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rec. opal Indian Fan



Mosaic rec. opal and blue Indian Fan

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The above birds were given to me at the National Young Bird Show at Louisville, Ky in 2006. The e//e is one of a pair of identical birds that are said to produce fuzz-ball young. The Indian Fantails are a pair that have descended from the work of Roy Rodd who developed the recessive opal Fantails and then spread them around. The mosaic mate was just a bonus to the fun.

## MICK BASSETT WRITES: 26may'05

The lavenders [Mookee] are the hardest to breed, as you cannot put them with any of the other colors to improve them. They can produce Isabella but that is a mixed blessing since you get the unrecognized (in Europe) opals and you can't put Isabella in anything but lavender either. Not unless you want awful colors. Unlike the Lahore 'lavender, it darkens with age and in the second year the males and females are different colors. Whereas the Lahores barely show any differentiation of sexes.



Lavender Mookee



Lavender Lahores

*Wisdom from Grandpa -*

*Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot upon the kind of chick he marries.*

*Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.*

EDITOR:

Mick, I think these birds are much more interesting. Wonder what produces that pretty purple neck.

LARRY LONG WRITES: 30may'05

Just wanted to share these pictures with you of a pigeon that was purchased at a young bird auction for me. Paul Gibson tells me it is homozygous Undergrizzle and not Flash. He tells me the difference is the shaft color of the feathers. With Undergrizzle the shaft is white and with Flash the shaft is colored. Anyway, it's a very pretty pigeon and I'm waiting to see what it looks like after the molt. I'll tell you the same as I told Paul, use the pictures anyway you want to educate or confuse our fellow genetic nuts. LOL

The credit for breeding this beauty goes to No Fear Loft, Mike Shippert and Lew Digby, from Dixon and Polo, Illinois.

EDITOR:

Compare the above pics with the following to see a primary difference between Undergrizzle and Flash Grizzle. Neither of these is thought to be alleles of G. This bird is not just Undergrizzle. The combination is very pretty.

*More of Grandpa's wisdom –*

*Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt he forgets his sugar.*



Flash Grizzle



Flash Grizzle

GRIZZY EMAILS: 30june'05

Young racers produced from a Grizzle hen and a chocolate cock. Red grizzles?



EDITOR:

Very good pictures of Ash Red Grizzles.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD GOES TO CITIBANK.(sent by JDF)

*A lady died this past December, and Citibank billed her in January and February for their annual fees on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been \$0.00 and now it is somewhere around \$60.*

*A call was placed to Citibank informing them that she had died last December.*

*Citibank: "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply."*

*Caller: "Maybe you should turn it over to collections." Citibank: "Since it is 2 months late it already has been." "So what will they do when they find out she is dead?"*

*Citibank: "Either report her to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, or both!"*

*Caller: "Do you think God will be mad at her?" Citibank: "Excuse me?"*

*Caller: "Did you just get what I was telling you – What part of her being dead don't you understand?"*

*Citibank: "Sir, you will have to speak to my supervisor." Supervisor gets on the phone: "I'm calling to tell you she died in December." Citibank Supervisor: "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply." "You mean you want to collect from her estate?" Citibank Supervisor: "Are you her lawyer?" Caller: "No I am her great nephew." Citibank: "Could you fax us a certificate of death?"*

*"Sure." After fax is received – Citibank: "Our system is not set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help." Caller: "Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care." Citibank: "Well, her late fees and charges still apply." Caller: "Would you like her new address?" Citibank: "That might help." Caller: "Odessa Memorial Cemetery, Hwy 129, plot number 69."*

*Citibank: "Sir, that's a cemetery!" Caller: "What do you do with dead people on your planet?"*

#### EDITOR:

Reminds me of a local bank. My father had an account when he died. By the time all things were settled, the bank said the fees on the account had eaten up the account because it was not closed.

#### MARK RHYNER EMAILS: 30may'05

I thought 4 eggs was the weirdest I was going to get this year...well, actually I have a youngster from one pair that has a wing that won't fully extend. I can't figure out if it is the joint restricting full range of movement or an extra patch of skin.

Anyway, it isn't! I must have been asleep when I banded this one youngster. I was just feeding and watering and looked in the bottom right nest unit of one of my breeding units and thought the single youngster looked a little unusual. Only has primary flights and tail feathers! No body feathers or secondaries. Looks like he's been plucked except for those feathers. I cannot believe that I didn't notice that when I banded the youngster. He's at the stage where the pins are just starting to come out of the shaft.

#### BOB BAXTER WRITES:31may'05

I currently have 3 hens sitting on 3 eggs each, and one sitting on 4, still scratching my head, never seen this in my 40 years raising pigeons.

#### YE EDITOR WRITES:

The past two years I have had several hens lay and hatch both 3 egg and 4 egg nests. The ones that hatch 4 young usually only reared 3 of them. Four young just seems too much and one falls behind. I cafeteria feed so there is always plenty of food and water.

Concerning the young of Mark's that only had flights and tail. I have had this a number of times in some inbred Rollers. At first, I thought the parents were plucking the youngsters because of lack of some minerals or something. But this proved not to be the case. When the eggs were fostered to another pair they still feathered out this way. Also, in my E. Swifts, I noticed that some of the blacks feathered out with the primary flights first, making them look like Chimney Swifts. When fledged they looked normal. Is this where they got the name Swifts???

MICK BASSETT WRITES:

Sending 3 examples of Tumbler red and 2 of Racing Pigeon red (Sorry, could only find the Racing Pigeon Yellows. I've got those Reds somewhere.) I know you Genetic Guys will be saying "Rubbish" but it does easily describe to 'us' Breeders, the different 'types' of Red expressions and limitations in Shade and intensity (Sheen).

EDITOR:

Mick sent three pictures, of which two were e//e and the third a startail which could have been either e//e or deep red Ash red for the "Tumbler red". For the Racing Pigeon yellows he sent a picture of a gold breast pigeon and a dilute Ash yellow Ice.

Mick, we would not use the word rubbish just that you used a poor choice of pictures to show what you intended.

STEVE SOUZA EMAILED: 9june'05 excerpts

Ron Huntley and myself have a number of genes "on Dave Rinehart's web site for rare and endangered genes". In my case, I have likely the largest stock of barless recessive opal birds (Homers) in the country. Primarily because I am investigating the "red-phase" recessive opal genes.

Here are a couple pictures of the "red phase" Blue barless recessive opals

LARRY LONG EMAILS: 19june'05

Friday night I went up to shut my trap down for the weekend and saw I had caught one pigeon. Hardly worth the effort to carry down from the roof to my truck. But then I saw what it was! EXCITEMENT?

You are going to think I'm one of the best pigeon trappers around or one of the luckiest, maybe both. [I think both.] Wait until you see this beauty. I like it because it does not have a lot of white patterns on it. It is a good example of what I think we should be calling Flash.

*More of Grandpa's wisdom -*

*When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.*

*Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.*



EDITOR:

Good pictures. I believe this is what we are calling Flash. Thanks for the pictures. Notice the one dark feather on the shield? The bird after the molt lost all the bronziness and almost all the Flash whitening.

LARRY LONG EMAILS:

These are pictures of the eyes of the homozygous Undergrizzle. It has bulging eyes. Is this genetic or associated with Undergrizzle? Sorry the pictures aren't better.



EDITOR:

I am sure this is not associated with Undergrizzle. It is interesting that Dr. Wilmer Miller has some doves with this same abnormality and he says it is genetic in the doves.

*More Grandpa's wisdom -*

*How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?*

*On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past – but not the present.*

*The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, only when the interest is kept up.*

*Many girls like to marry a military man – he can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and he is already used to taking orders.*

NATHAN SIDEBOTTOM EMAILS

This bird is from a brown Bohemian Pouter male and a Blue Check Indian Fantail hen. I love the pale bars, what color would it be? It is just weaned and hasn't started to molt yet.



Young bird



mother



Father

DREW LOBENSTEIN RESPONDS

The Pouter appears to be a blue opal bar with white marking... the Indian Fantail is a blue check split bar with pied... not the same pied as the Bohemian or its the tail would be white too..

The self marking come from the Fantail and the white flight probably came from the Bohemian....The Pouter appears to have some heavy bronze to go with the opal and the white on the wings is hiding the bar pattern.

NATHAN EMAILS:

So does blue opal make for the dark brown on his head and neck and then the lighter scallop brown on the back?? Still not up to date on all of the color lingo and not really sure what to look for.

RON COSTA RESPONDS:

The 'tell-Tail' sign, borrowing on a pun, is the washed out effect on the tail of the Bohemian Pouter.

EDITOR:

Nathan, the color is Blue Dominant opal and the bars may molt whiter. As Drew says the Fantail is Blue Check hetero for bar and has a pied tail. The Bohemian Saddle Pouter is Blue Dom. opal which as Ron says shows in the wash tail bar. Also the pied wings show he has the dominant gene for white flights which show up on the young bird. The Pouter is also carrying a gene for magpie that produces the white wing area. Another pied is the head marking which is Baldhead along with the spot gene producing his total head marking. The bird is also most likely hetero for recessive red which shows through on the saddle and on the neck. This could also be just caused by the variability of Od.

EDITOR:

I took a few pictures at the National at Des Moines that I thought you might like.



This is Dom. opal.



This is recessive opal.

Can you note the differences? Look at the ends of the feathers, the flights, and the overall effect. The feathers on the D. opal are two colored, on rec. opal three colored. The flights are tinted like the shield of D. opal and on the rec. opal they are not.



What is this? Since it is Spread the flights and color tell. This bird is homo Indigo dilute.





Larry Long Dr. Wilmer Miller Michael Spadoni at Dr. Miller's very nice indoor loft.



Dr. Lester Paul Gibson Michael Spadoni at the Des Moines, Iowa 2006 National Pigeon Show. I am the 5'8" 'short' one.



A Mosaic Bokhara that produced - - - - ->a mosaic young but in dilute.

MICHAEL S. WRITES:

Here is a picture of another unusual bird at the Des Moines Show. It is a 2 year old Bokhara Trumpeter. A dilute Lavender hen. Note the striations on the tail. The second picture is the same but enhanced to highlight the striations. They are all over the primary flights but to a lesser degree.



EDITOR:

I also took some pictures of a couple very interesting Ringneck Dove mutants that Dr. Miller is working with - nasal tufted and peak crested.



Dr. & Mrs. Wilmer Miller.



Nasal Tufted



peak crested