



Nomenclature – Uniformed naming system for lovebirds in South Africa

Abbreviations: D – dark factor
 DD – double dark factor
 SF – single factor
 DF – double factor
 NSL – non sex linked
 SL – sexed linked

The advantage of a universally accepted naming system for all lovebird mutations will entail that one, the same bird is known by the same name throughout the world and two that all enthusiasts communicate in the same language.

Suggested / Universally accepted name per mutation	Other commonly used names	Mode of inheritance
<u>White eye-ring group (fischeri, personatus, lilianae and nigrigenis)</u>		
Dark factor		incomplete dominant
green		dominant
D green	bottle green, jade	D – incomplete dominant green - dominant
DD green	olive	D – incomplete dominant green - dominant
blue		recessive
D blue	cobalt	D – incomplete dominant blue – recessive
DD blue	mauve	D – incomplete dominant blue – recessive
NSL ino (non sex-linked)	lutino	recessive
albino	white	recessive
DEC – dark eye clear	yellow	multiple alleles of a-loci - recessive



pastel		multiple alleles of a-loci - recessive
dominant edge	spangle	incomplete dominant
dominant pied		dominant
recessive pied		recessive
slaty	steel blue	dominant
violet	visual violet	incomplete dominant
bronze fallow		multiple alleles of a-loci
pale fallow		recessive
dilute	suffused	recessive
mottle		multifactorial
misty		incomplete dominant
euwing		incomplete dominant
<u>Roseicollis – Peach Faced</u>		
turquoise	blue, white face, Dutch blue	multiple alleles of bl-loci - recessive
aqua	pastel green	multiple alleles of bl-loci - recessive
aqua turquoise	sea green	multiple alleles of bl-loci - recessive
Dark factor		incomplete dominant
dilute	Japanese cherry, suffused	recessive
marbled	edged dilute, golden cherry, silver cherry, spangle	recessive
bronze fallow		multiple alleles of a-loci - recessive
pale fallow	East-German fallow	recessive
long feathering		multifactorial
orange face		recessive



pale headed		incomplete dominant
dominant pied		dominant
recessive pied		recessive
violet	visual violet	dominant
cinnamon (sex linked)		recessive
opaline (sex linked)	rose-headed	recessive
ino (sex linked)	lutino	recessive
Pallid (sex linked)	Australian cinnamon, isabel	recessive
blue	pure	recessive
<u>Taranta – Abyssinian</u>		
Dark factor		incomplete dominant
misty		incomplete dominant
bronze fallow		multiple alleles of a-loci - recessive
pale fallow		recessive