



Swallow Shows at a Glance

Gloria Weisgram

Here is a list of upcoming swallow shows. If you desire more information or would like an entry form, please contact the show director.

October 20th, 2001-United Swallow Club National Young Bird show held in conjunction with The National Young Bird Show, Louisville, KY. Usually 40 to 60 swallows shown. Judge for this years show is Gloria Weisgram. Contact Bob Benson, Central District Director for more information. 1(507)645-7230

November 2-4, 2001 Canadian District Swallow Show held in conjunction with the Canadian Western National Pigeon Show in Edmonton, Alberta. 200+ swallows expected to be shown by 15 - 17 breeders. Judge for this show is Leon Stephens of El Monte, CA Contact Canadian District Director John Tauppert for more information. 1(403)526-2676

November 15-17,2001 Western District Swallow Show held in assoc. with The Pagent of Pigeons in San Bernadino, CA. usually 100 + swallow show. Judge to be announced. Contact Director Bill Griebel for more information. 1(626)448-8565

November 30th, Dec.1st,2001 Central District Swallow Show held in conjunction with The Iowa State Show in Des Moines, IA. Almost 100 swallows shown. Bird Auction usually held. Judge for the Show is Bill Griebel, Jr. of Pearland, Texas. Contact Central District Director Bob Benson for more information. 1(507)645-7230

January 10-13, 2002 Eastern District Swallow Show held in conjunction with the Reading Pigeon Expo in Reading, PA. usually 40+ birds shown. Judge to be announced. Contact Eastern District Director Merle Starr. 1(717)328-9751



Blue White Barred Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon (Fairy Swallow) Art by Gary Romig

January 17-19, 2002 United Swallow Club Annual Meet held with the NPA Grand National, in Tacoma, WA. Expecting 150+ birds. Judge is Hans Schipper of the Netherlands. Bird Auction to be held. Contact Nate Wayne 1(763) 545-7313

Presidents Message

Nate Wayne

This is a very exciting time of the year in our hobby because we can finally make some judgements about how well our breeding seasons have gone and start to plan regarding entries and upcoming shows. Personally, I am looking forwards to seeing youngsters from member's imports and also the entries from our Canadian members at Tacoma. I encourage everyone to attend and participate in as many shows as your circumstances allow.

It appears, at this time, our Annual Meet at Tacoma will be well attended by members from several districts. I suggest you make travel plans well in advance.

The Central District Get Together hosted by Elliot Yeske was a great success. The group saw several different lofts, interesting birds, and shared great food and company. Thanks Elliot!!!

As most of you are aware our club raises a majority of our money from the bird auctions at various shows. It allows breeders access to good birds at a reasonable price with the club being the beneficiary. The preliminary plan for this season is to have a larger auction at Tacoma but possibly still retain a smaller auction at Des Moines for the Central District Meet. If you have any questions please contact either Gloria or Elliot. At this time Leon Stephens, Gloria Weisgram, Mike Swanson, John Tauppert and Bob Benson have donated birds.

Gary Romig has agreed to assist the club in reorganizing our web site. Gloria Weisgram will be working with him on this project and we hope to start by getting the current year show information listed. Gary has done some wonderful artwork for the club over the years-mostly unnoticed. I have asked Gary to consider doing a commemorative poster for the Tacoma Nat'l. that would be available for purchase.

Shortly I will be sending to all members a copy of our latest standard. (without the clean leg) I am hoping this will be helpful when evaluating your birds and or preparing for the show season. Good luck on the beginning of the show season! Things to do: vaccinate, order bands, pull muffs.



Silver Barless Plainheaded Wing Pigeon (Silesian Swallow) Art by Gary Romig

Red White Bar Wing Pigeons Change after the first moult

By: Gary Romig

This is an overview of how dramatically Red White Bar Wing Pigeons (Saxon Fairy Swallows) change after their first moult. It is apparent that young Red White Barred birds cannot be judged as to the quality of their color or white bars until they have completed their first moult. This year I raised a fair number of young birds. And, among the young birds were several which showed very light feathers in their primary flight feathers. There were even a couple of birds which were so light that the entire wing shield had only traces of red color.

The majority of young red white barred birds show solid red colored wings



#1. this photo shows an example of a young red white bar approximately 8 months old which when younger did not have white bars but at this age and after the moult shows very nice white bars. The flights, however, could show more solid color.



#2. this photo shows an example of a young red white bar approximately 2 months old and has not moulted. It shows some light faded areas in the wing shield feathers with almost white flights



#3. this photo shows an example of a young red white bar approximately 7 months old which when younger looked like #2 when it was younger. It is achieving darker color in the wing shield and flights with well defined white bars in the feathers which have moulted. The new moulted primaries are not solid colored but are much darker than they were.

without white bars or a faded red color where white bars normally appear. As the secondaries and secondary coverts complete the moult white bars appear on the newly moulted feathers. Some of these solid colored birds complete their moult without ever getting white bars or show dark weak bars.

The light colored wing birds moult almost the opposite of the solid colored birds. Their secondaries are so light that white bars are not apparent. Rather, they have an almost completely white feather with just the tip of the feather showing some red color. As they complete their moult the feathers get solid color with white bars showing very clearly on the feather.

I have also raised several intermediate young red birds which show a slightly faded red feather with a more intense color only at the tip of the feather. These intermediate colored birds generally showed a faded bar area that was not nearly white but they complete their moult with more intense color on the wings and clear white bars.

I have found that the young red birds with the very light wings often do not achieve desirable deep red color on their wings after completing their moults but are very much darker than when they were young. However the intermediate colored birds often do achieve desirable color and white bars.

My speculation is that there is a genetic factor, possibly some type of grizzle, in these red white barred birds. I have heard other breeders speculate on this possibility but I don't think there has been any studies of the factor. It may be that this factor in the heterozygous state is expressed in the above mentioned intermediate colored birds and the homozygous expression are possibly the very light colored birds described above. Birds without the possible grizzle factor are the very solid colored birds with less than desirable white bars or



#4. this photo shows an example of a young red white bar approximately 4 months old which when younger showed a very white wing shield as is seen currently on the unmoulted primaries and secondaries. The wing shield now shows much darker color.



#5. this photo shows an example of a young red white bar approximately 8 months old which is an example of an intermediate colored bird discussed above. It has very nice rich color on the wing shield and good white bars but the newly moulted flights are not good solid color.

no white bars.

The question is, does this possible grizzle factor need to be expressed in the heterozygous state to achieve the properly marked and colored red white barred pigeon? It is obvious that the possible homozygous expression or light colored birds are not desirable. But, the heterozygous expression possibly is variable in appearance with some birds showing good red color and good red flight color with nice white bars and other birds showing a lack of good color. Are birds which lack this possible grizzle factor the best colored birds and can still have good white bars? Birds with very good color often show a darker or non clear white bar. Are they lacking the possible grizzle factor that would give them clear white bars? Perhaps a flock of good quality Red White Barred Swallows will have all three types of birds: those lacking the possible grizzle factor, and birds which are heterozygous and homozygous for this possible factor.

SEND YOUR DUES AND BAND ORDERS TO ELLIOT YESKE

Elliot, will be our new Secretary starting next year. So, band orders and dues should be sent to him starting now. Bands will be 25 cents each plus \$1.00 for shipping and packaging. Send your orders to:

Elliot Yeske
21649 State Hwy 108
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

News of the Summer Get together at Elliot Yeske's

By Elliot Yeske

The summer swallow club get together was a nice time for who those who attended, we had people from many parts of the country. Attending were Bill Lawson from Cal. Perry Mueller from MO. Merle and Tim Starr from PA. Bob and Betty Benson from MN. Nate Wayne from MN. Gloria Weisgram from MN.

Members attending had the opportunity to tour the lofts of Nate Wayne, Bob Benson, Gloria Weisgram, as well as my loft. Perry Mueller even got to see that way up north where we live we do indeed have electricity and also the internet. He said that when he tried to picture where we live he thought there might not be roads. A huge thanks goes out to Nate and Linda Wayne who facilitated the transportation of those who flew in for this get together, and provided those members with lodging and entertainment. This was a nice time before the show season to meet and talk about birds and the upcoming shows. Even the wives of a few made plans to attend the National this year. A conspiracy was attempted by a certain club member to sell out all of Elliot's birds but his influence on Elliot's wife was not as good as Elliot's, better luck next time. I also want to thank my wife for making sure that everyone felt welcome in our home and kept well fed.

Swallows at the Color Pigeon Club Young Bird Show Sept. 29, 2001

A good group of young Swallows were on display at the annual Color Pigeon Club Young Bird Show. The show, held at Jay Beal's home near Riverside, Southern California, was held in conjunction with young Capuchines and Pouters. Leon Stephens won Champion Swallow with a silver barless Silesian. Leon also showed a beautiful Blue White barred Fairy Swallow (Wing Pigeon).

Photos: top left, members of the Color Pigeon Club, bottom left, blue White Bar Saxon Fairy by Leon Stephens, Bottom right, Silver White Bar Silesian that won Champion Swallow by Leon Stephens.





Group of Swallows in Old Germany by Gary Romig