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We introduce a time-since-recovery structured, multi-strain, multi-population model of avian influenza. Influenza A viruses infect many species of wild and domestic birds and are classified into two groups based on their ability to cause disease: low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) and high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Prior infection with LPAI provides partial immunity towards HPAI. The model structures LPAI-recovered birds (wild and domestic) with time-since-recovery and includes cross-immunity toward HPAI that can fade with time. We find a unique disease-free equilibrium (DFE), LPAI-only equilibrium and HPAI-only equilibrium and at least one coexistence equilibrium. LPAI and HPAI can coexist in sustained oscillations. Through simulations, we show that even if both populations (wild and domestic) are sinks; that is, have reproduction numbers and invasion numbers smaller than one, LPAI and HPAI can persist in both populations combined. (Received January 24, 2015)