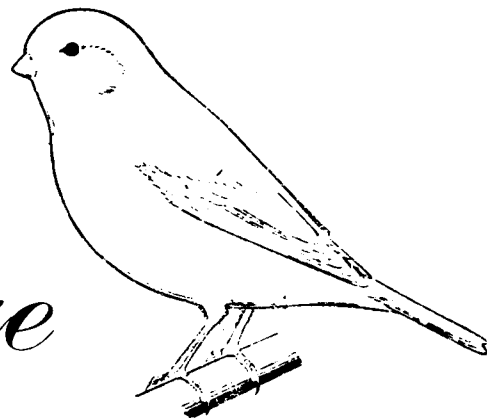


Canary Culture

by Tony Bucci



“Dominant White Canary”

Reading the latest issue of *Ucelli*, a bird publication from Italy, I came across a very important bit of information. I feel obligated to share this information with you. Let me translate and quote from *Ucelli*:

“Recently we came to a clear and precise conclusion. The conclusion was reached during a recent reunion of expert breeders from different parts of Europe . . . When one of the parents possesses double factor “Dominant White” — practical experience has shown that this is possible — none of the offsprings will be yellow. A white dominant canary with double factor, mated to a buff yellow, results in all dominant off-spring.

“I feel obligated to disqualify the statement that double white factor is lethal. For some time, the suspicion has existed that there is nothing lethal about the dominant white canary. Presently, we are in a position to confirm the fact with certainty.

“The fact that the opposite was accepted does not prove its soundness. With all probability, nobody has ever taken the pain to examine and prove it in reality.

“Mating dominant white to dominant white is the only way to obtain dominant white canaries of good quality.”

The above quote is by J. de Ridder for A.O.B. (Belgian Committee for Color Bred Canaries).

Back in the February/March 1977 issue of the *Watchbird*, I wrote an article on white canaries. At that time the lethal theory was accepted, and the article reflected that theory.

Mating dominant white to dominant white should give us 25% double white factor offspring (the old theory tells us they would die). These double white factor canaries should be easily recognized.

They shouldn't have any of the yellow or orange suffusion on their wing butts and tail-feathers like their brothers and sisters who are carriers of yellow.

The double factor is homozygote and the single factor white is heterozygote. Let me show you the difference with the Punett Square:

	W	y
W	WW	Wy
y	Wy	yy

Fig. A

	W	W
y	Wy	Wy
y	Wy	Wy

Fig. B

	W	W
W	WW	WW
W	WW	WW

Fig. C

	W	y
y	Wy	yy
y	Wy	yy

Fig. D

Figure “A” represents the mating of two white canaries. Both parents are heterozygotes (carriers of yellow), and are represented by two chromosomes on the outside of the large square. Within the large square there are four small squares, each represents one offspring. The small

square containing the “WW” is the double factor white. The two small squares each containing “Wy” represent two single factor white canaries. The fourth small square containing “yy” represents a yellow canary.

The conclusion can be made that the mating in figure “A” will give us 25% double factor white, 50% single factor white, and 25% yellow. Note that with the previous theory, double white is a lethal factor, and it would be impossible to ever have a living canary of this kind.

If we mate a double factor white to a yellow canary (figure “B”), the results are 100% single factor white canaries. A double factor mated to another double factor results in 100% double factor, (figure “C”). And a single factor white mated to a yellow will result in 50% white single factor and 50% yellow (figure “D”).

Next breeding season, those breeders who have white canaries ought to perform a few experiments. The experiment should involve white to white matings, and look for that all white canary (double factor). The subsequent year, mate it to a yellow or another all white (double factor white). The result should be 100% white canaries. The last ought to be repeated several times to remove any doubt.

Let all of us pursue in this direction and within two year, come up with a fact, and remove all the doubts for good. I am willing to collect the data from each of you, compile the information, and publish it in the *Watchbird*. Perhaps some of you have already done some experiments on the subject. Let me hear from you.

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English Budgies Don Langell
Foreign Birds & Amer. Budgies
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for information contact:
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Type canaries and exotic birds
Janice Pritchard and Bud Ricks

October 31, November 1, 2, 1980
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Best Western Village Inn
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Council Bluffs, IA 51501
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Canaries Mark Whiteaker



October 18, 1980
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Woodward Park Jr. High School
Judges:
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Type canaries David Guinn
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For catalog or information contact:
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Columbus, Ohio 43228
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held in conjunction with the
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Hertz Skycenter Inn
Jacksonville International Airport
Jacksonville, FL
Judge: Nancy Reed
For info. contact show sec.
Dee Dee Squyres
9812 Bois D'Arc Ct.
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October 17, 18, 1980
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9th Annual Open Breeders Show
to be held at the
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North Hwy. 441, Kissimmee, FL

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Canaries Ignacio Perea
Budgies L.H. "Larry" Baumhardt
Exotics Richard Vaughn
For information contact:
Lynda J. Bennett, Secretary
130 Sunset Dr., Longwood, FL 32750

November 14, 15, 16, 1980
5th Annual All Bird Show
presented by
Golden Gate Avian Society of Fremont
at the
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, Ca.

For information contact:
Clayton Jones
1887 Montford Ct.
San Jose, Ca. 95132
(408) 926-2457
Judges:
Exotics & Finches Dick Topper (Ca.)
Budgies Crawford Maddux
(current president ABS)
Red factor canaries Debbie Blackwell (Ca.)
Type canaries to be determined

November 8, 1980
The Greater New England Cage Bird Show
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Ramada Inn, East Windsor, CT

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All Type Canaries Matty Russomano
American Singers Madeline Mysliwiec
Color Bred Canaries Louie Belchoir
for information contact:
Show Secretary
Natalie Molaver
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October 24, 25, 1980
5th Annual Open Bird Show
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Suncoast Finch Society
at the

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Ken Smith
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October 25, 1980
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Maryland Cage Bird Society

Baltimore, Maryland
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November 13, 14, 15, 1980
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Budgies Tom Guthrey
Finches, Softbills and
Hookbills Al Mayer

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