



Finch at a Glance

Difficulty of care: **Beginner**

Average lifespan: **Up to 10+ years with proper care**

Average Adult Size: **4–6 inches**

Diet: **70–80% pelleted food; remainder fruits and vegetables**

Minimum habitat size: **At least 24" x 24" x 24" for a pair**



Fun fact ↻ Finches are vocal songbirds who chirp and sing often.

Enclosure Setup & Maintenance

- Finches need roomy cages because they exercise by flying. Choose a cage at least 24 inches on each side for a pair, with 1/2-inch bar spacing. Pick a longer cage rather than a tall one.
- Line the bottom with paper towels, newspaper, paper bags, or paper cage liners. Add two to three perches at different heights and with different textures. Keep perches away from food and water bowls.
- Provide toys, especially foraging toys, and rotate them to keep your birds mentally stimulated.
- Place the cage in a warm, bright, high-traffic area, but avoid direct sun, drafts, and kitchen fumes.
- Keep multiple finches together for social needs and adjust cage size accordingly.
- Spot-clean daily and wash bowls every day. Deep-clean weekly by removing liners, washing accessories, disinfecting the cage, and letting everything dry completely.

Supply Checklist

- Appropriately sized cage
- Pelleted finch food
- Paper cage liner
- Millet spray and treats
- Food and water bowls, including a bath bowl
- Perches and toys



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Health

Healthy finches are bright, alert, and active. Their eyes and nostrils should be clear, their beak symmetrical, and their feet smooth with good grip. Wings should move normally, and droppings should be consistent.

Call a vet if you see discharge, rapid breathing, beak injuries, feather loss, limping, abnormal wing position, vomiting, appetite loss, or unusual droppings.

Finches should have annual vet checkups.

Fun fact ↻ They love nesting, but nesting materials should be provided only to all-male groups unless you want them to breed.



Diet

Provide high-quality pelleted food at all times. Pellets should be 70–80% of the diet.

Offer fruits and vegetables such as leafy greens, broccoli, apples, and pears.

Use two food bowls—one for dry food and one for fresh food—and two water containers, including a shallow dish for bathing.



Fun fact

↻ Pet finches thrive in pairs or groups.