The AVY awards are the most prestigious awards to be given under certain circumstances and are presented at the Annual AFA convention banquet dinner.

This year, three awards were presented to very deserving aviculturists.

**First Breeding—Roland & Ilana Cristo**—see the article about this breeding in the post-convention issue of the AFA Watchbird.

**AFA Silver AVY Award**
1997 US First Breeding
Roland & Ilana Cristo
Cristo Aviaries
Yellow-breasted Cissa
Cissa (*thalassina* hypoleuca)
May 20, 1997
Auburn, CA

**Silver AVY Award**
Working with a difficult species
Katy McElroy and Lahser Interspecies Research Foundation received a Silver AVY Award for Katy’s work with Black Palm Cockatoos, and more specifically; for her discovery of the special needs regarding hand feeding this particular species.

Katy’s work with Lahser Interspecies Research Foundation and the discovery of needing a coarse formula even from day one, has made a big difference in the survival of handfed Black Palm Cockatoos. Her willingness to share this information has helped other aviculturists successfully raise Black Palm Cockatoos to the weaning age.

**2014 AFA Silver AVY Award**
Breeding a Difficult Species
Katy McElroy & Lahser Interspecies Research Foundation
Hand Feeding Diet for Black Palm Cockatoo
_Probosciger aterrimus aterrimus_
August 2, 2014

AFA Silver AVY Award for the most progress in establishing new mutations in the US was presented to Bob Nelson for his decades of work with Quaker Parakeets and establishing many mutations here in the US. Bob’s work with mutations include: Cinnamon, Cinnamon Blue, Palid, Dark eyed Cream, Turquoise, Greygreen, Palid Grey, Opaline, Sex-linked Lutino, and Albino.

**2014 AFA Silver AVY Award**
Most Progress in Establishing New Mutations in the US
Bob Nelson
Exclusively Quakers
Mutations of Quaker Parakeets
_Myiopsitta monachus_
August 2, 2014

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