

# The Natural Enchantment of Living Design

## McKnight Place Extended Care



Our **CANARY** originated from the Canary Islands, off Africa's coast. The male won't sing as well when he's with the hen. For that reason, we have only a male. As a great performer, he will establish a consistent schedule for his performances.



The **ORANGE WEAVER** from Africa is a striking orange and black in breeding condition. The rest of the time, he looks like a sparrow. We have a single male in the aviary as he becomes aggressive when the female is present.

The gentle **DIAMOND DOVES** from Australia are the world's smallest doves. The male has the larger eye ring. Excellent parents, they nest in the open basket, raising one or two chicks at a time. The young mature rapidly. Dove feathers release easily, so it is not unusual for other birds to pick the Dove feathers to line their own nests.



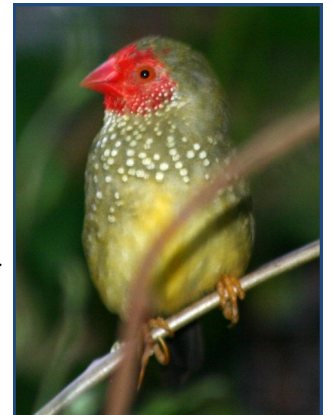
The small Asiatic birds are **SPICE FINCHES**. Their sleek chocolate plumage has white scallops on the breast. Hardy, undemanding and social, they co-exist peacefully with others in the aviary. Difficult to sex visually, we know we have a mated pair if they raise young.

Native to the hot areas of Australia, the magnificent **GOULDIAN FINCHES** have been captive bred for more than 100 years. Visually, they are easy to sex. The male's brilliant color is present year round. The female's color is more subtle. Excellent parents, they are slow to go to nest. They raise 2-3 in a clutch. The young mature slowly, molting into adult plumage at about a year.



An active bird from Africa, the tiny **ORANGE CHEEK WAXBILL** sports a bright orange cheek patch and beak. Both male and female are light gray and brown. On the CITES list, we sometimes raise these tiny creatures in colonies in aviaries.

The friendly **STAR FINCHES** from Australia have a vivid scarlet head with an olive green back. The color of the male is more vivid than that of the female. They will raise young in the aviary, from 2-3 in a clutch. When not breeding, Stars live in groups. These good natured birds get along well with other birds in the aviary.



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The tan/white or black/white birds with tan bills are **SOCIETY FINCHES**. They've never existed in the wild, but were created by the Chinese to serve as foster parents. Difficult to sex visually, we provide a colony of three and let them figure it out. Excellent parents, they raise many young in the aviary.



The wings of the **BRONZEWING MANNIKINS** are brushed with an iridescent sheen... thus their name. Shy, these tiny birds thrive in colonies of three or five. Difficult to sex, a colony increases the chances of having at least one of each sex.



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The green-gray birds with yellow breasts are **GREEN SINGING FINCHES**. From Africa, they are a close relative to the Canary. The male's pretty song can be heard throughout the year but it increases during courting season. In time the female, who looks pretty with her necklace of black spots, will be added. Our Green Singers are raised in our breeding program and will raise 1-2 chicks each year in the aviary.

The **RIBBON FINCH** male has a bright red ribbon on his throat. Both sexes are gray/brown with white stripes/dots on the rest of their body. Native to Africa they prefer the closed nests in the aviary. These birds usually use the nests of other birds. A clutch can consist of 4 to 6 white eggs, which hatch after an incubation period of 12 days.



The elegant and beautifully groomed gray-headed birds with bright red bills are **SHAFTTAILS** from Northwest Australia. Male and female both have light brown-gray coats, white and black tails and black bib. The male has a soft, pretty call. These birds will raise young in the aviary.