

**The 78th National Bird Show is coming to Louisville, Kentucky—and this year,
We're arriving with a "Call to the Post"!**

November 19th – 21st, 2026

Set in the heart of Kentucky Derby country, the Crowne Plaza Hotel will provide the beautiful ballroom setting where we will gather for the "Show of Shows." Much like the Kentucky Derby, our show is filled with anticipation, excitement, hopes, dreams, and possibilities. As we head for the starting gate, we look forward to showcasing the very best exhibitors have to offer in 2026.

On November 20, judges from across the globe will take their places in the ring to evaluate your birds, share their knowledge of conformation and condition standards, and recognize exhibitors whose dedication and hard work have brought them to the winners' circle.

Breeding is complete, conditioning is underway, selections are being made, and plans are taking shape. The excitement is building as we prepare to make our way to Louisville and, hopefully, bringing home a trophy cup!

Below are several important updates and reminders for the 78th National Bird Show. Your enjoyment and success at this event remain a top priority for every member of the Board as we put the finishing touches on this year's show.

To help ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone, please take note of the following important details regarding the event:

1. ****Advanced Registration****: From September 14th through October 31st, please visit [NCBS.ORG](https://ncbs.org) and click on the NBS Store tab to complete your registration.
 - a. Purchase – Membership (must be current to exhibit)
 - b. Entry tags for the show (\$5 each - \$6 at event)
 - c. Feathered Fortune tags
 - d. Banquet Ticket
 - e. Show Shirts
 - f. Booster Buttons
 - g. Raffle tickets
 - h. Vendor Table Space
2. Reserve Hotel Room (\$139.00 per night) Free parking. Link online for reservations.
3. ****Important Deadlines****: Entry forms are due by Thursday at 7 PM, and all birds should be checked in by Friday at 7 AM. Birds will be released on Saturday around 4 PM.

We encourage you to invite your fellow bird enthusiasts and consider volunteering for setup, teardown, or during the event—your participation would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact us at lbewley@yahoo.com.

I look forward to an exciting show and hope to see everyone there!