

GROUP REPORT ON GREEN AVADAVAT FINCH FOR 2006

The year 2006 is over and it has taken some time to complete the update of Green Avadavat status in Australian aviaries for 2006. Since the group started the number of Green Avadavats in Australia has fallen. In fact things looked grim last year (2005) when the total fell to under 60 birds.

2006 has seen a rise in numbers due to the excellent breeding results from two members in Western Australia. Andrew, our best breeder over the past years, raised 16 young while Gordon, a new breeder, managed 15 young. No other young were recorded. That makes a total of 31 young for the year. Well done.

It's good to hear a few more have taken up the challenge. Andrew has sold birds to breeders in NSW and Victoria. With more birds in more aviaries the odds of breeding increases, which, of course, will ensure they stay around for years to come.

So at the end of 2006 we had 86 Green Avadavats in Australia.

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.
2006	55	31	86	Positive turn around.

Regards
Peter James
Group Leader