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July 17th Rescue Tour

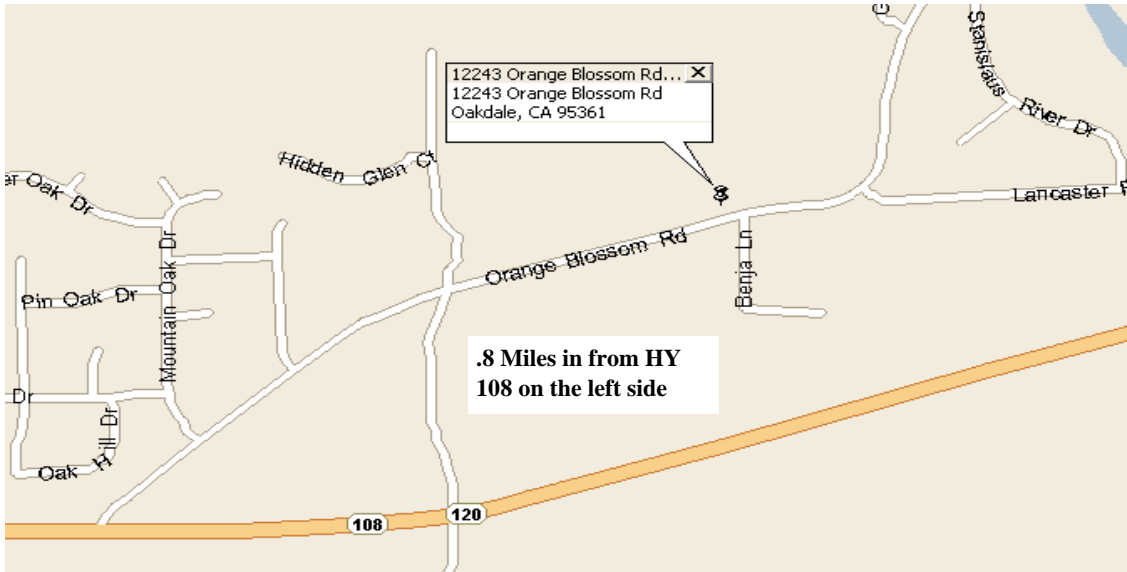
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GET READY for the first annual August FunRaiser Bazaar. Instead of the usual auction, we're having a bazaar! Bring your donations and we'll have tables set up. Each member will price their own donation. Baked goods are always welcome, plants, birds of course, and other items that you like.

The August fundraiser is part of our year-long project to put on a fabulous Bird Show.. Be creative!

*Jennifer Hayes
Vice President*

The meeting for July 17th is a tour of a wildlife rescue. The address for the rescue is 12243 Orange Blossom Road, Oakdale. Call me if you need help with the directions to get there. Arrival time is scheduled for 1pm. The location is east of Oakdale between highway 120 and the bridge and lies on the left side of the street. Rita Clark, the rescue owner said that the educational school is called "California Critter Education" while her rescue is unnamed but is a satellite of Fresno Wildlife and due to her small size she does not have a web site. This tour should give us a new perspective to avian care.



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There's a more detailed map on page 3. We will have our yellow **Bird Club Meeting** sign at the driveway. See you there!

So what are you thinking of bringing to the August Funraiser Bazaar? Will you bring cookies or a pie? Or a pair of finches, or a canary, or a plant, or how about a casserole? I'll bet someone would pay good money for something like that. I'm bringing a pair of finches and a good many plants including finished pots and cuttings and starts. So watcha think? At the very least, bring money and maybe a carry cage. This should be the best ever! Remember, you price your own donation!

Terese Davis

Darrell Brewer's Aviary Tour - June

On June 12th we had the opportunity for a tour of Darrell's aviary and breeding set up. It was a fun day and many good ideas were shared. We also give thanks to Terry and her mother who supplied the veggie tray along with dips, chips and salsa. The tour had a nice turnout of about 14 members all eager to see some of Darrell's birds and learn some of his breeding secrets to success.

The birds are set up inside Darrell's business with his loving dog, Pedro, who is charged with the challenge of tending Darrell's flock along with three kitty sidekicks. No stranger is left unchecked! This is a big job for Pedro as I believe I heard the bird count to be around 200 with babies galore. Darrell said once every 15 years he will have a record breeding season like this one has been for him.

The wall is lined with cages filled with pairs of canaries most of which have eggs or babies at various stages of growth. Each cage is built as a larger cage equipped with a divider which can split the cage into two separate cages. The divider can be removed when he wants the birds paired together for breeding; or when the divider is in place each bird has its own little duplex. These little birds are spoiled. In addition to the private duplexes, Darrell has a lighting system which is on a timer to more closely mimic the sunrise and sunset which the birds would be exposed to naturally. He said it is healthier on the birds' hormone system. Cages were also supplied with Darrell's personal egg mixture, plenty of food and water.

When asked about nests and nesting material, Darrell showed how he lines the common bowl-type nest with a trimmed down coffee filter and tapes it down. The filter insert makes cleaning the nests and overall maintenance easier when the nests are no longer needed. Darrell said sometimes he will use purchased nesting material or paper strips but that he also uses burlap (potato sack). He then pulled out a piece of burlap and said he cuts small squares of it and places it into the greens feeder cup on the outside of the cage. From there, the birds reach out and pull the strings of the burlap and line their nest.

Darrell is extremely resourceful. He has made an additional large flight housing structure that he houses his juvenile Lizard canaries. This flight was pretty ingenious due to the fact he told us all of the materials were "found" materials. The flight consists of a large outdoor wire-meshed flight area with one wall being wooden. In this wall there are three large PVC tubes in the wood producing a "crawl space" to the other side of the wall. At night the birds travel through the tubes into the attached enclosed wooden flight and sleep area. This enclosed area is filled with multiple perches at different height levels, each with a thin separator at a spacing of approximately 3" to give the birds their own space which keeps the territorial scuffles to minimum. Every night each bird flies in and takes to the same perch. The building has a two door combination on it. The inner door is a screen door for nice weather and the exterior is a remodeled shower door that encloses the building in case of cooler weather. The building itself, Darrell said, was made with pallets that he found.

Darrell also grows his own "weeds"! He has dandelion and chickweed growing in plastic containers that he supplies to the birds. The birds love it. He broke off a sprig and put it on the roof of the flight and the birds started working away at the greens as soon as he put it down. I asked him where he gets his dandelion seeds, he said "whenever he sees a dandelion "puff" in a yard he snags it into any type of container he can find: napkin, baggie". I know firsthand that birds love their dandelion. When my bird, Apollo, sees me get some out of the refrigerator; he starts in with "Come 'ere"!

Thank you, Darrell for allowing us to come in and see your aviaries, birds, and spending time sharing your knowledge with the club. We enjoyed the tour.

Jennifer Hayes

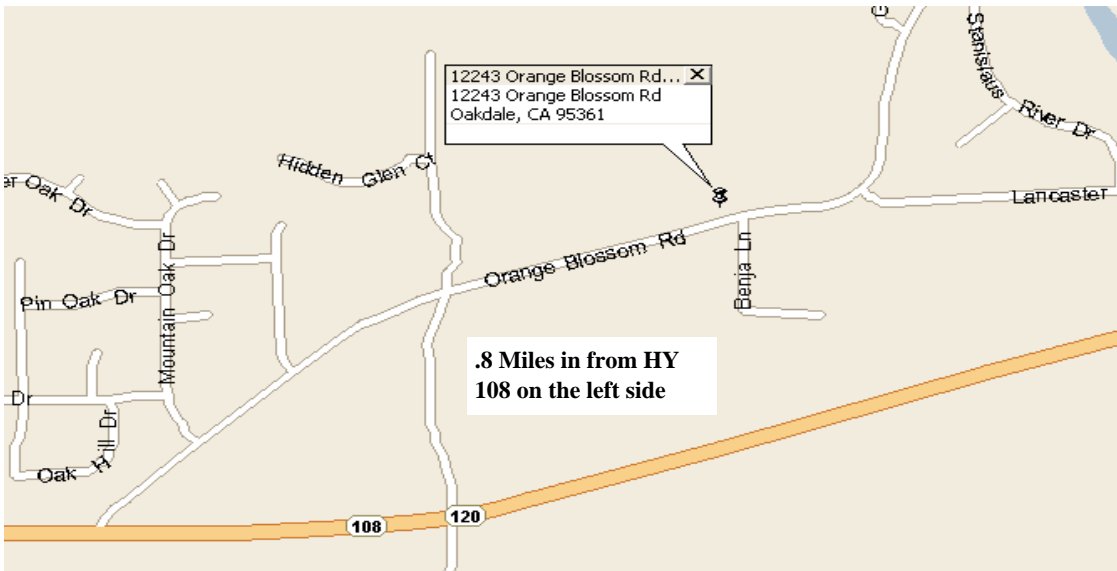
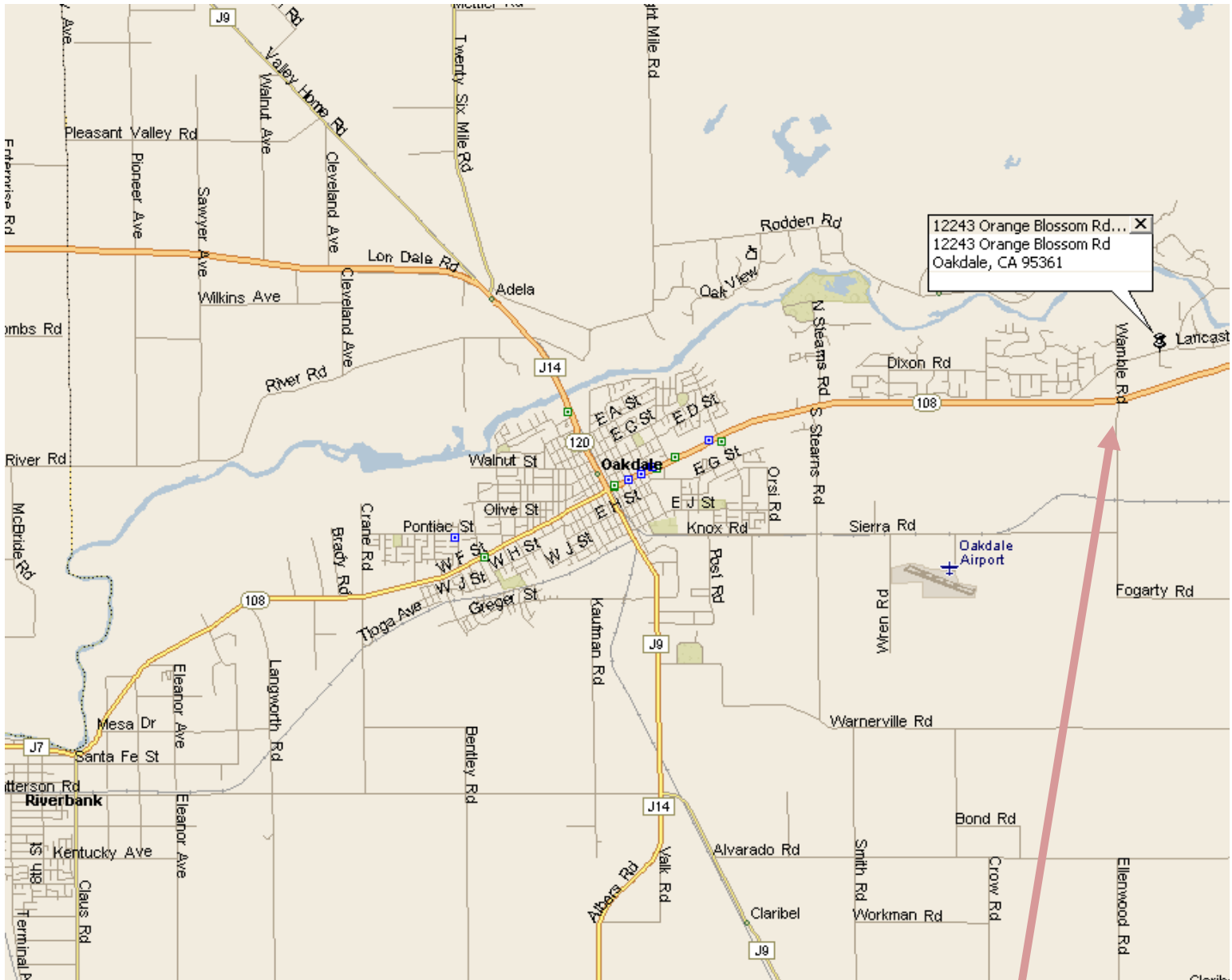
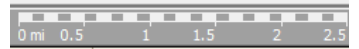


Janna Place

Treasurer's Report

JUNE, 2011

Full Report Will be delivered at the **JUL 17th, 2011** Tour,
for **JUNE** *Janna*



Closeup

July Rescue Tour



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Owner is going into a rest home.

Rich Golda is handling the sale and placement of the family birds. These are large birds, including a cockatoo, several macaws, a cockatiel, and an Amazon. These are nice family birds that have not had much attention for several months.

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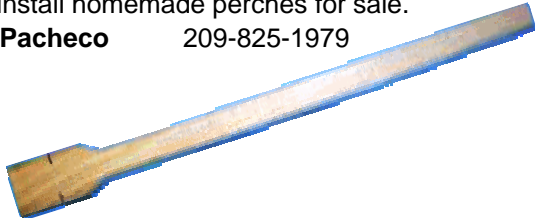
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The tape is of my brother when he was in Viet Nam. I think I was 5-6 when he was there. I remember the family would gather around the tape player and listen to his voice telling us stories of how he and his guys were doing and how the fighting was going and hearing the mortars exploding in the background. I just hate to lose that lasting memory of him from then.

Please contact me if you have or know of one.

Jennifer Hayes (209) 480-9269



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2011 Event Calendar—Bird Mart and Bird Show Events

<p>JULY 29</p>	<p>6th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 1st. Day Speaker and bird sales after 5:00 PM www.efinch.com/show</p>	<p>Meet the top breeders on the west coast <u>La Quinta Downtown Sacramento</u></p> 
<p>JULY 30</p>	<p>5th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show, and Raffle judge: Bob Peers</p>	
<p>AUG 14</p>	<p>Northern California Exotic Bird & Supply Exposition Birds, Reptiles and Supplies for sale at Great prices Admission: \$7.00, (10 and under, Free) Limited Free Parking Web: www.ncabird.com Contact: Laurene or Jim 510 785-6647</p>	<p>Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton, CA. Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM</p> 
<p>OCT 9</p>	<p>RECBC Redwood Empire Caged Bird Club Bird Expo Admission: \$7.00 (12 and under free)</p> 	<p>Sonoma Fairgrounds Kraft Hall 1350 Bennett Valley Road. Santa Rosa, Ca. Sunday 9AM to 4PM Contact: Bonnie at: (707) 546-1776</p>
<p>OCT 16</p>	<p>CCBS Bird Mart & Pet Expo & Mart www.capitolbird.org Capitol City Bird Society P.O. Box 41221, Sacramento, CA. 95841-0221</p> 	<p>Scottish Rite Masonic Center 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819 info/Contact: Mario Talamantes or Patricia Rodriguez (916) 550-2721 or Chris Hartje (916) 765-6366 Sunday, 9am—3pm</p>
<p>OCT 28 Setup OCT 29 Show</p>	<p>Central California Cage Bird Club Canary/Finch 58th Bird show and 5th Bird Mart Adults: \$2; kids 15 and under: Free. Free Parking—Food WEB: www.mycccbc.org</p> 	<p>SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave., Modesto Saturday, 9am—4pm Contact: Terese Davis: (209) 247-3206 Bird Mart info. Contact: Darrell Brewer: (510) 527-1788 for Show info. Contact: Darrell Horst: (530) 661-7460 American Singer Show Darrell's contact info is: d.horst@wavecable.com Ron Moy will be the judge at the American Singer Show.</p>
<p>Nov 4 Entries Nov 5 Show Sales NOV 6 sales</p>	<p>Columbia Canary Club 42nd Annual Canary and Finch Show & Sale Judges: Rado Pagac - Colorbred Canaries Ralph Tepedino - Type Canaries Laura Bewley - Finches & Softbills Adults: \$2; children 12 and under: Free. Raffle, Silent Auction and Door Prizes</p> 	<p>Gresham National Guard Amory 500 NE Division Street Gresham, Oregon 97030 Contact: Sandra Foote - Gregory (503) 792-3582 Canaries sfoote@xpressdata.net KJ and Linda Brown (503) 266-7606 Finches & Softbills jeeperspeepers55@aol.com</p>
<p>Nov 4 thru NOV 6</p>	<p>ACFA American Canary Fanciers Association 32nd. Annual judged show Judge: Reg Nixon All Types Judge: Mac Saedi Old Variety Judge: Louis Talavera Colorbred</p> 	<p>Boys and Girls Club 100 W. 5th. St. San Pedro, Ca. 90731 Start time 9:00am to _____ Contact _____.</p>
<p>NOV 12 & 13</p>	<p>Larry Waugh Memorial Quad Pacific American Singers http://www.pacificamericansingers.org Annual song contest for American Singer Canaries Free Parking, Free Public Viewing canaries for sale Contact: pacificamericansingers@yahoo.com</p> 	<p>Laurel Inn 801 W. Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA. Saturday and Sunday 9am to 2pm Information Contact: Ginger Wolnik 408 739-3995</p>
<p>DEC 3</p>	<p>Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club 50th Annual Cage Bird Show http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org Free Parking, \$3 /cage entry fee Birds for sale Public admission \$5/adult; children free</p> 	<p>Clarion San Jose Airport 1355 N. 4th St., San Jose, CA</p>



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JAN-16	Meeting	Mancini Hall 718 Tuolumne Blvd. Modesto Ca. 95351 1:PM
FEB-20	Meeting BS&T	
MAR-20	Meeting	
APR-17	Meeting	
MAY-15	Meeting	
JUN-12	Darrell Brewer Aviary Tour	Albany, CA 94706 Car Pool
JUL-17	Tour of Rita Clark's Rescue Organization	12243 Orange Blossom Road Oakdale, CA
AUG-21	Annual August. FUN Raiser Bake sale, plants, crafts, auction items including birds.	Mancini Hall
SEP-18	Meeting	Mancini Hall
OCT-29	58th Bird Show & 5th Bird Mart	SOS CLUB 819 Sunset Blvd. Modesto Ca. 95351 9am-4pm
NOV-20	Meeting, Election	Mancini Hall
DEC-18	Meeting/Party	Mancini Hall
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Remember no meeting this month. We are going to Rita Clark's Wild Rescue compound. We will meet there. The maps are on page 1 and page 4 and our yellow sign will be out front. See you there!

Catch The Finch^{by Myra}

be quick, be accurate, be gentle

So how do you catch a finch? No, I'm not talking about stalking that sparrow sitting on your bird feeder in the back yard. I'm talking about catching and handling your pet finch whether it be from a cage, aviary or accidentally got lose in the house. If you've spent any time chasing a finch around in the hopes of snatching it from the air you've noticed that they are not easy to catch. If the finch was aviary bred and has a nice roomy cage you may find that you tire long before the finch's endurance runs out.

When you do catch your finch please hold it gently by firmly. If the finch is being held too tight it will probably squeal and gasp in pain. That's never a good sign. If you hold the finch too loosely it will wiggle free and you'll be right back where you started. Learning to hold a finch isn't something easily described, it's just something you need to do a few times to get the feel for it.

Well now it's time to learn a few tricks from those of us who have been catching, moving, and dealing with finches for many years.

Method #1: Endurance Test. Yes you can simply chase the finch around the cage, flight or room in hopes that it'll tire and slow down enough that you can just grab it. This does work pretty well in smaller cages where the finch has less room to maneuver around your hand. Plus if you manage to corner the finch it'll be fairly easy to pick up. This method can be rather stressful for the finch and human alike.

Method #2: Netting the Finch. You've probably seen bird nets of various sizes available from different websites. Even I offer a small net for catching from large cages and aviaries. When you do you a net inside a smaller space like a large cage or aviary it's best to remove all perches, swings and toys to give up an unobstructed swipe with the net. This will improve your chances of catching the finch quickly and cause less stress for the finch.

If you need to net a finch that is flying around your home you'll need a larger sized net and if possible chase the finch in to a smaller room and close the door to lessen the chance of injury to the finch. You'll probably end up running around the room like a crazy person as the finch dips and weaves around you and the room so you may want to close the shutters so the neighbors don't think you've lost your mind. Plus with the shutters (or curtains) closed the finch is less likely to get hurt smacking in to the window. Remember that to a finch a closed window is a way out. They won't see the glass. The same holds true for mirrors. Finches can kill themselves if they hit a mirror or window too hard.

Please note that when you use a net always swing slowly and gently. If the finch is in flight and flies in to the net as you are moving to catch the finch the sudden stop at the end of the net can cause injury. No abrupt movements and if you do have time to react, back the net off a bit as the finch enters to slow the bird down as gently as possible.

Method #3: Hunt at Night. That's right, become a real night stalker. Finches need more light than humans do to see after dark. For this method you will need a friend to assist you. Someone must always keep a hand on the light switch in case the finch begins to panic.

If you are catching from a cage or small aviary you can use either your hand or a small net. Put your hand/net inside the cage with the finch and hold completely still until it has settled down. Keep your eye on the target and tell your assistant to flip out the light. This will make the room instantly dark and that is when you strike. Whether you catch or miss your friend must turn the light back on as soon as fluttering is heard.

If the light isn't bright back up quickly the finch could go in to a full night fright and thrash itself to death against the cage bars.

If the bird is loose in a room don't kill the lights entirely just dim them and strike with a large net to decrease the chance of injury to the finch and yourself.

Method #4: Soft and light weight Towel. When no net is handy try a towel. You don't even need a great deal of accuracy with this method. Just get the towel on top the finch and you'll have it caught. Towels work best in large open space like in rooms or your home. They are less effective in cages and small aviaries.

Method #5: Setting a Trap. This is not always effective and almost never very fast but it can work if you are patient. This method is also only used on those finches that have gotten out of the cage and are now terrorizing your household. Eventually the finch will get hungry and thirsty. You can start by leaving cups of food and water outside the small cage/trap, then leave the room and let the finch explore on its own terms. As the finch learns their location move the cups inside the cage/trap. Again leave. Finally sneak back in while the finch is inside the cage eating and quickly close the cage/trap door.

Like I said, this isn't terribly effective and is very time consuming but I wanted you to have all the options.

One thing you should never attempt to do is to grab the finch by the tail. If you do this, the tail feathers will drop or be yanked out. This is painful for the finch and while it will curb the more elaborate maneuverability of the finch in flight it will not ground the finch. Plus if a bald finch is put in with other finches the finch will likely be attacked by the fully feathered finches.

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