

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

God's Loving Ownership



I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. (Psalm 50:11)

Have you ever tried to get a bottle in a baby's mouth in a dark room? It would be handy if the baby had a glowing target on its mouth. God has given the Gouldian finch, a native of Australia, a unique solution to this problem.

Found mostly in the grasslands of northern Australia, the finches usually build their nests of loosely woven dried grass. These nests are usually built in a tree hollow, a termite mound or in the grass itself.

Consequently, finches often find themselves having to feed their young in low-light conditions. But God, knowing the behavior He built into these birds, has provided a solution for this problem. You might put a night light in the baby's room so you can find her mouth at night. God has done about the same for the Gouldian finch. Their young have two pairs of iridescent nodules marking the margin of their beaks. These nodules don't generate light. Instead, they are highly efficient reflectors that glow purplish-blue in all but total darkness. Lest anyone question whether these nodules were specially designed to help the parents feed their young, we note that the nodules disappear as the young birds mature into adulthood.

God can claim ownership over all living things because He made them. Because He made you and me, He has not only claimed ownership over us, but even though we ruined His perfect creation with our sin, He sent His Son to save us.

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