

GROUP REPORT ON GREEN AVADAVAT FINCH FOR 2005

2005 has been another year of poor breeding results for the Green Avadavat Finch. Although we increased the number of breeders to 10 they only 2 managed to produce 14 young for the year. All of these birds were bred in Western Australia (WA). The eastern states did not produce 1 bird – why? Was the weather too dry and hot - (global warming)? WA did receive more rainfall than the east coast so maybe this was a factor.

In Western Australia a group member Andrew, has produced 45 young Green Avadavats over the past four years. Actually he has bred more however we only count the birds that survive to independence. What a fantastic result. Andrew has shared his experiences and sold birds to breeders. I would hate to think where we would be today without his efforts.

At the end of 2005 the number of Adult birds remaining totalled 45. Add these to the 14 young bred gives us a grand total of 59 birds left in Australia. If we look at last year's total of 73 it's not good - our breeding stock is falling. The only positive note is most of the birds that died were old and the average age of the stock available to us now is younger than it was 3 years ago.

YEAR	ADULT BIRDS	YOUNG BRED	TOTAL	REMARKS
1995	150	?	?	Censuses taken by the QFS Endangered Species Group
2002	100	5	105	Estimate only – not confirmed.
2003	57	19	76	First year results
2004	54	19	73	% Of young birds increased.
2005	45	14	59	Numbers are falling.

Remember if you want any more information simply go to the Internet site greenavadavat.org and click on updates. You will also find some photos of Green Avadavats in the wild in India.

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