



FINCH CARE GUIDE





FINCHES ARE FLOCK ANIMALS AND THRIVE WITH OTHER FINCHES

Finches are native to Australasia, and suit people who love birds but do not want the demands of owning a parrot.

Finches are energetic small birds, part of the Estrildidae family of finches, like the Zebra Finch Gouldian finch, Owl finch and Society finch.

Finches can live between 8 - 12 years and grow to approximately 10cm.

HOUSING

Finches are flock animals and need to be kept in the company of their own kind, especially in pairs (mixed or the same sex). Finches thrive in an aviary.

These birds never seem to stay still, and constantly make 'peep' and 'meep' sounds to communicate to each other.

Finches can be housed in an aviary with canaries, neophemas and diamond doves. They should not be housed with parrots such as lorikeets, rosellas, cockatiels, lovebirds, budgies or conures.

Finches enjoy the addition of plants within an aviary, such as Australian natives.

ENRICHMENT

As an aviary bird it is still important to provide enrichment for your finches, this can be done

with the introduction of branches, leaves, native plants and toys.

DIET

Finches are a seed eating bird predominately, and can be fed a Finch Mix which can be purchased from The Happy Pet Place.

Seed lacks important vitamins and minerals so their daily diet should be supplemented with small portions of fresh fruit and vegetables such as apple, carrot, beans, peas, corn, broccoli and spinach.

Never feed Finches lettuce or avocado, and always remove the seeds from apples

Any uneaten food should be removed, as the bacteria that grows on spoilt food can lead to bird illness.

SEXING A FINCH

Male Finches are more brightly coloured than females, with brightly colored cheek patches and breast bars, and also may have spots on their flanks.