

CARE OF ZEBRA FINCHES

- **Water**
 - Ensure water bowl is always full. Finches like to bath in it, so it will become dirty quickly, particularly in summer
- **Food**
 - Seed bowl needs to be refilled every day. Some husks from the seeds will remain in the bowl. These can be removed by gently blowing on the top. Students can give this a go outside. If it becomes too difficult, the bowl can be completely emptied into the bin and filled with new seed
 - Fresh fruit and veg (apple, carrot, spinach) can be fed every now and then. Make sure these are cut nice and small
- **Cleaning**
 - Remove any uneaten fruit and veg from the day before
 - Old branches can be swapped for fresh browse from native plants (i.e. Eucalyptus, wattle, bottlebrush, acacia)
 - Ensure that the doors to the cage are not left open while changing browse or birds may escape
- **Handling**
 - Finches startle easy and are NOT to be picked up
 - Ensure gates are closed in between cleaning water and feed bowls.
 - Pipe-cleaners have been provided to ensure little hands don't accidentally lift the gates
- Finches must be checked every day over the weekend
- Finches can be kept outside in a well shaded area, but make sure they are brought in when the weather gets too hot