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Canary Culture

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Two Important Italian Publications

Anyone who is addicted to the branch of Aviculture dealing with canaries should own the book, "Canaries of the World." Unfortunately, those who are not able to read Italian will not benefit directly from the book. The real title is "Canarini di tutto il Mondo," by G. de Baseggio and S. Quercellini.



The authors gave me permission to translate and use any of the information within the book.

I intend to do so, and this article will basically introduce the book and its content. Subsequent articles will deal with material extracted from the book which I find original and very informative.

"Canaries of the World," boasts eight splendid tables in full color of the species and subspecies of the genera "Serinus."

It has many drawings and pictures describing all of the fine details of 34 species and 70 subspecies of all known domesticated canaries in existence.

The book is broken down in 17 chapters and a special chapter at the end of the book. The first three chapters deal with classification of the Serinus. The following chapters deal with subjects such as; nutrition reproduction, housing, hybrids, and breeding experience with different "Serinus" species.

The chapter on feeding and nutrition has tons of original and useful information. I in-

tend to exploit this chapter to the fullest. Complete formulas for nestling food scientifically formulated are there for the grabs. Not just what birds need, but exact amounts given in grams and kilos. So, get ready, brush-up on the metric system.

The chapter, by Dr. Sergio Quercellini which is at the end of the book has all of the 34 species, described in fine detail; characteristics, distribution, habitat, nesting, food, sound, and geographical locations. Each species has a picture and a reference to the color plate. Each bird on the color plate is numbered and referenced to the bottom of the page with Latin names. Even if you don't understand Italian, the book can be used as a field guide.

All of the drawings and color plates were drawn by the author, Prof. Georgio de Baseggio.



Dr. Prof. de Baseggio has another book which deserves mention. The book is about Frilled Canaries also written in Italian under the title "I Canarini Arricciati." The co-author of this book was Prof. F. Lombardini, very well known aviculturist and specialist in the field of Frilled Canaries.

It was this book that for the first time made me aware of the talents Prof. de Baseggio has as an author and artist. ●



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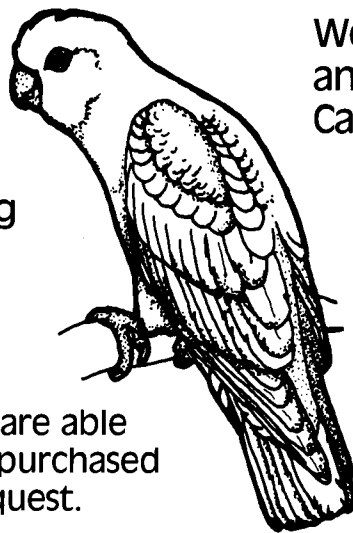
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