



FIRST VISIT TO THE
RED SISKIN
CONSERVATION
CENTER OF
RESSAN MEMEBERS
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EXPERIENCE AT THE SERVICE OF CONSERVATION

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I was born in Salerno, Italy. My love for breeding and Carduelis started at the age of 10, when my father, a breeder of canaries and goldfinches, told me to "water the birds". I spent many years as my father's assistant in the breeding of the Red Siskin and his hybridization. It was in 1975, once my family was established, when I started to breed.

Breeding the Red Siskin in captivity to reestablish wild populations is a challenge, and many variables must be evaluated in order to consider it a viable option. But as I have shared with colleagues and friends "Nobody breeds Australian parakeets in Australia", we must leave the wild Red Siskin "alone", and fight to maintain their habitat, sow what they eat, throughout the length and breadth of where they live, and we will see that in the not too distant future, we will have red siskins in abundance.

**Giuseppe
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72 years old
45 years of
experience

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