

Things that you hear!!

As most of you know, we have displays at the Backyard Bonanza in May at Bracken Ridge and at the Ekka. Many people come along and speak to you to learn whilst others are so superior they tell you what they think you don't know. Below is an example.

1. A gentleman used to breed white budgerigars with red stripes on their backs.
2. At the Ekka a gentleman was telling me when he was younger he bred white birds with black stripes. Tongue in cheek I told him they must be the Zebra Pied Budgerigar and he assured me they were. For new fanciers, it couldn't be as there is no such variety in budgerigars.
3. We had a gentleman who told us all his budgies had pied faces (I did not ask for an explanation).
4. Keith had a conversation with another gentleman along the following lines
Gentleman " I know where these bush budgies come from"
Keith "Yes, where from?"
Gentleman "I am telling you I know where they come from"
Keith "Tell me where you think they come from"
Gentleman "They all come from Pakistan!"
This being too much for Keith after manning the Ekka for eight days straight said "You are wrong mate, as I bred them and they come from Morayfield".
5. Another gentleman was telling our crew that he bred a cockatiel with two English feathers (again we didn't bother asking for an explanation).
6. Feeding seed to birds is like giving chocolate to children – birds should be fed pellets and not seed. As we all know from Mike Cannon's lecture it should be a combination..
7. Another gentleman came up to me and told me he was breeding yellow birds with a green colour through them. Here am I thinking they are probably Black Eyed Yellows with suffusion or Double Factor Spangles. I was assured I was incorrect and they were Cinnamon Lutinos but not being as experienced as this guy who looked about 22 years old, I was told I would probably know them better as Pink Eyed Yellows!!.

All the above proves to me a couple of things and they are:

1. It seems the gentleman are the problem – is this right girls??
2. It doesn't matter how long you have been in the fancy, you still learn things even if they are incorrect..