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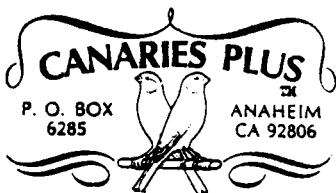
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The Black Breasted Zebra Finch

by G. Oppenborn

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The black breasted were shown for the first time in 1968 on the "Bundesschau der Austausch Zentrale der vogelliebhaber und Zuchter Deutschlands e.v. (A.Z.)" in Hamm, Germany, by a bird keeper of Hannover, Germany.

The parents of the first black breasted Zebra Finch were normal grey.

The new mutation is later mated with one of his parents, to obtain a lot of them.

Normally the birds of a new mutation are very small, but this time the mutation has the model of the exhibition type.

The name black breasted is given to this mutation because the upper breast from breast-bar to throat is almost black.

I suppose a lot of fanciers will think that they have already had this mutation in their birdrooms. May I doubt it? I will give you the difference between the normal grey and the black-breasted, so you can see.

1. the area covered by the breast bar is much larger than in the normal form (excessive melanism);
2. the tear mark are missing;
3. a black band down each edge of the beak;
4. the bars of the tail are replaced by a white overlay showing a vertically black band;
5. the side flankings are reddish brown

but they haven't clear white spots but long white flecks (lines);

6. the cheek patches cover a larger area than is found in normal greys, sometimes they almost meet on the crown of the head;
7. most of the birds have also a excessive of phaomelanism (red. melanism) on the back and wings; sometimes the edges of the wings have three colours, white, rust-red and grey.

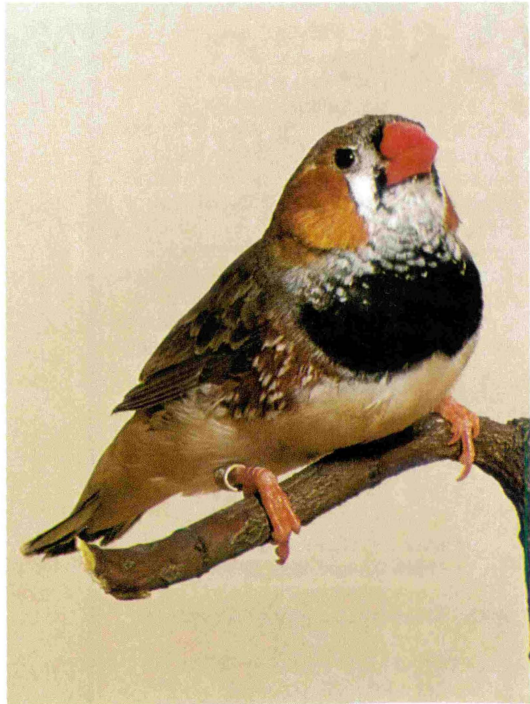
So, you see it is something special.

The black breasts are intermediate in their manner of inheritance, neither sex-linked nor dominant.

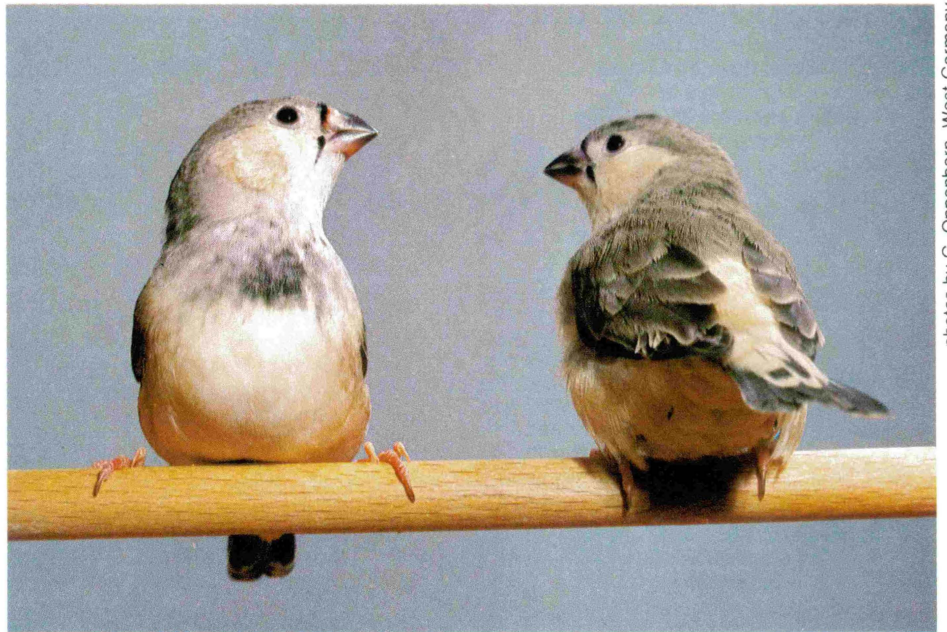
We are also speaking of a double factor of black breast. A black breast with a double factor is a real black breast with all its characteristics.

A black breast with a single factor is in split form, which shows this in a greater or lesser degree. Tear marks may be missing or there may be elongated flank markings or unusual markings on the tail feathers, etc.

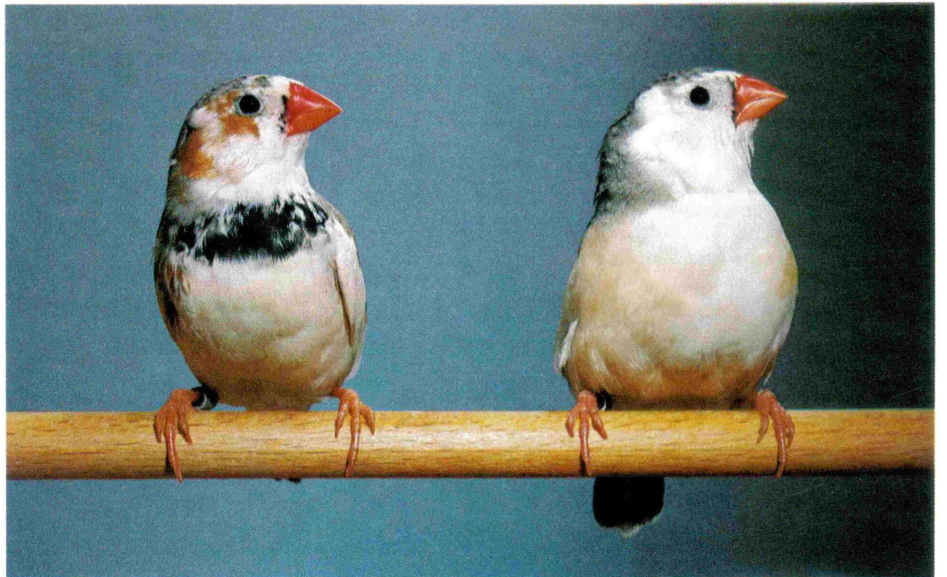
The black breast can be bred in all the colours known. In grey, fawn, light back and C.F.W. you can obtain the best results, because the black breast characteristic is maintained in these colours. With other mutations such as Penguin, white, silver and cream a lot of pigment is lost.



Normal black-breasted male.



Two young normal black-breasted zebras.



The black-breasted mutation occurs in the pied variety of zebra also.



The black-breasted form of the silver mutation of the zebra finch.



The black breast can be bred into any of the other zebra mutations. Here it is shown in the fawn zebra.

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Cockatiels Nellie Herry
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Jacksonville, FL

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For info. contact show sec.

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Judges:

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American Budgies Linda Rubin
Budgies Don Langell

For further information contact
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Jon Hoffman
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**October 31, November 1, 1980
19th Annual Bird Show**
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at the

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Show Secretary

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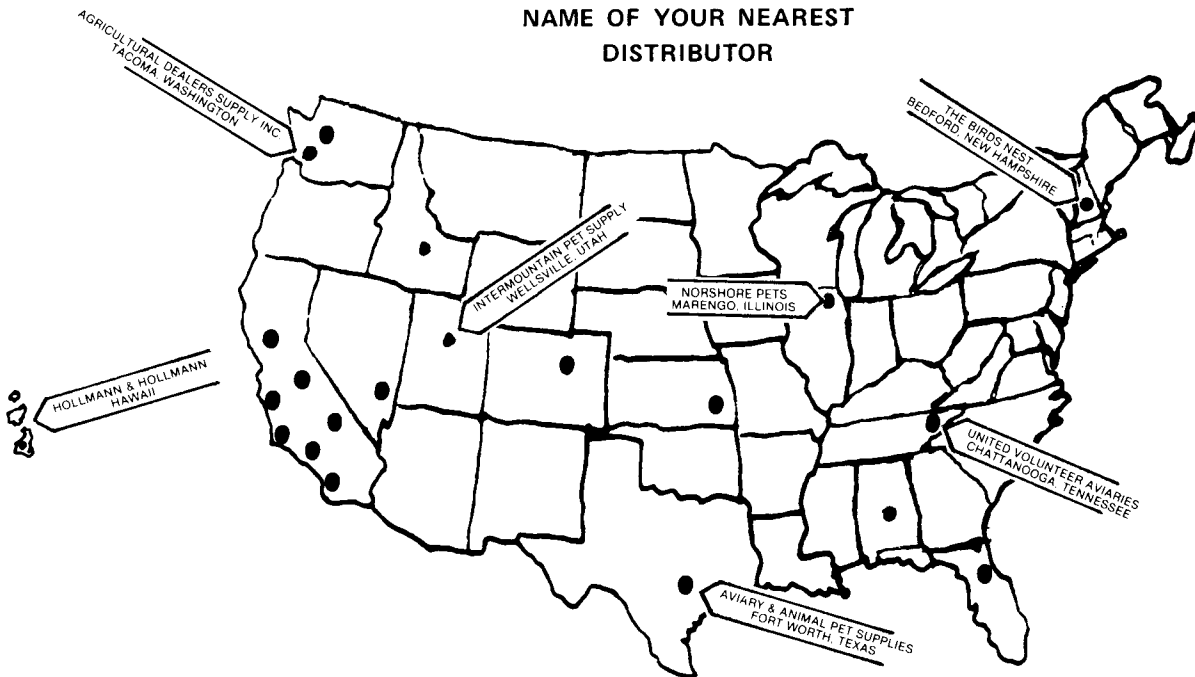
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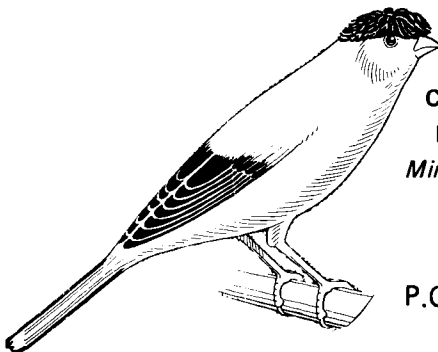
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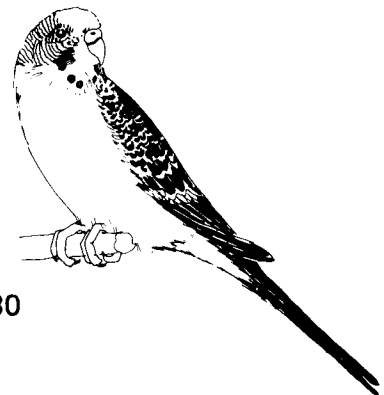
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The Parliament of Birds

by Gloria Maxson

(A Verse Adaptation of Chaucer)



Once in a dream, I walked beside
a river in a bower,
A garden of full-leaving trees,
and many a fair flower.
There verdant Nature reigned as Queen
enthroned upon a hill,
With all the birds around her feet
to hear and do her will.
It was St. Valentine's own day,
when birds of every sort
Came flocking down to pick a mate,
to speak of love and court.
The birds-of-prey sat highest up,
for Nature so decreed,
And waterfowls sat lowest down,
near birds of worm and seed.
When all were in their proper place,
which ever is the same,
Dame Nature smiled to welcome them,
and greeted each by name:
"Hail, Eagle, with your piercing glance,
and Goshawk of dun-gray!
Hail, Falcon, with your clinging feet,
the King's own bird-of-prey!
Hail, Sparrow-hawk, so loathed by Quail,
and Hail, melodious Lark!
Hail, graceful Swan, that sings at death,
and Owl, that sings at dark!
Hail, whooping Crane, with trumpet voice,
and Starling, shrill and gay!
Hail, Magpie, with your thieving heart,
and loudly scornful Jay!
Hail, Lapwing, with your wily tricks,
and Heron, full of eels!
Hail, Dove, with meekly tender eye,
and Stork, with scarlet heels!
Hail, Robin tame, and coward Kite,
and Crow that croaks of doom!
Hail, Cock, and Drake, and Nightingale,
that sings the world in bloom!
Hail, ever-glutted Cormorant,
and Sparrow, gorged with bees!
Hail, Peacock proud, and clumsy Goose -
All Hail! Now if you please,
Behold the fair bird on my hand,
as fair as male might seek -
So fair I often stroke her wings,
and kiss her perfect beak!
The royal Eagle first shall choose
a mate of high degree,
Two Eagles next in rank then pick,
if chosen mates agree."
So then the royal Eagle bowed,
and said, with glances keen,
"I choose you, fair bird, not to mate,
but serve as Sovereign Queen!"
At which another Eagle cried,
(the second of the three,)
"But I would love and hold you close -
or hang me from a tree!"
The third bold Eagle screamed, "Fair bird,
I love as much as they,
And my fond heart will faithful be
until my dying day!"
This tender discord filled the house
from rise of sun to set,
And birds that clamored to be gone
were held as in a net.
So nature chose from every group
of feather-folk one bird

To speak for all, and judge the suit
of the three Eagles heard.
The Goose spoke for the waterfowl,
the Dove for birds-of-seed,
The Cuckoo for worm-eating fowl,
and birds-of-prey gave heed
Unto the Falcon, first to speak:
"If she be cold or hot,
He loves her well who loves her long,
if she love him or not!"
Then for the gabbling waterfowl
the Goose hissed, "How unfair!
If lady scorns a lover's suit,
then let him woo elsewhere!"
At which a roar of laughter rose
from all the nobler birds,
But long and loud the Duck agreed
with Goose's scornful words:
"Whoever loves without return,
an imbecile must be!
Who dances merrily alone?
More fish are in the sea,
And many more birds in the air!"
But Falcon screamed, "Oh, Fool!
That in the realm of ideal love
have never learned the rules!
Like Owls who see the best in dark,
and worst in lights aglow,
The radiance of a pure ideal
you cannot see or know!"
The gentle Dove concurred, and cooed,
"No faithful love can die,
Though other loves be numerous
as stars are in the sky!"
The Cuckoo with impatience cried,
"Since all of you contend,
Let each live single all his life,
so that this quarrel end!"
The noisy Starling jeered at him,
"Then live without a mate!
Who cares if such as you expire
in lonely bachelor state?"
Spoke Nature, "Come now, make your peace,
for I have heard all views,
And still we linger, so I say
my bird herself shall choose
The mate she fancies for her own,
and they at once be wed -
I say the Eagle who spoke first
is fittest for her bed."
But sighed the bird on Nature's hand,
"I shall not choose today,
Nor serve Cupid or Venus till
a year has passed away!"
Wise Nature smiled, "So shall it be,
and now may all depart.
Bold Eagles three, a year is brief,
so keep a faithful heart!"
She gave all other birds a mate,
and off they flew in bliss,
Entwined each other in their wings,
and wound their necks to kiss.
The little birds too young to mate
were formed into a choir,
That ravished every ear with songs
of love and heart's desire,
Until there rose up such a noise
of joyous rondelay,
The sound awoke me from my dream,
and ushered in the day.

