



Finch

Care Sheet

Caging needed: 30 inches long, by 18 inches high and 18 inches wide is a good sized cage for a pair of zebra finches. The more birds that live in the enclosure, the larger it should be. Birds are sensitive to strong smells, smoke and drafts. Keep the enclosure out of the kitchen and away from windows and doors.

Accessories: Food dish, water bowl, and perches are necessary. Provide a shallow dish of water for finches to bathe in, or gently spritz them with warm water 2 or 3 times a week. Finches should also have a cuttlebone or mineral block to maintain a healthy beak and provide calcium for strong bones.

Diet: Fortified pellet food should make up most of a finch's diet. These pellets contain essential nutrients; some also include grains, fruits and vegetables. Refresh your finch's pellet supply daily and keep the bowl at least three-quarters full.

Misc: Finches need company of other birds. Two or more should be kept together to create a flock. Finches need room to fly in their habitat. Provide foraging toys, which provide important mental stimulation. Nails should be trimmed by a qualified person to prevent injury to the bird.

Average lifespan: 5 years

