

HAMID ABDOLLAHI

OUR TOP GLOSTER MAN IN IRAN



Born on 13 July 1982, Hamid has devoted more than fifteen years to the advancement of canary breeding and aviculture. His passion, commitment, and leadership have made him one of the most respected figures within the Iranian canary community.

For almost a decade, Hamid has been an active member of the Iranian Ornithology Federation, serving in various capacities and contributing significantly to the development of the organization. Today, he holds the position of **Head of Public Relations**, where he continues to strengthen communication and engagement within the national avicultural community.

Professionally, Hamid is an educator, and his background in teaching has played a vital role in shaping his contribution to the hobby. Through specialized training programs, seminars, and mentoring initiatives, he has shared his extensive knowledge of canary breeding with countless enthusiasts and breeders throughout Iran. His educational efforts have helped raise breeding standards and expand technical expertise within the country's canary fraternity.

Beyond aviculture, Hamid is a talented handicraft artist with a specialization in wooden artwork. Many of his handcrafted pieces are inspired by the beauty and character of the Gloster Canary, reflecting the unique combination of his artistic talent and passion for the breed. His work has gained international recognition, with



pieces finding homes in countries including China and Turkey.

A significant milestone in Hamid's avicultural journey came with his introduction to the **Gloster Fancy Canary Council International (GFCCI)**. Inspired by the Council's vision and standards, he co-founded the **Pars Gloster Club** five years ago under the supervision of GFCCI. As the club's President, he has been instrumental in promoting the Gloster Canary and encouraging breeders in Iran to embrace internationally recognized breeding and exhibition standards.

Under Hamid's leadership, the Pars Gloster Club has successfully organized annual Gloster events and competitions, welcoming international judges and experts to Iran. These events have provided invaluable educational opportunities for local breeders while strengthening Iran's connection with the global Gloster community. Through these initiatives, the club has played a key role in elevating the profile and quality of Gloster breeding throughout the country.

Hamid remains deeply committed to the future of the hobby. Through his dedication, vision, and belief in international cooperation, he continues to build bridges between breeders across borders, contributing to the growth and development of Gloster breeding in Iran and beyond.

GFCCI is proud to recognize Hamid's outstanding contribution to the promotion of the Gloster Canary



Steve's Corner

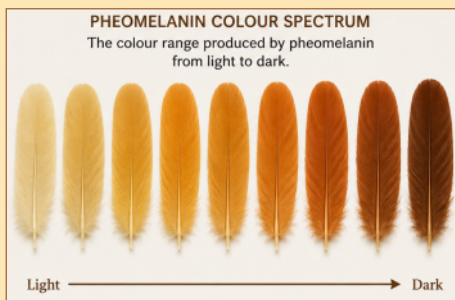
Colours in Glosters

Education is the key...

Cinnamons and Cinnamon Feather

Cinnamon feather in Glosters belongs to the brown colour series and is represented by the genetic symbol Br (capital B, small r). What we are really dealing with is pheomelanin, with a colour spectrum ranging from light brown through to rich reddish-orange tones and every shade in between.

As Gloster breeders, we traditionally double-buff our birds, and in some bird rooms this practice has been repeated consistently over many generations. The result has been a gradual dilution of colour genes in our Self and Buff varieties, with Buff Cinnamons being no exception.



When judging Cinnamons on the show bench today, I predominantly see light brown Buff Cinnamons. On rare occasions, however, I have encountered specimens displaying a much deeper, richer brown colouration. Genetically, this is the direction I have been striving towards in my own breeding programme, which leads neatly to my next subject.

Yellow Cinnamons

Yellow Cinnamons possess the same Cinnamon characteristics but are expressed on a Yellow ground colour. They are not commonly seen on the show bench because, while the Cinnamon factor can improve feather quality and refinement, it can also contribute to a narrowing of body conformation, resulting in a loss of Gloster type.

My objective is to develop Yellow Glosters carrying the Cinnamon factor. The Yellow gene is a well-known colour intensifier and exerts a greater influence on the expression and inhibition balance associated with pheomelanin. In theory, this should allow for the production of much deeper and richer Cinnamon colouration.

One of the challenges lies in the chromosome linkage between these genes. My aim is to develop a visual Cinnamon that produces only visual Yellow offspring. Achieving the necessary crossover event would provide the genetic foundation for producing exceptionally deep-coloured Cinnamons.

Those who have followed this feather series may recall the Self-Yellow male featured in the first article. Both he and his superior brother, a variegated Yellow, carry the Cinnamon factor. I also have a sibling Variegated Buff hen, along with her sister, a Self-Yellow Cinnamon, breeding this season. I am hopeful that a crossover event will occur within these pairings.

The possibility certainly exists, as I have already achieved a similar crossover event with genes allied to White Glosters, resulting in birds that produce only Yellow offspring. If successful, this next step could significantly advance the development of richer, more intensely coloured Cinnamon Glosters while maintaining the type and feather qualities demanded by the breed standard.

Congratulations to the GFCCA

The Gloster Fancy Canary Council International (GFCCI) extends its warmest congratulations to the newly established Australian Gloster Club following its official launch on 2nd July 2026 - a date that will undoubtedly be remembered as a historic milestone for the Australian Gloster Fancy.

The formation of a dedicated Gloster club in Australia marks a truly historic moment for Gloster enthusiasts across the Southern Hemisphere and further strengthens the worldwide community of breeders, exhibitors, and admirers of our beloved breed.

From its inception, the GFCCI has been proud to support the Australian founders in every way possible. Encouraging the growth and development of Gloster clubs around the world has always been one of our main objectives, and we are delighted to have played a part in helping this exciting project become a reality.

The establishment of the Australian Gloster Club reflects the passion, commitment, and enthusiasm of Australian fanciers who have worked tirelessly to create an organisation dedicated to promoting, preserving, and advancing the Gloster Fancy Canary. Their vision will undoubtedly provide an invaluable platform for education, friendship, competition, and the continued development of the breed throughout Australia.

Over the years, the GFCCI has actively encouraged and supported the formation and development of Gloster clubs in several countries, recognising that strong national organisations are essential to securing the long-term future of our breed. The Australian Gloster Club now joins a growing international family of Gloster clubs, united by a shared commitment to

excellence in breeding, exhibition, and fellowship.

The official launch of the club on 2nd July 2026 represents not only the beginning of a new chapter for Australian Gloster breeders but also another significant milestone in the international growth of the Gloster Fancy. We look forward to building a close and lasting relationship with the Australian Gloster Club and to seeing its members make a significant contribution to the continued progress of the breed on the international stage.

On behalf of the Officers, Committee Members, and Members of the GFCCI, we extend our very best wishes to the Australian Gloster Club for a successful future. May the club enjoy many years of growth, achievement, friendship, and prosperity while continuing to promote the finest qualities of the Gloster Fancy Canary.



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