

 6-10 years

 4 inches

 Beginner

 70-75° F

 Seeded Foods, Fruits



Finches are the perfect alternative for those wanting a feathered pet, but are not prepared to take on the challenges of caring for a larger bird. Finches do not talk and are hands-off birds, but when kept in a group or society, they are very amusing with their antics toward each other. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

CAGE SET UP

Finches must have a well-ventilated home, with space for them to flit around constantly. The wire must be close together, as they can squeeze through the tiniest of spaces. They're extremely active birds, and will enjoy several perches, at differing levels. The minimum space for a pair of finches is 18" x 18" x 22".

BEDDING

Horse pellet bedding, corn cob, or aspen works well. As always, NEVER use cedar shavings with any small animal or bird. It negatively affects the respiratory tracts in small animals.

TEMPERATURE

Room temperature, between 70-75 F, is ideal for finches. If your house is cooler, you can use a heat lamp in the evening, to keep them warmer, but it must be kept at least 10 inches from the cage. Keep the finch cage in a safe area away from windows and drafts.

FOOD AND WATER

Feed your finches seeded foods, such as Kaytee Finch Food Diet or Happy Hearts Finch Blend. You may supplement with fruits and vegetables, staying away from citrus fruits. Feed your finches fruits such as apples, pears, pumpkins, mangos, papaya, peaches, grapes, and melon.

HANDLING

Finches are not birds that enjoy being handled. They do enjoy being together in a society, having space to fly and perch, while "talking" to the other finches.

CLEANING

Clean out your bird cage on a daily basis. Replace dirty bedding, and give fresh food and water. Perches must be taken out and scrubbed clean, along with mirrors and toys.

ACCESSORIES

Finches enjoy a variety of perches and swings. Do not put too many accessories in the cage, as that would impede their movement since they fly constantly. Finches will breed if both genders are in the cage, so nesting spots are a must. Cozy Corners, Snuggle Sacks, and wooden nesting boxes are great for finches.