

# *The Arctic canaries*



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*I am always fascinated by people with a strong passion. In a cosy, blue house in my hometown Qaqortoq in South Greenland live such people: In everyday life, they have an everyday life with jobs like the rest of us.*

*In May, the snow falls quiet, and the field ice covers most of the fiord. But when the door opens to the basement of the blue house, I experience a sense impression that I did not have imagined to experience at this place in the Arctic Greenland: From the Arctic cold I step into a warm room filled with the bird song of canaries.*

*Herluf Grønlund and his wife Nuunu Eli Olsen has won numerous international awards for their birds breeding. Their canary breeding is known all over the world. Every year they travel with birds from their breeding many thousands of kilometres across the Atlantic to win prizes in European countries. Herluf has today also received recognition as an international judge in assessing the special Gloster Fancy canaries.*

*The wild canary is living on Madeira, the Azores and the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean far south. The first caged birds were tamed by Spanish monks in the*

*1400s. The tame bird has since been introduced to countries around the world.*

*In May, there is life in the cages here in the blue house in Qaqortoq. Many of the birds are on the nests. Several pairs of birds have already hatched their young birds. Every time something moves in front of the young birds, they stretch eagerly their neck with open beaks to get food from their parents.*

*The Gloster-Fancy canary is a popular tame bird. It is trustful and calm, and it is relatively easy to breed in captivity. There are two variants of this type canary. One variant has a tufted head and is called Corona. The second untufted is called Consort.*

*Eli and Herluf have many colour variations among their birds. The birds look healthy and they are beautiful. The delightful twittering of birdsong testifies that the birds thrive in this small colony of birds in the cosy, blue house in South Greenland.*

*Read more about purchase, care, breeding and exhibition of Gloster-Fancy: The Big Gloster-Fancy book by Nuunu Eli Olsen & Herluf Grønlund.*





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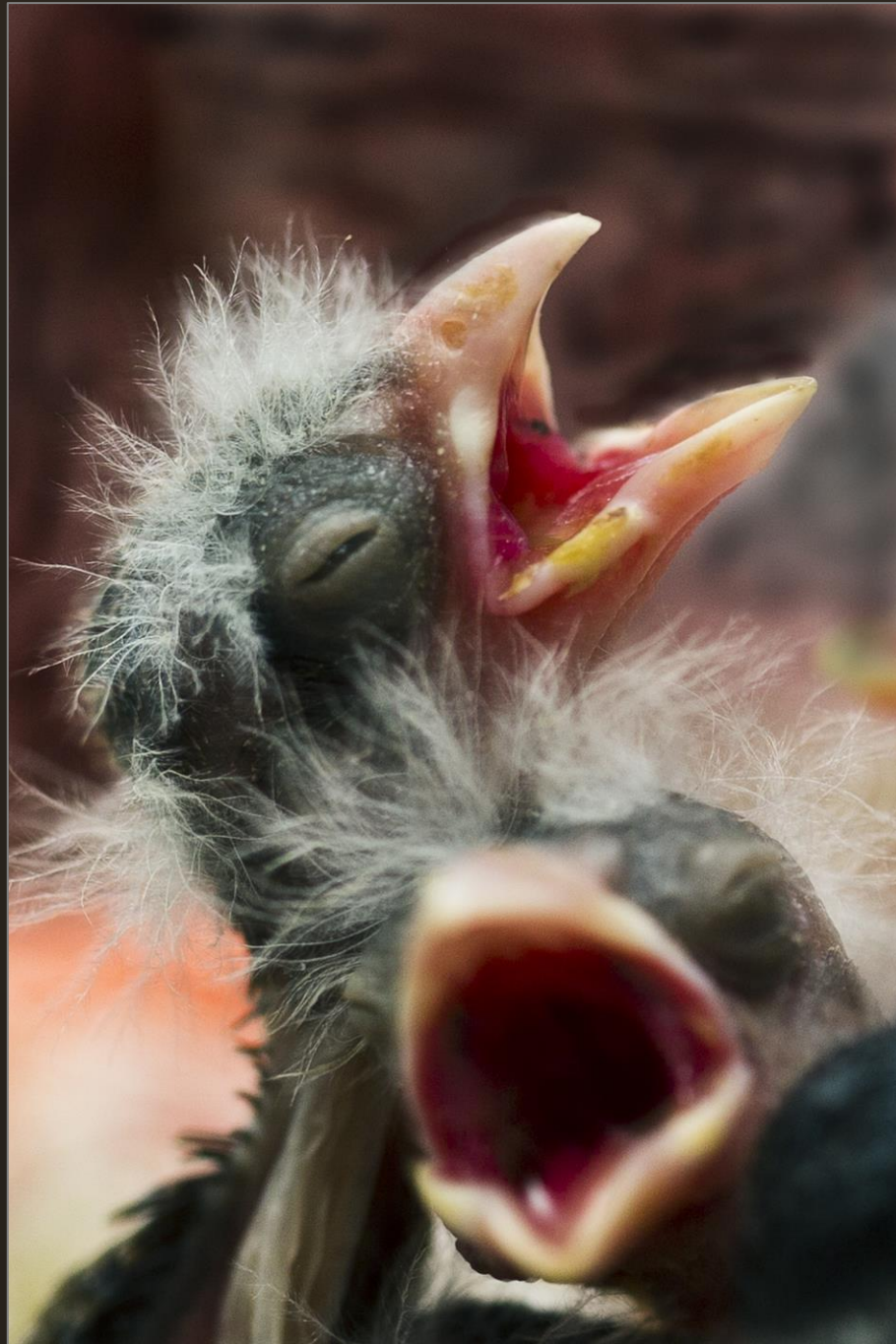
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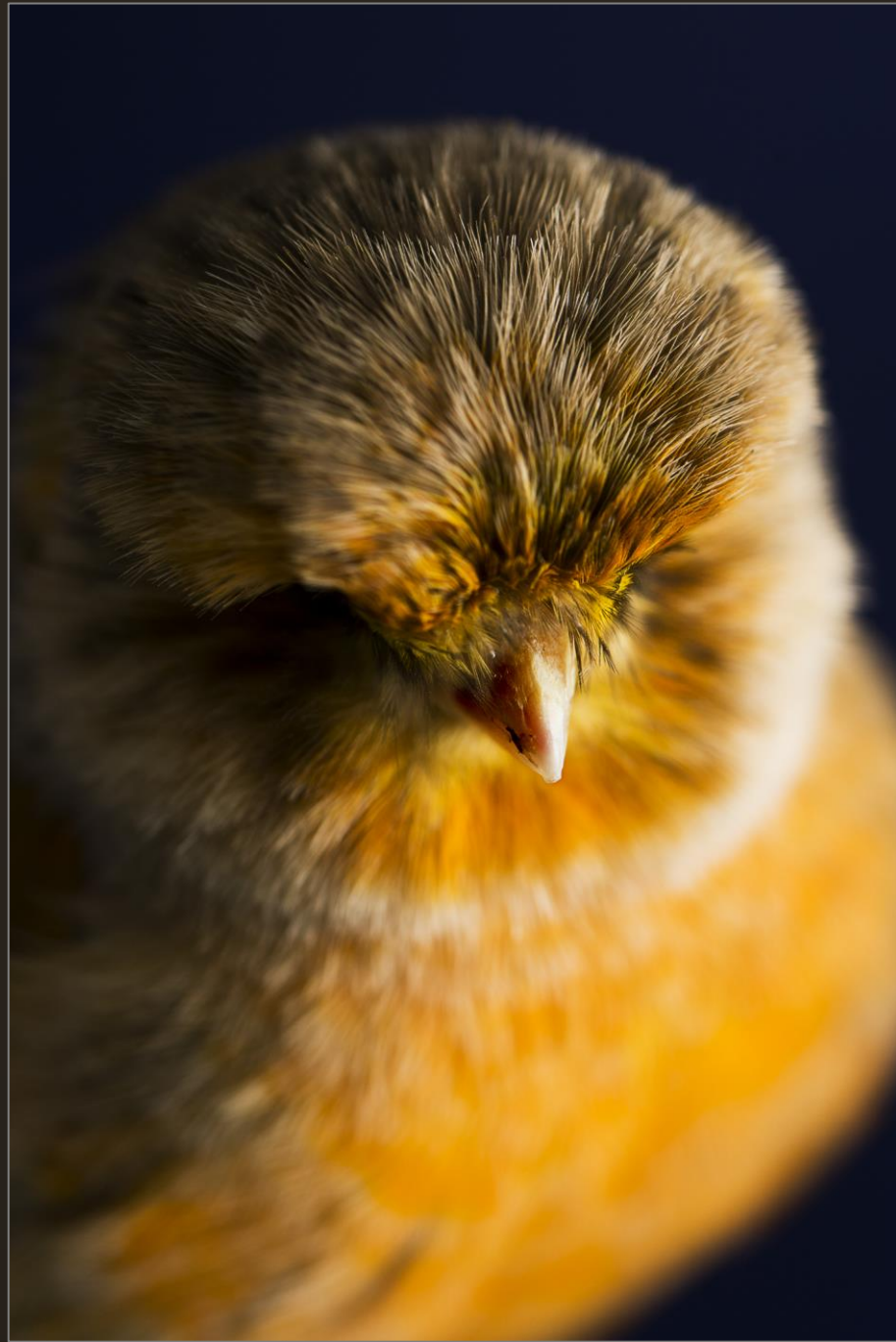


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