



Bambouserie at Plougonver - Gilbert and Josiane Cudennec

Elaine. I'm in the most beautiful garden, uh, near Plougonver to talk to the owners of this garden, Josiane and Gilbert Cudennec. Thank you very much for inviting us to your garden today. Can you tell me when did you start this amazing collection of bamboo and why?

Gilbert. There is a long time, so now we beginning the collections. There is maybe twenty years and we begin to, uh, to grow bamboo because before, we breed animals, birds: swans, cranes, peacock, pheasants, and for, for their life, for their, we plant bamboo, because they are very well ...

Elaine. And that was always here, in Brittany, here in Plougonver? Or have you lived in other parts of the world?

Gilbert. Before, it's a long times ago now, we live in Paris and it's a museum we knowed the birds and after when we coming back to Brittany, we want to breed them and after the bamboo and today, and now the plants, trees, ferns and all that.

Elaine. It's magnificent. I'm mean, it's just absolutely awe-inspiring, an incredible garden. Is it a great deal of work to look after it?

Gilbert. Yes.

Josiane. A lot of ... We "élever?" -- grow the babies, ducks, goose, peacock, it's a work, very "minutieux," we ... "nous les élevons, nous les faisons grandir"

Elaine. ... when they grow big.

Gilbert. Grow big. We breed them.

Elaine. So, you started maybe with, with one or two eggs?

Gilbert. Yes

Elaine. And now, how many birds do you have?

Gilbert. Oh, maybe one hundred.

Elaine. A hundred?

Josiane. Yeah.

Elaine. And they are exotic birds, they're not -- it's not your everyday garden sparrow or pheasant?

Gilbert. Yeah, it's pheasants, but it's a (lists different pheasants)

Elaine. They all, they get on well together?

Gilbert. Oh yes, yes, because they have a lot of place, a bit place.

Elaine. Plenty of places to go to and roam. Because geese, as I know from having had a goose, can be quite fierce.

Gilbert. Yes. We have a geese, we have a *céréopse* and they are only themselves on the park, because they are not very ...

Elaine. Not so friendly

Gilbert. No with the other one.

Elaine. Right. So they have to be separated ... listen to those peacocks. It's amazing. Do your neighbours mind the noise? Are your neighbours OK about ...

Gilbert. Yes, they are OK.

Elaine. Yes.

Gilbert. And we haven't a lot of neighbours.

Elaine. That's good. So where ... go back to the bamboo, where do you get your plants from?

Gilbert. We have a lot of plants coming from England, a jungle giant,

Josiane. Holland

Gilbert. Yes, from Holland, from (?) and we have a lot of friends who go China, Taiwan, and when they bring them, we have them.

Elaine. So, they're able to bring the plants back, because sometimes, it's difficult to bring plants from, isn't it --into another country?

Gilbert. Yes, but now because we have a big collection of bamboo, people know -- and we have seed when the bamboo coming flowers and seed, we grow them, they become big after ...

Elaine. I can see. It's like being in a jungle, almost -- isn't it? -- but a lovely jungle, a very beautiful jungle. Do you have any plans for the future to expand, to have more birds or more plants?

Gilbert. Yes, more plants all times, yes.

Josiane. Ferns, a lot of ferns ...

Gilbert. Ferns, yes, ferns, yes.

Josiane. *Érables, érables?*

Gilbert. Maples.

Elaine. And maples, I noticed that with, er, on your books -- I mean amazing collection of gardening books.

Gilbert. Yes.

Elaine. But, do you ever get time to read them?

Josiane. We have eucalyptus too.

Gilbert. In the evening we can read; all the days we are in the garden.

Elaine. In the garden, exactly. I can see that. When it come wind and rain, you're busy out here. But at least you haven't got neat little flower beds to look after. So, how can people arrange, how can people come to see your beautiful garden?

Gilbert. Yes, there is people coming. Last year a group from Germany coming. Groups of English people coming, and people of ... you know, associations of gardeners

Elaine. Gardening associations. Of course, absolutely. I mean you can see that from our enthusiastic gardener who's with us today. She's excited. But, what is the best way to contact you -- by telephone? Or do you have a

Gilbert. Email

Elaine. Email -- maybe?

Gilbert. Yes, email and telephone.

Elaine. So, if you can give me the details afterwards and then we can put it out on the program, your telephone and the email.

Josiane. OK. I say now?

Elaine. You can tell me now -- OK. They can email you at --

Josiane. OK, gilbertetjosiane@orange.fr

Elaine. That's simple. And the phone number?

Josiane 02 96 21 60 22

Elaine. Merci. Thank you very much. And, I must say it's just extraordinary and I'm so glad that we've been able to come today to see this garden and I am sure that you will be inundated with other visitors when they hear your programme.

Josiane. OK

Elaine Thank you very much.

References for those interested (in French) :-

Website: <http://bamboazos.pagesperso-orange.fr/index.htm>

For reference from: http://www.faisans-canards-colombes-ornement.fr/Fiches/Fiche_Cudennec.html

Espèces élevées

Anatidés : Cygne blanc, Cygne noir d'Australie, Cygne à col noir, Cygne coscoroba, Oie

à tête barrée, Oie Empereur, Oie Naine à front blanc, Oie Bleue des neiges, Oie de l'Orénoque, Oie de Ross, Oie Céréopse, Bernache d'Hawaï, Bernache Nonnette, Bernache à Cou Roux, Bernache Naine du Canada, Bernache à Crinière, Bernache de Magellan, Bernache Cravant du Pacifique, Bernache des Andes, Carolin, Carolin blanc, Mandarin, Mandarin blanc, Pilet d'Europe, Pilet des Bahamas, Pilet des Bahamas argenté, Siffleur d'Europe, Siffleur du Chili, Souchet d'Europe, Souchet Roux d'Argentine, Souchet de N. Zélande, Nette Rousse, Milouinan d'Amérique, Harle Couronné, Harle Piette, Garrot Albéole, Garrot à oeil d'or, Eider à duvet, Canard tacheté du Gabon, Sarcelle à Collier, Sarcelle à Collier blonde, Sarcelle Baïkal, Sarcelle Versicolore, Sarcelle d'Hiver, Sarcelle à faucilles, Sarcelle du Cap, Sarcelle Marbrée, Sarcelle Soucrourou, Sarcelle Châtaïne, Tadorne de Belon, Tadorne Radjah, Tadorne Casarca Roux, Tadorne Casarca du Cap, Tadorne Casarca d'Australie, Tadorne Casarca du Paradis

Gruidés : Grue couronnée grise, Grue Demoiselle de Numédie

Phasianidés : Faisan Lophophore, Faisan Doré, Faisan Vénéré, Paon Bleu, Paon Blanc.

Numididés : Pintades Vulturine

Poule Brahmas
Perdrix

Nègre-Soie

Pigeons paons

Pheasant names from:

https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faisan#Noms_en_fran.C3.A7ais_et_noms_scientifiques_correspondants

Liste alphabétique des noms normalisés selon la [CINFO](#) (màj 2009) et Avibase, en regard du nom scientifique valide reconnu par la classification de référence (version 2.7, 2010) du [Congrès ornithologique international](#).

- [Faisan leucomèle](#) — *Lophura leucomelanos*
- [Faisan argenté](#) — *Lophura nycthemera*
- [Faisan impérial](#) — *Lophura imperialis*
- [Faisan d'Edwards](#) — *Lophura edwardsi*
- [Faisan de Swinhoe](#) — *Lophura swinhoii*
- [Faisan de Salvadori](#) — *Lophura inornata*
- [Faisan à queue rousse](#) — *Lophura erythrophthalma*
- [Faisan noble](#) — *Lophura ignita*
- [Faisan de Vieillot](#) — *Lophura ignita rufa*
- [Faisan prélat](#) — *Lophura diardi*
- [Faisan du Vietnam](#) — *Lophura haitensis*
- [Faisan de Sumatra](#) — *Lophura hoogerwerfi*
- [Faisan de Bulwer](#) — *Lophura bulweri*
- [Faisan de Wallich](#) — *Catreus wallichii*
- [Faisan d'Elliot](#) — *Syrnaticus ellioti*

- [Faisan de Hume](#) — *Syrmaticus humiae*
- [Faisan mikado](#) — *Syrmaticus mikado*
- [Faisan scintillant](#) — *Syrmaticus soemmerringii*
- [Faisan vénéré](#) — *Syrmaticus reevesii*
- [Faisan de Colchide](#) — *Phasianus colchicus* (aussi dénommé « Faisan à collier », c'est le faisan élevé pour la chasse)
- [Faisan versicolore](#) — *Phasianus versicolor*
- [Faisan doré](#) — *Chrysolophus pictus*
- [Faisan de Lady Amherst](#) — *Chrysolophus amherstiae*

