

# Avy Awards

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A new Avy Awards Committee was formed at the 1981 A.F.A. convention in San Diego, California, with Dale Thompson serving as chairman. The committee stayed within the basic guidelines but simplified some of the rules. The results of the committee's efforts are printed here for your information.

Please study these Avy Awards guidelines and be prepared to submit your candidates for the various awards to be presented in Washington, D.C. in 1982.

## CERTIFICATE AWARD — U.S. FIRST BREEDING AWARD

1. Nominations for the first time breeding must be within the last calendar year.
2. Nominations must be submitted by December 31st of the nominating year. The award will be given at the AFA convention the following year. This will give the awards committee approximately six months to confirm the first-time breeding.
3. Persons nominated must have bred the bird in the United States (50 states).
4. Person nominated must be a member of the AFA.
5. Each nomination must submit an article on the avicultural details of the first breeding which will be submitted to the *Watchbird*. (The editor of *Watchbird* will form an article if all relevant facts are submitted.)
6. Nominations may be submitted by breeders of the first breeding or any other person or club.
7. Nominations for first breedings must establish that the young of US first breedings are totally weaned and self-sufficient before submitting the

nominations. Birds which are not weaned before nomination deadline (due to late hatching dates in that calendar year), should be nominated the following year after self-sufficiency has been proven.

8. Confirmations of first-breeding nominations will be done through the awards committee.
9. Nominations for first breeding will be published in *Watchbird* to aid in their confirmation.
10. Scientific names will be used from Marony, Boch, & Farrand Jr.

## RULES

### HONOR AWARD — GOLD AVY AWARD

1. The Gold Awards are for those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Aviculture.
2. Gold Award is a once in a life-time award and may be given posthumously.
3. Nomination for Gold Award must be submitted by a club, not by a person.
4. Nominations must be for a person only (not research institutions, clubs, etc.)
5. Persons nominated must be a member of AFA.
6. Nominations must be as detailed as possible in information to aid award committee members.
7. Nominations must be submitted by December 31st to be awarded at the AFA convention the following year.

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1981 winner, John Vanderhoof (left), accepts his silver Avy award for 1st captive breeding of the New Guinea Bloodfinch. Dr. Richard E. Baer presents the award, Dale Thompson in center background.

## RULES

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS — SILVER AVY AWARD

#### (FOUR CATEGORIES)

1. Nominations for Silver Awards must be nominated by person or club other than person nominated.
2. Person nominated for a Silver Award must belong to AFA.
3. Achievements must have occurred in the USA. (50 states).
4. Confirmation of a Silver Award nomination will be done through the awards committee.
5. Nominations must include detailed written qualifications on the person nominated for a Silver Award.
6. Nominations for Silver Award must be submitted by December 31st of the nominating year. The award will be given at the AFA convention the following year. This will give the award committee time to confirm the Silver Award categories.
7. Forms for Avy Awards will be sent to all Delegates by October 1st of the nominating year.

#### SILVER CATEGORIES

- I. Most progress for the establishment of an individual species or group of related birds. (This is to recognize those who have made the effort to successfully breed a species or related group of birds on a consistent basis. Success must be achieved with more than one pair.)
- II. Breeding a significant or highly difficult species, reflecting the obvious use of good management techniques. This eliminates chance breedings. Needs to be well documented.
- III. Progress in establishing new mutations in the US (through second generation).
- IV. For domesticated birds for which there are show standards (canaries, budgies, zebra finches, pigeons, etc.). Breeders who have won in three or more shows under three or more different judges in the same year.

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### ZOO CATEGORY — AVY AWARDS

1. Most progress for the establishment of an individual species or group of related birds.
2. Breeding a significant or highly difficult species reflecting the obvious use of good management techniques. This eliminates chance breedings. Needs to be well documented.