

Rudi Bleyen (43) lives with his family in Lommel Belgium and is worldwide one of the best lovebird breeders that I know.

His results on the show bench confirm that but more on this later.

He began with birds at an age of 12 with a mixed aviary populated with European finches and zebra finches. At a later stage he built with his father 13 new aviaries populated with Cockatiels, Rosella's, Phyrhura's, Bourkes parakeet and Turquoise's.

At the age of 15 he started showing this birds. One year later he started with his first standard wildtype Rosecollis and a few lutino's.

This was for him the moment to make a choice and he sold all his other parakeets.

In 1998 he participate for the first time the C.O.M. World Championship Zutphen (NL) resulting one time gold with a wildtype bird and one time bronze also with wildtype birds. What a success for a first participation.

In the following years he has used this great bloodline in other mutations. The results on the shows became better and better.

Today he have two different bloodlines, one for the wildtype and the dominant mutations and one for the blue and violet birds. His opinion is that you cannot breed good blues and violets by using the wildtype birds.

In his aviary he use 50 breeding pairs each year. The breeding season start in January and ends in July.

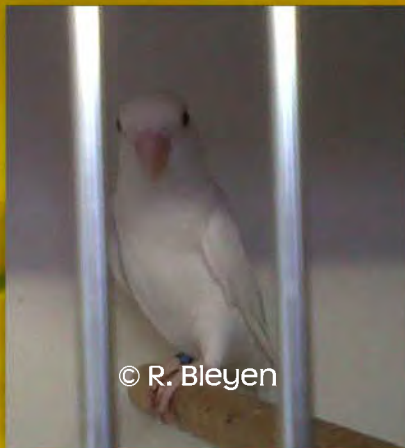
visiting Rudi Bleyen Multiple Worldchampion

By Didier Mervilde





“Albino” Roseicollis



After the breeding season all the birds go to his fathers place in outside flights. They stay there till the next breeding season In Januari. His breeding room is in the basement of his house.

Feeding

My birds gets in the rest period only seeds. Important here is the amount of seeds, just enough for every bird. There is no new seed given before the old seed is eaten. This seed mixture is supplemented with fresh fruit and vegetables. Eggfood is given only at the time that they have youngsters. During the breeding period he gives 1/3 oats as a supplement.

Type of birds

During the Construction of his bloodline, he has always tried to breed birds as Intensively as possible without taking in account the size of the birds. The type of feathering is important, not too long nor too short. This keeps the bird longer in condition.

The bigger the bird the harder they breed, it remains a form of selection.

Other birds : Not only Roseicollis are in the aviary but also a small amount of Ficheri , Lillanae, Taranta and Cana. In outside flights he have Cacatua, Electus and wildtype Cockatiels





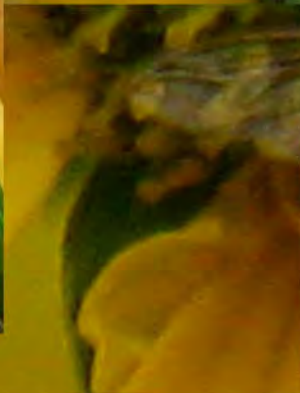
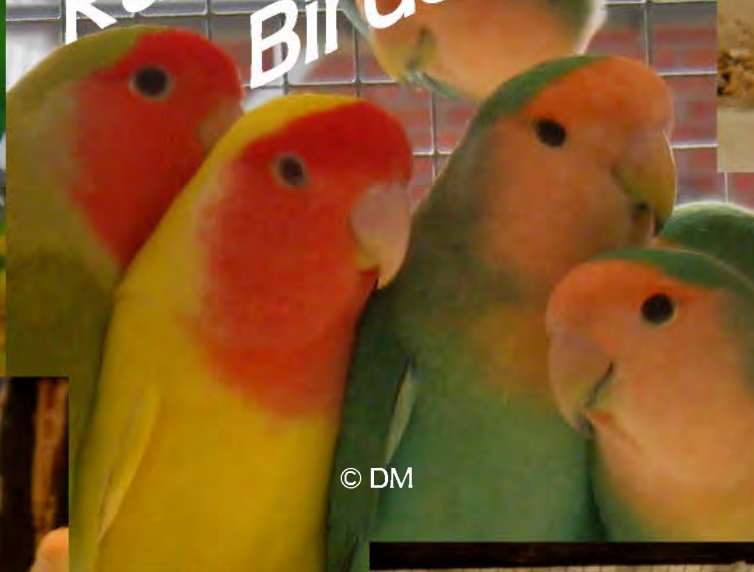
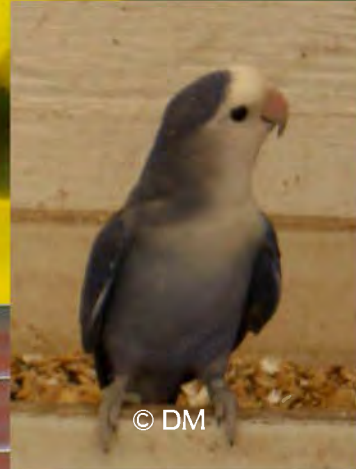
MONDIAL RESULTS



| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1998 Netherlands Zuphen | 1x Gold | | 1x Bronze |
| 2000 Spain Alicante | 1 x Gold | 1x Silver | |
| 2001 Portugal | 3x Gold | 3x Silver | |
| 2002 Belgium Ypres | 5x Gold | | |
| 2003 France Amiens | 6x Gold | 2x Silver | 2xBronze |
| 2004 Switzerland Lausanne | 8x Gold | 2x Silver | 2x Bronze |
| 2005 Germany | 10x Gold | 3x Silver | 1x Bronze |
| 2006 Mondial cancelled | | | |
| 2008 Belgium Hasselt | 7x Gold | 8x Silver | 5x Bronze |
| 2009 Italy | 14x Gold | 2x Silver | 1x Bronze |
| 2010 Portugal Porto | 10x Gold | 3x Silver | 1x Bronze |
| 2011 France | 13x Gold | 3x Silver | 1x Bronze |
| 2012 Spain Almeria | 11x Gold | 5x Silver | 1x Bronze |

IN GENERAL: 89x Gold 32x Silver 15x Bronze

Rudi Bleyen's Birds



Rudi Bleyen's Aviary

