



Autumnal scenes in Central Ohio

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More British Humor:

***Cows, calves: never bred. Also 1 gay bull for sale.
Joining nudist colony! Must sell washer and dryer L100.
Wedding dress for sale. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.
Free puppies: Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.
For sale by owner. Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45
volumnes. Excellent condition, L200 or best offer. No longer needed, got
married, wife knows everything.***

Continuing Pencil discussions:

OREN AND BARB DuCHEN: 30Oct'11

A while back I made a comment about hetero and homo pencil and someone said they didn't know there was such a thing. I have posted the two parents (0023 & 0025). The youngster that I called homo pencil is 0024. I have raised several that looked like the parents and two that looked like 0024. This youngster is only about 10 weeks old and has not started to molt yet.



**[Parents,] note this parent has beard mark] [young has white mark
on top of head. 0024]**

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EDITOR:

Very good examples of hetero and homo pencil. The trait was described by Mme Franqueville as a recessive. I was working on the trait at the same time and found it to be a partial dominant which you also show. She worked with the trait as found in solid color birds called Tete noir de Brive (black headed pigeon from Brive) which now is called dark headed. I was working with the trait as found in Hana Pouters.

Notice the homo youngster has a white area on top of the head. Terry had this same problem. It is not part of the pencil genome.

I talked with Willard (Doc Hollander) about the trait in depth. He agreed that my findings showed the hetero was evident but that I could not tell a hetero pencil from a hetero Undergrizzle. I agreed but argued that it still showed that both were partial dominants. The hetero seldom does not show and the homo is quite striking. Undergrizzle sometimes is not evident either but the homo is quite evident. In contrast, hetero Dom. opal is normally evident and the homo is seldom bred because of a lethal factor but when one lives it is quite striking.

Such is the mimicry of these three when hetero and they are all three partial dominants.

TERRY WRITES:

I played with introducing pencil into Rollers several years ago. The source of pencil was a Czech Bagdad. I remember at the time I read you claimed pencil was a partial dominant and I also read Mme Franqueville's claim as to it being a recessive.

Myself and another breeder using pencil from the same Bagdad worked on introducing it into two separate breeds. We both came to agreement that we could see no trace of pencil in the hetero and that it was a simple recessive.

Then, after working on the project several generations into Rollers, I raised a hetero pencil that very plainly showed pencil. I used Rollers that showed no trace of grizzle or bronzing for the project, individual breeding pens and then I raised this hen. She was blue check with pencil showing very plainly in the flights and wing shield.

I think maybe pencil needs more examination? Maybe there is something hidden that can trigger its expression at times when hetero? Strange that different breeders have different results.

GENE HOCKLAN WRITES:

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Have worked with penciled over the years and just have one question. Were there any white feathers showing on either of the parents? Even just one or two, and how about on the +/-pc youngster that showed pencil?

TERRY WRITES: EXCERPT

I don't remember any white feathers in the heteros, except for the pencil. The one hetero pencil that showed obvious signs of pencil was very bronzy in the wing mixed with white, similar to what is seen in the homo pencil.

EDITOR:

Gene writes "The het. pencil birds I saw and got from Bob Mangile showed no visible signs of pencil." Jerry Sternadel also got such birds from Mangile and reported the same thing.

TERRY WRITES: 17nov'11 excerpt

This is the pencil bird I picked up from Tally at the Pageant. It is supposed to be $\frac{3}{4}$ Czech Bagdad and $\frac{1}{4}$ Homer. It looks to be homo pencil. I've only seen one het for pencil bird that you could see any sign of pencil and it didn't show anything like this.

One thing I find unusual is that his eyes are clear orange, not cracked or bull like the other pencil birds I had in the past.

He has a few pied feathers including white around the vent. I wish I could have gotten a bit more info about the bird, but I guess I'll just have to mate him up and raise some young and see what I get.



EDITOR:

Not sure this is pencil. It looks more like homo Undergrizzle. The white flight is very typical of Undergrizzle and not pencil. It is possible

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that it is a combination of hetero Undergrizzle and hetero pencil. It is definitely not homo pencil.

EDITOR:

This beauty is from the Indian Fantail Forum. It is listed as a dilute ash tailmark but I would bet it is a recess. yellow flash tailmark.



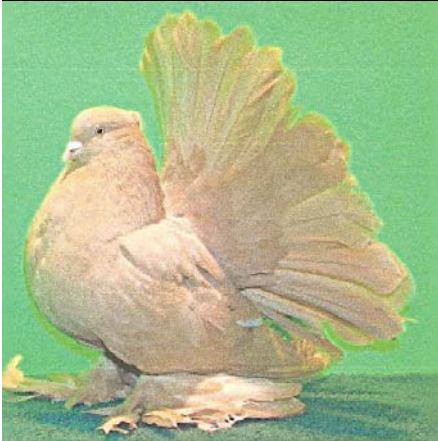
Yellow tailmark



pair of baby doll Indian Fans was also on the Indian Fantail site.

The baby doll trait is usually only found in the Fantails and the Indian Fantails and is evidently produced by the action of Dom. opal on the genome. Almost all are this whitish color. Lynn Kral has done the most work with these and has succeeded in mating two together and producing young.

EDITOR: Just a couple very pretty Indian Fantails.



An excellent dilute rec. red



An excellent pale rec. red

ARPAD CSEPL WRITES: 11nov'11

What do you think an fs//fs phenotype looks like without any further mutation? What might be the effect on the wing pattern area?

RON HUNTLEY:

Arpad I can't show you one that is of the plain bar pattern; but, here is one with only spread added. There is no fs stencil effect on the wing shield pattern; only the wing and tail feathers show the fs stencil effect.

ARPAD:

It is interesting piece, but does not seem as perfect/complete phenotype. Can be only a poor one. Guessing fs//fs on a Spread bird is like searching for Indigo on an Andalusian.

JAMES GRATZ:

Is this what you are looking for? Spread black t-pattern. Ron's Homer is spread black t-pattern as well.

EDITOR:

I do not understand your comments, Arpad. These pictures are a very good example of fs//fs on a spread bird. Two of them were used in my 2005 book on Pigeon Genetics. They show that the fs//fs effect prints out in the flights (primary, secondary, and tertiary) and in the tail (including the upper and lower coverts). Also fs//fs prints out on the thighs if sooty is present. Here are pictures sent by Ron and/or James:



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ARPAD WRITES:

Is it true that that John(?) Costa bred rec. red Satinettes within 3 years in the 70s? Have you seen rec. red Sats? Do you know an American Frill breeder, genetic expert called Frank Pilitowski, Jr?

JAMES GRATZ:

I have bred several recessive red Sats. All molted to pure white with the first molt. Said to be impossible to keep the lacing after the molt.



ARPAD:

This is what I was afraid of. Where did you take the gene from? Did you save some pictures of them? Enclosed is a [picture below] of a spontaneous pied phenotype. Said that it hatched from pure Blondinette stock. Is it still rec. red (yellow)?

Teacher: *“Why are you late?”* **Student:** *“Class started before I got here.”*



RON HUNTLEY:

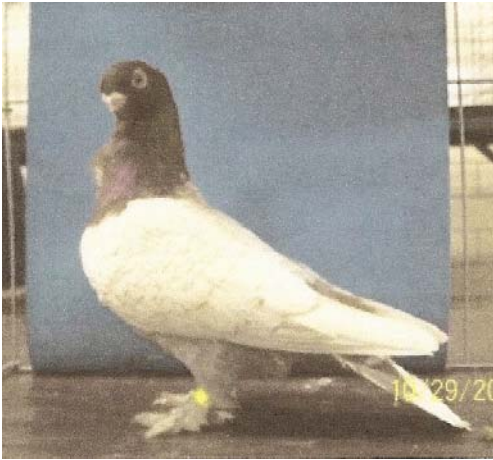
James, is it possible that your friend's non spread bird (on a blue background, showing the red lace effect) is actually a blue homo Indigo plus the other Sat. stuff which would make it mimic red without it being one?

JAMES GRATZ:

Attached is a spread that is molting terribly to white...love the type of her though. Will try to make my red family around her. Also (blue background) [pic on next page] is a non spread red lace bred by a friend – open wing also. His won't molt to white.



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JERRY SINDELAR WRITES:14nov'11

**“New” breed on the scene. Iranian Tumbler – Hamedan.
Here are some pictures of Hamedan, breed standard included. [Too
long to include here]. www.pigeoniran.blogfa.com**





Silver bar



Spread



Almond check dilute



Almond dilute bar



Almond T-pat



Almond dilute bar

***Teacher: "John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?
John: "You told me to do it without using tables!"***

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Almond blue bar



Recessive yellow?

[All are shield marked and crested with very long muffs; some have facial markings, some are one-siders]

Teacher: "Glenn, how do you spell crocodile?"

Glenn: "K R O K O D I A L".

Teacher: "No, that is wrong."

Glenn: "It may be wrong but you asked me how I spelled it."

Pure male:

A married couple had been out shopping at the mall for most of the afternoon, suddenly the wife realized that her husband had "disappeared". The irate spouse called her mate's cell phone and demanded: "Where the h... are you?"

Husband: "Darling, you remember that jewelry shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money at that time and said Baby, it'll be yours one day?"

Wife, with a smile, blushing: "Yes, I remember, my love."

Husband: "Well, I'm in the Pub next to that store."

WHY DO I CARRY A GUN? BECAUSE A COP IS TOO BIG AND VICTIMS WHO SHOOT BACK LIVE A LOT LONGER.

Yesterday (Oct. 23 & today) it snowed here in central Ohio. The first time any of us can remember that it ever snowed before we had a frost.