

Easy on the Eyes

Finches, canaries, doves and pigeons offer more than pretty feathers

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Life with birds doesn't mean you have to deal with an overly dependent cockatoo or go through an endless supply of wood toys to quench the chewing needs of an Amazon or macaw. Many bird enthusiasts have discovered the joy of non-hookbill species such as finches, canaries, doves and pigeons.

FINCHES

Finches come in a amazing variety of colors and patterns. There are many species available, and zebra, Gouldian and society finches are long-time favorites.

Practically everyone has seen a zebra finch. Zebra finches are usually very inexpensive and highly available.

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