



# Utah Water Garden & Koi Club

## May Newsletter



Greetings fellow ponders,

It was wonderful to see so many of you last week at our first meeting of the year. We counted close to sixty people, our best turnout since 2019. Daniel Peel reviewed our upcoming calendar of events ( important dates include our next meeting on June 17th at Kent Gentry’s pond – 6893 S. Bateman Point Drive (1140 West) in West Jordan, and our closing banquet on October 21 at the Asian Star restaurant in Sandy), and we enjoyed touring the new plantings at Utah Water Gardens, Thanks to our board members for the delicious refreshments! For photos, keep scrolling.

In this newsletter we feature our “koi of the month” - the matsuba, and highlight The Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, which took place earlier this month. Migratory birds love water, and we water gardeners enjoy seeing nature’s bays and ponds brimming with life. We also highlight a botanical rarity which might interest you - the corpse flower, which grows to 10 feet in less than a week and which smells like - well, you guessed it. Botanical gardens throughout the world compete to grow this gem, and Longwood Gardens succeeded last summer.

We are soliciting ponds for our pond tour (yes, we ARE having one this year). Would you like to be on the tour? It’s a great way to showcase all of of your hard work, and help educate the community by sharing what you have done. Please let Daniel or any board member know.

Finally, we appreciate our sponsors! We are grateful for their support, and hope we can patronize their establishments in turn. Be sure to thank them when you see them.

Thanks everyone! See you June 17th — at the Gentry pond.

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# The Corpse Flower

The titan arum, is a flowering plant with the odor of a rotting corpse. It blooms once every few years and can reach over 10 feet in height. It is also a rarity, and botanical gardens throughout the world attempt to grow specimens to bloom. Shown here are pictures from a corpse flower that bloomed at Longwood Garden in Pennsylvania on July 14, 2020.

The bloom stock can grow as much as three feet in one day. Most flowers only remain open for between 24 and 48 hours. As they open, they release powerful odors to attract pollinators, which are insects that feed on dead animals or lay their eggs in rotting meat.

Analyses of chemicals released show the stench includes chemicals found in limburger cheese, garlic, rotting fish, sweaty socks, sweet floral scents, and feces!

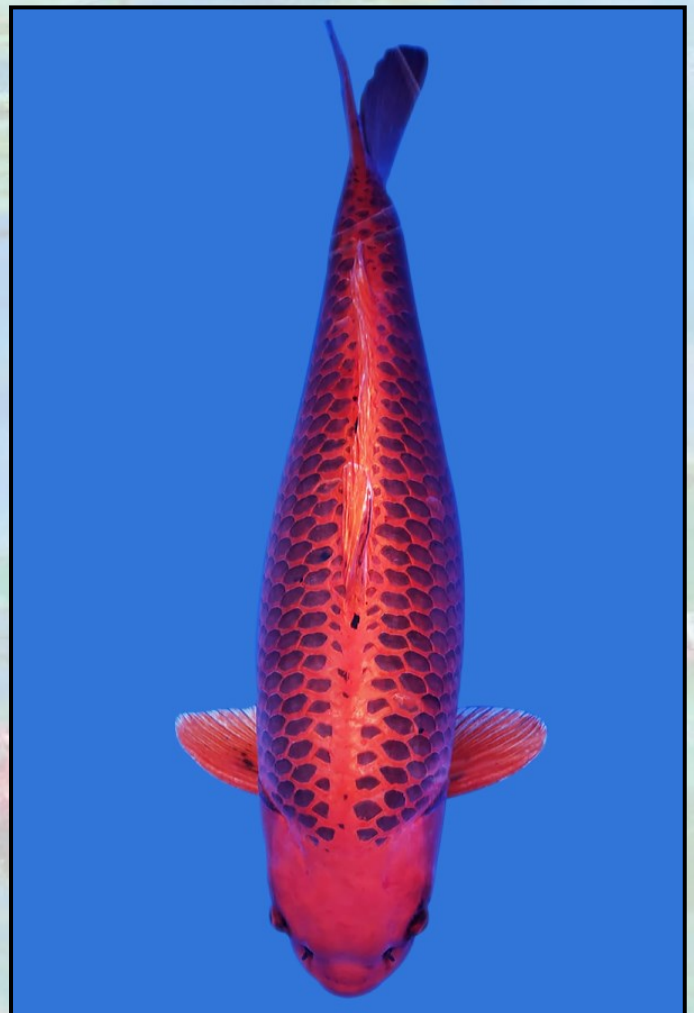


# Know Your Koi: Matsuba

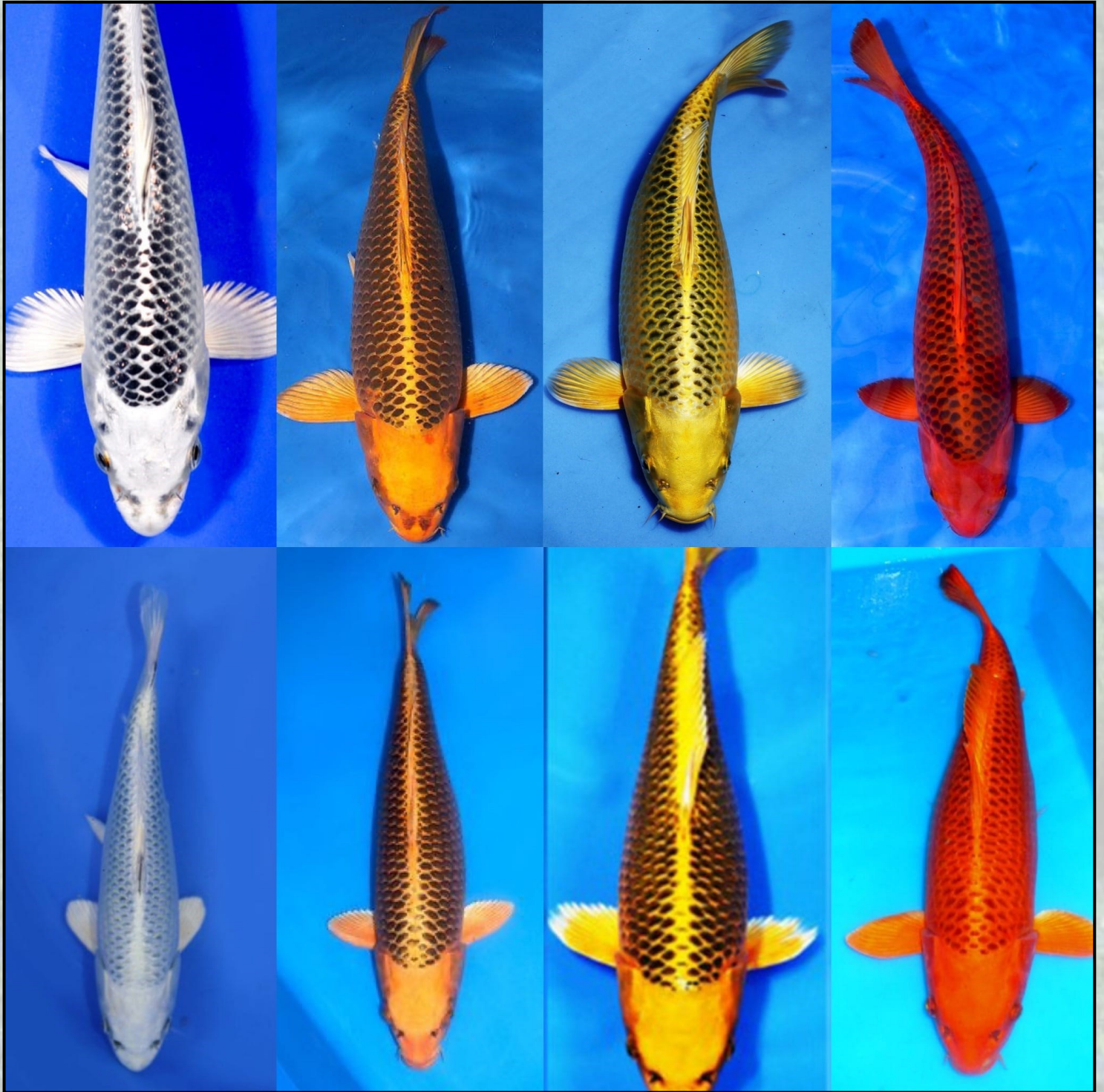
Matsuba are solid, metallic-colored koi with a black netting or “pine cone” pattern on the body. Matsuba can display many different body colors, but the black pinecone pattern remains consistent among all Matsuba. Different types of Matsuba include Aka Matsuba (red body with black pine cone pattern), Gin Matsuba (white body with black pattern), Ki Matsuba (yellow body with black pattern) and Orenji Matsuba (orange body with black pattern).

The pine cone pattern on the body of Matsuba is created by scales with dark centers, and edges that display the base or body color of that particular koi. The pattern should repeat uniformly as it spreads back toward the tail.

Ideally, Matsuba should have a clean, blemish-free head that is the same color and tone as the body of the koi. Any blemishes or flaws on the head will detract from the overall beauty of the koi.



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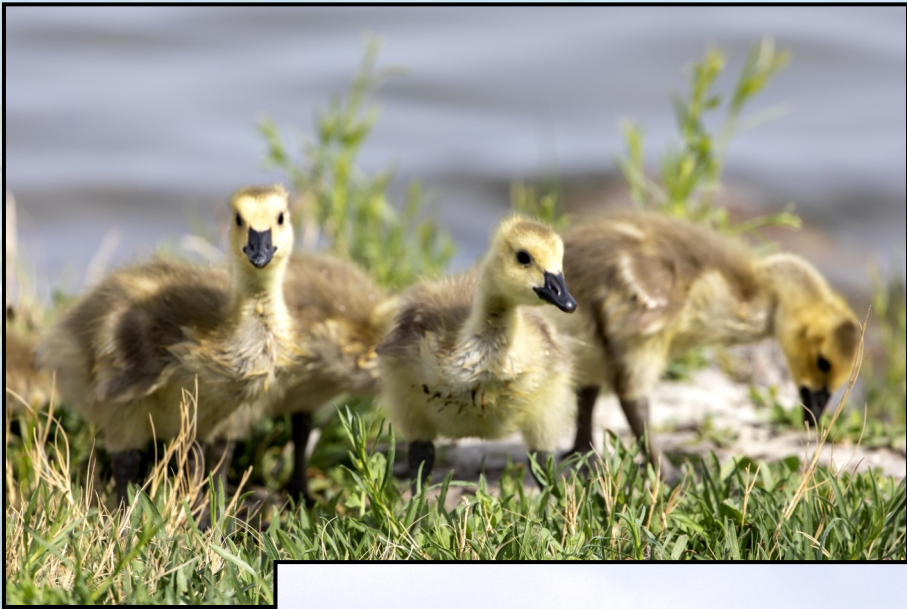


## Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

In last month's newsletter, we introduced you to the annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, held every May. Here are a few photos from this year's festival. If you love birding, plan on this event next year!



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival



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# Our May Meeting

Our first meeting of 2021 was at Utah Water Gardens, and we had a fantastic turnout! Nearly 60 people came to see how UWG has expanded its business, learn about new pond plants, and enjoy each others company on a beautiful May evening.

Our next meeting will be on June 17 at the Kent Gentry pond, 6893 S. Bateman Point Drive (1140 West) in West Jordan. Come and join in the fun!







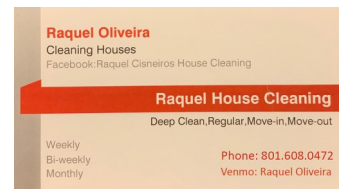
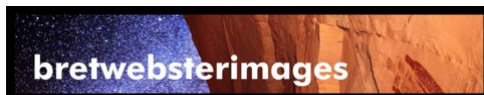
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## Who we are

The Utah Water Garden and Koi Club is a non-profit organization serving the greater Wasatch Front. We strive to foster an appreciation for and interest in the use of water in the landscape, through monthly meetings, educational programs, an annual pond tour, and sharing our water gardening experiences. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to water gardening, pond keeping, and koi. Our members range from novices to commercial professionals. Our annual Water Garden Tour is a self-guided tour of outstanding local gardens. Due to the pandemic, we held a "virtual" tour in 2020. You can view it on the Club's website at [UtahWaterGardenClub.org](http://UtahWaterGardenClub.org)



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