



# FRANK'S FEEDER

by Frank Miser

## AIR SAC MITES

Canaries and Lady Gould's Finches are very susceptible to air sac mites. Other birds are sometimes affected also. If your bird is not lively or has difficulty breathing hold it next to your ear. If it sounds like it has asthma, it most likely has air sac mites.

There are a few home remedies you might use to treat your bird. First, you can use a Shell Pest Strip. Hang it in the bird room or in the aviary (placed inside an empty cage so the birds will not peck at it — it is deadly poison if eaten). If the air sac mite infestation is extremely bad you can put the bird in a cage and place a Pest Strip on top of the cage. Make sure the bird can't peck the strip and watch for signs that the fumes are too strong for the bird.

A second remedy involves using a good Pyrethrin based non-toxic aerosol spray. Place the infected bird in a cage, then cover the cage. Spray into the cage — not directly on the bird — so the cage is filled with the fogged pyrethrin. Let the bird breath this for three or four minutes. Use this treatment twice a day for ten days, then twice a week for three weeks. (Only a few seconds spray two or three times during the four minute session is sufficient.)

The third recommended treatment requires a puffer type dispenser. Use the same covered cage method but instead of aerosol spray use Malathion powder. Puff it into the covered cage and let the bird breath it for three or four minutes. Use this treatment just once every three weeks.

During any of these treatments give your bird a little extra care. Put a good antibiotic in the water, at night put the covered cage (with the front uncovered) on a heating pad set on medium and keep the floor covered with seed. Remember that any treatment involves a certain risk and be careful. Proper use of these remedies should restore your bird to good health.



### GREATER PITTSBURGH CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

Second Annual Show  
NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1976

Warren Holiday Inn

Judges:

Red Factors and Type: Sig Larson

Foreign Birds: Dr. Val Clear

Budgies: Tony Mancini

American Singers: John V. Bassett Jr.

For Show Information Contact: Bernard Madden

7013 Ohio River Blvd., Ben Avon, PA. 15202 — (412) 766-8617

### GOLD COAST EXOTIC BIRD CLUB

First Annual Open Show

OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 1976

Ramada Inn, State Rd 84 and Interstate 95

Judges:

Exotic Birds: I. Perea

Budgies: C. Schaefer

Canaries: L. Jarecke

For Show Information Contact: Katie Turning

2829 S.W. 4 Place, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33312 — (305) 587-1687

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIRD CLUB

Annual Open All Bird Show

NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14, 1976

Alondra Park Community Building

3850 West Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA.

For Show Information Contact: Dick Van Dijk

8071 Mermaid Circle, Huntington Beach, CA. 92646 — (714) 536-7160

### CALIFORNIA GAME BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Game Bird Show

DECEMBER 11 and 12, 1976

Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, Pomona — Building 8

Pheasants, Quail, Doves, Waterfowl

For Show Information Contact: Mike Verner — (213) 633-7058

### NU-COLOR BIRD ASSOCIATION

Annual Open Show

NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28, 1976

Masonic Temple, 211 First Street, Alhambra, CA.

Judges:

Red Factors: William Hawkins, D.V.M.

Type Canaries: Arther B. Ricks

Foreign Birds: Michael A. Cunningham

For Show Information Contact: Joseph Griffith — (213) 358-4527

### ILLINOIS GAME AND PET BREEDERS SOCIETY

21st Annual Bird Show

OCTOBER 23, 24, 1976

Winn County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica, Illinois

For Show Information Contact: Mrs. James Duffy

R.R. 1, 6319 — 66th Ave., Moline, Illinois 61265

### MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

First Open Show

DECEMBER 3, 4, 1976

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House

9120 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City, Maryland

Judges:

Type Birds: Matty Russomano

Color Breeds: Gino Abbato

American Singers — Madeline Mysliwiec

Budgies: Corinne Travers

Foreign Birds: Larry Sheldon

For Show Information Contact: Mrs. P. Margo Crawford

251 W. Fifth St., Frederick, MD. 21701

### FRESNO CANARY AND FINCH CLUB

Young Bird Show

NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1976

Butler Park Hall, 4675 E. Butler, Fresno, California

Judges:

Red Factor: Wilbur Tallman

Type Canaries: Randy Grisco

Exotic: Paul Schneider

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Show Chairman: Frank Crane/Show Secretary: Sue McNiff

For Show Information Contact: Betty Johnson

6338 W. McKinley, Fresno, CA. 93711