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An All Bird Club

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Canary and Finch Society All Bird Club

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE MEETING!

Canary and Finch Society will be having our next March 11th at 2PM - 4PM.

Board Meeting is at 1PM - 2PM. Topic this meeting will be "Bird Terminology".

Come join us!



Canary and Finch Society Show October 13, 2018

This year we will have an entry fee of \$4.00 per, \$80 cap rule.
There will be Hospitality and fellowship Friday Night at 7– 10 PM.
Show Tags will be available and there will be No Meal but Wine ,

Fruit & Cheese platters, & Chips Dips

Entries will start being accepted on Saturday morning between 7:00 AM—8:30 AM.

Bird Auction of Top Notch birds! And a

Canary and Finch Society Bird Expo



CFS Bird EXPO April 8, 2018

Public 9 AM - 4 PM

Admission \$4

Table rental is \$40

Exhibitor Set -Up starts at 7:00 AM; event opens to public at 9:00 AM. Contact Lou Luciano Rodriguez for vendor information

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Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, Texas 77032.

wonderful Raffle.

After the Show Dinner will be at the restaurant at the Los Cusos Mexican Cafe Kingwood. More updates to come.

Come and support CFS.

Meet Our Judges

Jim Pickel

Type Canary Judge

National Colorbred Association Judge

I have been raising birds most of my life. As a child in Kansas, I raised pigeons, pheasants, quail, and other assorted fowl. For the past 32 years, I have been raising and showing type canaries, colorbred canaries and finches. Aside from numerous Best in Show awards for both type canaries and finches, I have also won Kellogg awards in both: Best Gloster in 1988 and Best Type with a Fife Canary in 1989. I have been judging for 30 years including five U.S. National Cage Bird Shows and several Canadian Shows, as well as the 2000 Canadian Nationals held in Windsor. I have been an officer of numerous bird clubs, President of the Midwest Pheasant and Waterfowl Society, a past President of the American Chapter of the IGBA and am currently the President of the Old Variety Canary Association. I have also served on the U.S. National Cage Bird Club's Board of Directors. I am presently raising Fifes, Northern and Southern Dutch Frills, Borders, Irish Fancy, Scott Fancy and Lizard canaries.

Clarence Culwell

Finch Judge

I have been raising birds since about 1950. I started with American Parakeets, which I bred for several years. A pair of Zebra Finches were added which really caught my interest and has been a priority ever since. I have had Cockatiels, Love birds, Senegals, Conures, Parrotlets, and Cockatoos.

I started showing my birds and enjoyed the competition and friendships that I made. Some of my dearest friends are friends that I have made in the bird world. I started Judging birds from the encouragement I received from many people. I am a Panel Judge for NFSS and NAPS. I have judged many shows. Including the National Cage Bird Show.

I am a Honorary Board Member of the NCBS and served many years.

FOR SALE

Raquel King has Italian Cages, Bird Equipment, Show Cages, and Flights for sale.

Please contact Raquel at
cw.king@att.net



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FEBRUARY 11 KIFARU BIRD AUCTION LAMPASAS

kifarubirdauction.com

MARCH 11 HOUSTON/LUCAS BIRD AUCTION

APRIL 21 CONROE birdeventsintexas.com

MAY 5 CORPUS CHRISTI CBCbirdclub.org

MAY 12 SCHERTZ aebc.com

NO SPRING MART IN CLEBURNE

NO AUGUST MART IN PORT ARTHUR

JUNE 30 AUSTIN birdeventsintexas.com

AUGUST 15-18th. SAN ANTIONIO 44th. Annual AFA Conv.

afabirds.org

SEPTEMBER 23 SCHERTZ aebc.org

OCTOBER 13 HOUSTON canaryandfinchsociety.com

NOVEMBER 3 TEMPLE texasbirdbreeder.org

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AT FACEBOOK.COM/CEN-TEX BIRD EXHIBITORS**





Gouldian Finch

Chloebia gouldiae

The Gouldian finch, also referred to as the Lady Gouldian finch and the rainbow finch, is prized primarily for its gorgeous plumage. It occurs naturally in a variety of striking colors, and is generally differentiated in name by the color of the head. For example, the black-headed, the red-headed, and the yellow-headed Gouldian are some of the available types, though some of the other mutations are distinguished in name by body color. In the wild grasslands of Australia, where they originate, they do not vary as much in color as they do in captivity. There, most Gouldians have a black head, and only a small percentage have a red head. Approximately one percent of wild individuals have an orange head.

In 1841, English ornithologist, John Gould, named these impressive little birds after his late wife, Lady Elizabeth Gould, and decreed them the most beautiful finch in the world. It would be difficult to contradict him. The Lady Gouldian finch looks like a handcrafted statuette, with seamless feathering and brilliant, painterly hues. Six years later the species made its way to Europe, and quickly caught on with pet fanciers.

Native Region / Natural Habitat

Gouldian finches are native to the grasslands of Australia.

Gouldians were then trapped and exported in large numbers from Australia until the late 1960s. Exporting the birds reduced the population of Gouldians considerably in the wild. Grazing cattle and the creation of farmland further challenged the Gouldian, and today it is estimated that there are fewer than 2,500 mature Gouldians living in the wild. Fortunately, they are heavily bred in captivity.

Care & Feeding

As with most finches, the Gouldian is a quiet enough bird that peeps and sings a little. They make a pleasant sound that is doubtful to wake you up or create a problem with neighbors, though it is persistent. The granule-sized [Premium Daily Diet](#) for finches by Lafeber is perfectly sized for finches and provides optimum nutrition.

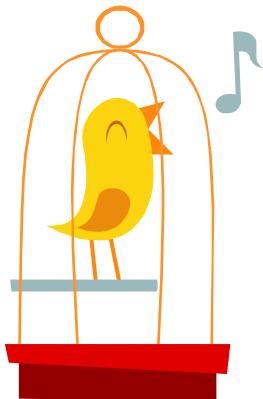
Personality & Behavior

Gouldians are pleasant “watching only” birds — they don’t like to be held, and can even panic and die when handled. Stress is deadly for these fragile birds. They are not typically hand-raised (only under emergency circumstances), and will not take well to taming efforts. They are lovely to watch, but not to hold. If properly cared for, these birds are reported to live for more than 4 to 6 years.

Speech & Sounds

Gouldians aren’t the easiest finches to keep, being much less hardy than other popular finches, like the zebra finch and society finch. They aren’t recommended as first birds because they are delicate and can be overcome in extreme temperatures and are prone to a variety of ailments that a novice bird guardian may not recognize until it may be too late.

Gouldians are among the most difficult finches to breed successfully because they are not wonderful parents and have a tendency to abandon both eggs and babies, or even refuse to nest at all. People who raise Gouldians



Gouldian Finch Continued

usually keep society finches as well to serve as foster parents for eggs and babies. Societies are marvelous parents and will be happy to foster other species. You can put plastic eggs beneath the Gouldians as the eggs are removed to be placed with the society finches. Some Gouldian pairs do make decent parents, however.

Goulds should be at least a year old before they are bred. They prefer to nest in a small, covered space, like a wooden nest box or covered basket. The box is preferred because the finch can't accidentally catch a toe in the woven straw, and the box is also easier to access. Gouldians don't build great nests, so put some material in the nest to get the parents started.

The finches lay between three and six eggs that hatch a little over two weeks after being laid. About three weeks later the babies are ready to leave the nest, and about a week later they are eating on their own. The babies should be served millet spray and eggfood, as well as other soft foods that they can digest easily.

Gouldians are small, but they make great aviary birds and appreciate a large, planted garden setting. If they're given enough space, they will get along with society finches and zebra finches, but not weavers or whydahs, both of which can be bullies. Finches need a lot of exercise, so their housing should be large enough to allow flight. If the cage is too small, their lifespan will be reduced and the female might not get enough exercise to maintain good breeding condition, resulting in egg binding and even death. Cage bars should be no more than 1/2 inch apart, and the cage should have doors large enough for feeding, watering, and cleaning, but not so large that the finches will escape when opened.

A finch will thrive on a pelleted base diet, such as Lafeber's Premium Daily Diet specifically designed for finches. These birds are primarily seed-eaters in the wild, so their diet should be supplements with a high-quality seed mix. They should also get a rotation of grubs, greens, eggfood, and other veggies daily. They can have a small amount of grit and charcoal in the diet, but not much. A cuttlebone should be in the cage at all times.

Health & Common Conditions

Gouldian finches are prone to air-sac mite infection, especially when overly stressed. This is a serious medical condition that warrants immediate veterinary care. If caught early enough, a finch can be successfully treated. Gouldian finches can also be susceptible to scaly face (a condition caused by a mite that presents as white, scaly areas around the beak/eyes, as well as the legs), which warrants a call to the vet. Finches can also have overgrown nails or beaks, which should be addressed by an experienced bird groomer or vet.

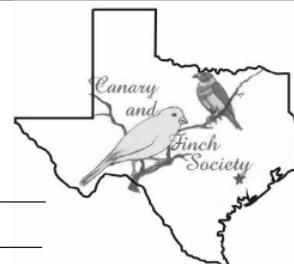
Get a Gouldian Finch

Although there wild populations are at risk, Gouldian finches have been extensively in captivity and, therefore, are readily available in large pet stores, from avian retail stores and through bird breeders.

The Gouldian is dimorphic, meaning that there's a visible difference between the genders. Males of this species have much brighter plumage than the females, making them easy to tell apart at maturity. Immature Gouldians are a drab, greenish-grey color and look as similar to their parents as an apple does to a banana. It's difficult to tell them this way because sex and mutation are determined by the colors that emerge after the bird's first molt, which happens at about four to six months. The babies look worn and ratty while they're molting, and they are under a great deal of physical stress.



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CFS Annual Show

The Canary and Finch Society



23rd Annual Show
October 13, 2018

DoubleTree Hotel

At

Bush Intercontinental Airport

15747 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Houston, TX 77032

Guest Room Rates: \$85 (Tax not included)

Reservations must be made by Friday September 12, 2017

With CFS Reservations: Phone: (281) 848-4000

REGISTRATION 7 AM - 8:30 AM

JUDGING 9 AM - 3 PM

SHOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Entry Fee: \$4 with \$80 Cap

Judges:

Clarence Culwell - Finch, Jim Pickel - Type, Color

In conjunction with CFS Show

Gulf Coast American Singers

Check in Friday 7 PM - 9 PM Judging Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM

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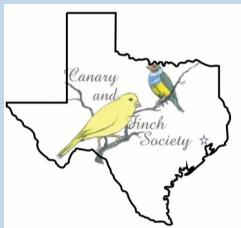
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About Our Organization

The Canary and Finch Society is a non-profit educational organization. Our purpose is to promote all caged birds, particularly the canary and finch, through educational programs, group discussions, publications, fairs, and bird shows. We meet on the second Sunday each month at 2:00 PM.



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