

## From the Loft of Don Stueber

My name is Don Stueber, and I live in Roanoke Texas. I have been raising Chinese Owls Since the early 1960s. Due to military service, moving and job changes, I was in and out Of birds until I moved to Texas. In 1984 I built my loft, went to visit Jerry Fussell in Midland Texas and came home with three pair of Chinese Owls, and I have been raising them ever since.

My loft is 14 by 20 and built to look like a garage. I have two 5 by 7 holding pens in the back Of the building and I have 12 individual breeding pens. The individual pens are a little more Work, but it sure takes care of getting the pairs settled without the usual problems. Each season I raise between 35 to 50 young birds.

I breed from a variety of colors, blue, brown, ash red, in bar and check, and most of my Cock birds carry dilute factor, also have the grizzle factor and a few whites and milkys.

The best part of showing and judging owls are the many friends I have made over The last 30 plus years.

I also have another hobby and that is collecting old pigeon books. I have a total of about 250 books, with the oldest being from 1735.

What I look for in raising owls is a balanced bird that has to station. If the bird does not Station, it does not have a chance in the shows.





