

THE SPECIALIST & RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW AND THE NATIONAL COLOUR BUDGERIGAR SHOW 2026



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Total entry
502

430
benched from
37 exhibitors



Please make a note in your diary for next year's show to be held on 26th & 27th June 2027 at Bugbrooke (week 25). Judges booked are Rick Carson, Phil Reaney and Maarten Heylen and Mathieu Bily from Belgium.

The Specialist & Rare Variety Open Show 2026 had a total entry of 502 from 37 exhibitors of which a total of 430 birds were benched.

The popularity of the Colour Budgerigar section is a very important part of any show and this year there was a total entry of 163 from 12 exhibitors.

As always, the show had its usual international flavour with fanciers from Portugal and Germany attending. Our invited judges were Beverley Hutt, Laura O'Reilly, John Cosby and Andy Thorpe and they were supported by three subsidiary judges Ehtasham Anwar, Graham Paine and Robert McLaughlin from Northern Ireland.

As always, the show committee extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to sponsors: Arnold Stevens, Ian Brickwood, Sue & Rod Clarke, Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser, John Cosby, Carl Parker, Terheege Partnership and Cy Thorne, for their financial and raffle sponsorship. The show also received sponsorship from Gold Chip Bedding and Countrywide Seed. We are also grateful to the fanciers who donated birds for the raffle namely Ginge1 & Blond1 Partnership, Carl Parker, Terheege Partnership, Callahan Terheege, Bill & Maggie Walker and Cy Thorne.

Our Guest of Honour to present the 48 trophies was Maurice Roberts, President of the Lutino & Albino Budgerigar Society.

Specialist & Rare Variety Open Show 2026 - Best Of Colour Awards

Colour	Any Age	Young Bird
Lutino	C Thorne**	T Sadler
Albino	Terheege Partnership**	Terheege Partnership
Yellow-wing	S Magdzinski**	S Magdzinski
Whitewing	S Magdzinski**	S Magdzinski
Crest	Terheege Partnership	M Widdowson**
Spangle Green	Ginge1 & Blond1 partnership**	R McCabe
Spangle Blue	Ginge1 & Blond1 partnership**	Terheege Partnership
D.F. Spangle	D Colwell **	-not awarded-
Dominant Pied	S Gage**	Ginge1 & Blond1 Partnership
Recessive Pied	Terheege Partnership**	S Gage
Yellowface	Terheege Partnership**	Ginge1 & Blond1 Partnership
Rare Variety	M Widdowson	T Sadler**
Clearbody	R McCabe	R McCabe**
Olive, Mauve, Violet	Terheege Partnership**	B Greenway
Lacewing	Ginge1 & Blond1 Partnership	Ginge1 & Blond1 Partnership**
A.O.C.	M Widdowson**	M Widdowson
Junior	C Terheege	C Terheege**
Pairs	G Hawthorn	
Teams	R McCabe	

** Best of Variety Overall

Colour Budgerigar - Best Of Colour Awards

Colour	Any Age	Young Bird
Green Series	C. Smith	M. Roberts
Blue Series	M. Roberts	M & D Walker
Opaline, Cinnamon etc.	C. Smith	C. Smith
Lutino/Albino	W. Greening	M. Roberts
Crest	G & J Al-Nasser	C. Terheege
Spangle	C. Terheege	C. Terheege
Pied	C. Smith	M. Roberts
Yellowface	M. Roberts	P. Chandler
Clearbody	C. Smith	K. Scurfield
B.face/B.wing/Hagoromo	K. Scurfield	K. Scurfield
A.O.C	M. Roberts	M. Roberts
Best Overall	M. Roberts	P. Chandler **
Pairs	M. Roberts	
Team	M. Roberts	

** Best of Variety Overall



The judges - E. Anwar, J. Cosby, B. Hutt, L. O'Reilly, A. Thorpe, R. McLaughlin, G. Paine



Ghalib Al-Nasser with Maurice Roberts (Guest of Honour)



The Terheege family with their multiple winners



Ginge! & Blond1 - Best Spangle Green & Spangle Blue



Mick Widdowson - Winner of Best Crest, Rare Variety & AOC



Steve Magdzinski - Best Clearwing in Show



Simon Gage - Best Dominant Pied



Bob McCabe - Best Clearbody



Terry Sadler - Best Lutino Young Bird



Cy Thorne - Best Lutino in Show



Maurice Roberts - Best Colour Budgerigar Any Age



Paul Chandler - Best Colour Budgerigar



Dan Colwell - Best DF Spangle