciers.com](http://www.illinibirdfanciers.com)  
Email: [contact@illiniBirdFanciers.com](mailto:contact@illiniBirdFanciers.com)

### **Event 1**

National Bird Show, Saint Charles, IL  
Location: Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St, St Charles, IL 60174  
Website: <https://www.ncbs.org>

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 10 AM –Tag Sales and Registration – Seminars

Friday, October 27, 2017 -6 AM –Show Hall Opens for Exhibitors – Show Judges:

Division 1 – Borders – Tony Finn  
Division 2 – Glosters – Robert La Rochelle  
Division 3 – Type – Noel Rambaran  
Division 4 – Old Variety – Romeo Simonetto  
Division 5 – American Type – Jim Pickel  
Division 6 – Fife Fancy – Winfield Checkley  
Division 7 – Staffords – Peter Finn  
Division 8 – Lipochrome Colorbred – Tiago Dos Santos  
Division 9 – Melanin Classic Colorbred – Eurico Fonseca  
Division 10 – Melanin New Color – Andrea Benagiano  
Division 11 – Finches and Softbills – Bob Peers  
Division 12 – Parrots – Mike Miller  
Division 13 – Rares and Eying Lovebirds – Janet Landvater  
Division 14 – Peachface Lovebirds – Wendy Edwards  
Division 15 – Cockatiels – Jose Bernardy  
Division 16 – American Singers – Jeanne Pieper  
Division 17 – Roller Canaries – Inactive in 2017  
Division 18 – Spanish Timbrados – Demonstration Status in 2017

Saturday, October 28, 2017 -6 AM-Show Hall Opens to Exhibitors – Banquet

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### MICHIGAN

#### **Society of Canary and Finch Breeders of Michigan**

Web page: <http://www.scfbmichigan.com>

Meetings: Meetings 3rd wkend of the month at members homes.

Club Contact: [mtarsitano@gmail.com](mailto:mtarsitano@gmail.com)

Phone: 586-781-6429

#### **EVENT 1**

Bird Fair: September 9, 2017 – 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150

#### **EVENT 2**

HOSPITALITY NIGHT: October 20th – 5 pm – 7 pm

RSVP to Mary Tarsitano (586) 781-6429 no later than Wednesday, October 18th.

Show: Annual All Bird Show: Saturday, October 21st, 2017 – 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150

Hotel: Quality Inn Livonia, 30375 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 261-6800

Judges: TBA

Divisions: Canary – Type | Colorbred | Hybrid | Finch/Softbill | American Singer

(Register American Singers in advance: Rick Knopp: [knoppr2001@msn.com](mailto:knoppr2001@msn.com) )

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Sales: Charlie Schembri – [schembri.carmel@yahoo.com](mailto:schembri.carmel@yahoo.com)

### MISSOURI

#### **Gateway Parrot Club**

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of each month

Location: Vaitees Bird Store, 60 Meramec Valley Plaza, Valley Park, MO 63088

Website: <http://www.gatewayparrotclub.org>

Contact: Georgia Fletcher

Email: [president@gatewayparrot.org](mailto:president@gatewayparrot.org)

#### **EVENT 1**

Bird Fair – August 26, 2017 – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: Machinists Hall, Bridgeton MO, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd – Bridgeton

Email: [president@gatewayparrot.org](mailto:president@gatewayparrot.org)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### **Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society**

Meetings: 7:30 pm – 2nd Monday each month

Location: Villa Crest Retirement Ctr, 276 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Email: [Prismsdad@aol.com](mailto:Prismsdad@aol.com)

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### **EVENT 1**

Exotic Bird Mart: Sunday May 7th 2017  
Auburn Village School, 11 Eaton Hill Road, Auburn, NH  
Show Contact: Norman Brandt  
Phone: (603) 286-3972  
Email: Fishbra955@aol.com

#### Expo Speakers

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Show: 30th Annual BOAF Bird Show – Saturday, October 14, 2017  
Show Location: All Dogs Gym, 505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH  
Phone: (603) 669-4644

## **NEW YORK**

### **New York Finch & Type Canary Club**

Club Mailing Address New York Finch & Type Canary Club  
Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month (Except July, August & Holidays)  
Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont, (Long Island), NY 11001

### **EVENT 1**

Show: Annual New York Finch & Type Canary Show, Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Location: St Jude Church School, 1696 Canarsie Road, NY 11236  
Show Contact: Nizam Ali – 917-327-1438 or Stan Kulak – 718-967-6899  
Judges:  
Christine Voronovitch (NFSS)  
Division: Finch| Softbill| Dove| Quail

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### OREGON

#### **Columbia Canary Club**

Meetings: 1st Sunday of most months, 2:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Website: [www.columbiacanaryclub.org/index.html](http://www.columbiacanaryclub.org/index.html)

Facebook: Columbia Canary Club

Location: Milwaukie Granger Hall, 12015 S.E. 22nd Avenue, Milwaukie, OR

Contact: Hector Diaz

Email: [diaz47@msn.com](mailto:diaz47@msn.com)

Phone: 503-569-6119

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: Columbia Canary Club – November 4th

Location: Warehouse 23, formerly Red Lion at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver,

Washington – 8 – 4pm Exhibitors, Public (admission) 10 – 3 pm

Judges:

Finch – Armondo Lee – NFSS

Colorbred – Linda Hogan

Type – Kristine Rigdon

Show Manager: Sandra Foote-Gregory OR Nina Rapp

Phone: 503 792-3582 or 503 663-7277

Email: [sfoote@xpressdata.net](mailto:sfoote@xpressdata.net) or [chucknina@therapps.net](mailto:chucknina@therapps.net)

Division: Finch, Dove/Quail, Softbill (NFSS), Canary Type and Colorbred.

#### **EVENT 2**

Sales & Raffles: Columbia Canary Club – November 5th, 10 – 3 pm

Location: Warehouse 23, formerly Red Lion at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver, Washington

### TEXAS

#### **Fort Worth Bird Club**

Website: <http://forworthbirdclub.com>

Club Email: [fwbc@fortworthbirdclub.com](mailto:fwbc@fortworthbirdclub.com)

Contact: Cheryl Burns

Phone: 817-455-2016

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### **EVENT 1**

All Bird Show, September 16, 2017 – 9 am – 4 pm  
Location: Cleburne Conference Center, 1601 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76033  
Judges:

Dewayne Weldon (BAA)- Budgies  
Henry Vela (NCA) Canaries  
Henry Vela (NCA) TYPE  
Jim Hefferman (NCS) Cockatiels  
Sally Huntington (NFSS) Finches|Softbill|Dove|Quail  
Phil Ryan (NAPS) Parrots

### **EVENT 2**

Mart: [www.thebirdmart.com](http://www.thebirdmart.com) – October 21, 2017  
Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, Texas 76033

### **Texas Bird Breeders and Fanciers Association**

Website: <http://texasbirdbreeders.org>  
Contact: Cheryl@newworldranch.com

### **EVENT 1**

Hospitality – Friday  
Location: Best Western Temple Inn & Suites, 602 N. General Bruce Drive, Temple, TX 76504  
Phone: 254-742-1122

### **EVENT 2**

Show: 65th Annual Bird Show – Saturday November 4, 2017  
Location: Mayborn Convention Center, Temple, Texas  
(From the South Exit 303B • From the North Exit 304)  
Show Chairman — Clarence Culwell — Springtown, Texas — (817) 220-5568  
DIVISIONS AND JUDGES  
Budgies – Judge TBD, BAA  
Canaries (Type and Color) – Judge TBD, NCA  
Cockatiels – Judge TBD, NCS  
Finches – Judge TBD, NFSS  
Parrots (Includes Lovebirds) – Judge TBD, NAPS  
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### **Almo Exhibition Bird Club**

Meetings: 4th Sunday every month  
Location: Salvation Army Senior Services Center, 910 N. Flores, San Antonio, TX  
Website: <http://aebc.org>  
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### TEXAS

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: Alamo Exhibition Bird Club Show – September 23, 2017  
Location: Schertz Civic Center 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX 78154  
Show Manger: Ben Garza  
Phone: 210-275-3369  
Email: ben1songbirds@yahoo.com  
Judge: Clarence Culwell  
Divisions showing Canary, Cockatiel, Parrot

#### **EVENT 2**

Mart: AEBC FALL BIRD MART – September 30, 2017  
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### PUERTO RICO

#### **Asociacion de Criadores de Finches del Estec, Inc.**

Meetings: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm  
Location: Lus Catalina Mall, Food Court, Caguas P.R.  
Website: Asociacion Criadores de Finches (Facebook)  
Email: finchrurico@hotmail.com

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: June 2 – 4, 2017  
Location: Centro Comunal Alturas de Villa del Rey, Caguas, Puerto Rico  
Contact: Juan Alicea  
Email: juanalicea@yahoo.com  
Judge: Nizam Ali  
Division: Finch

#### **PRZFC – Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club**

Meeting Dates and Location: Arecibo  
Contact Officer: Gene Perez  
Email: genecuba1@yahoo.com  
Phone: 787-385-2972  
Club Website/Social Media: [www.facebook.com/groups/przfc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/przfc/)

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: PRZFC – Puerto Rico Zebra Finch Club – Nov 2017  
Location: Centro Comunal Victor Rojas 2 ARECIBO PR  
Show manager: Carlos Mendez  
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Judge: NIZAM Ali

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#### **Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society**

Meetings: First Thursday of each month (except for July and August)  
Location: Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Road, 2nd Floor, Toronto,  
Times: at 7:30pm – 10:00pm  
Website: <http://www.national-birdshow.com/>  
Contact Officer: Jeremy Faria  
Club Email: [faria55@rogers.com](mailto:faria55@rogers.com)

#### **EVENT 1**

Show: Canadian National Cage Bird Show – Oct 14-15, 2017  
Venue: Richmond Green Sports Center, 1300 Elgin Mills Rd East, Richmond Hill,  
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Show Manager: Jeremy Faria – [faria55@rogers.com](mailto:faria55@rogers.com)  
Judges: Gerald Massey- England  
Divisions: Finch & Softbills

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