

Blue Mutation of the Fischer's Lovebird

(*Agapornis fisheri*)

by Dale Thompson

The blue Fischer's lovebird that is pictured above is believed to be the true blue mutation of this species. This mutation was bred by Carl Grun of Norco, California. This mutation has been authenticated by several good lovebird aviculturists. Though observations have been made that a blue Fischer's could be obtained from an out-crossing with the blue-masked lovebird, the above is not the case. This is a mutation that occurred while in-breeding the pure Fischer's lovebird. It shows no signs of the Blue-masked x Fischers hybrid. This mutation is recessive and is now in the aviaries of two good aviculturists, Ralph Smith of Calimesa, California, and Rainer Erhart of Kalamazoo, Michigan. It will be exciting to hear of the developments and the new colors that will be obtained from this beautiful mutation. ●

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