

New Zealand's Dave Ingoe



Dave Ingoe's Aviary in Gisborne New Zealand



The birds are allowed access very early in the morning and locked inside at night as owls are a problem



Dave Ingoe with some of his birds



Note the wire hooks hanging on the perches they have dog biscuits, cuttlebones and mineral blocks threaded on them.



Father of the two below

Dave's breeding room has 48 breeding cabinets and he is cutting down to 36



Nestfeathers just taken out of the breeding cabinet never been in a show cage before.

Dave Ingoe has an aviary on his citrus and apple orchid situated on the outskirts of Gisborne North Island New Zealand. The aviary consists of three flights with access to outside suspended flights flying around two hundred birds.

Dave had budgies for about six years when he was much younger until he found the birds with skirts were more fun. He has been back into the fancy since 1988. Dave has been a judge for about twelve years and has judged in Australia five or six times as well as stewarding at shows in Britain.

We asked Dave what is his favourite variety, the answer is Normal Light Green.

Pairing: - Dave chooses the best of his hens visually, then checks their pedigrees. He then selects the cocks by the same method and as long as they complement each other visually and by pedigree they are paired together.

Feeding:- mixture of millets, red, white, jap and panicum in one dish and plain canary in another dish. Dave believes that if all are mixed together the birds waste seed by scratching for a particular seed. No soaked food is given but he gives soft food mix that is mainly dry.

It consists of whole or horse oats, rolled oats and lorikeet dry mix all mixed together.

Then in a food processor carrot, broccoli, meat chicken starter are just broken up, then is combined with the oat mix along with a pigeon vitamin oil. This is fed to all the birds in the aviary. Occasionally, as a treat Dave feeds sweetcorn on the cob or some silver beet.

As another treat Dave gives his birds millet sprays usually at night.

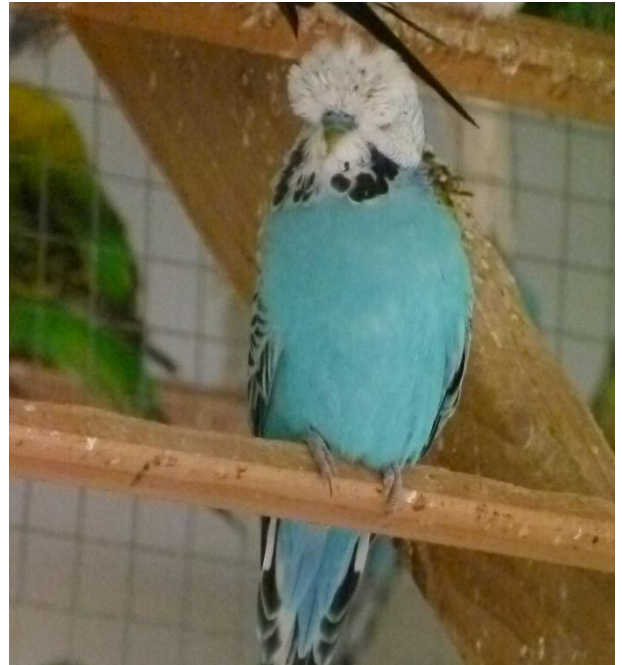


Dave's soft food mix



A look at the Ingoe birds





Dave has one extra outside flight complete with a Granny Smith apple tree



Lots of wild birds come here to feed above is a Waxeye we know them as silvereyes

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