



# GOULDIAN FINCH care sheet



**PET DEPOT**

Do not feed fruit seeds, avocados, caffeine or alcohol. Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your birds health.

## CAGING NEEDED

- Appropriate size cage. These birds need to fly in their cage. A flight cage is recommended. Bars of cage should be no more than 3/8 inch apart. Metal bars and a metal grate over the dropping tray is recommend. Provide the largest habitat possible.
- Wooden or plastic dowel perches are usually sold with the cage you purchase. A variety of perch widths are good for a finch's feet, perches should be at least 1/2" in diameter.
- You will need at least three feeding cups. Two are usually sold with the cage. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.

## ENVIRONMENT

Birds acclimate well to average household temperatures. Keep cage off the floor and avoid drafty areas. Never place cage in direct sunlight. Cover cage at night with an appropriate cover.

## DIET

- Fresh seed should be provided daily. Pelleted diets are also recommended. If your bird is used to a seed diet, convert to pellets gradually.
- Fresh vegetables and fruits such as grated carrots, raw broccoli, apple slices and green leafy vegetables should be given daily. Vegetables and fruit not eaten within 24 hours should be discarded.
- Birds appreciate a variety in their food. Treats and millet are also recommended.

## WATER NEEDS

Provide fresh, clean, chlorine-free water daily.

## MISC. INFORMATION

Finches are community birds and need the company of other finches. They make pleasant chirping sounds.

## AVERAGE SIZE

5 - 6 inches long.

## LIFE SPAN

5 - 8 years.

## SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seed and/or Pellets | <input type="checkbox"/> Cage & Cage Cover                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cage Paper or Appropriate Litter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin Supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats & Toys       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Bath                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Perches  | <input type="checkbox"/> Book about Gouldian Finches      |