

Java Sparrow Fact Sheet

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Where Do Java's Come From ?

The Java Rice Sparrow are natives of Java and Bali in Indonesia and are now found throughout Indonesia. Through interdiction of man they have now settled into Borneo, China, Japan, Fiji, Malaysia, and the Philippine islands, more recently they have established a home in Hawaii and becoming a pest. In some states of the U.S.A they are banned from keeping pet Java Sparrows. Their favoured food is ripening rice crops and because of this farmers know them as an agricultural pest in Indonesia and the countries they have found new homes.



Latin and alternative names for the Java Sparrow

Lonchura Oryzivora, Padda Oryzivora, Java Rice Finch, Java Temple Bird, Rice Bird, Paddy Bird, Java Rice bird, Rice Munia.

Quick reference guide

- **Sexing:** By song or beak
- **Breeding Age:** Cock, 9 months. Hen, 12 months.
- **Clutch size:** Average size 5 eggs/ chicks can go up to 10
- **Incubation period:** 18 days both birds incubate
- **Fledging:** 30 days after hatching
- **Separate young:** 14 to 20 days after fledging
- **Java Sparrow life span:** can live up to 9 years
- **Food:** millets, cannery seed, hemp, paddy rice, grouts, meal worms, lettuce, apple,
- **Taming:** Java Sparrow's are the only finch that can become hand tamed

Java Sparrows are very social birds and are best kept as pairs or more

Java Sparrows

Chick's stages of growth



Nest's and Materials

Java's like to use large nest boxes (budgie size boxes) hanging baskets are for the smaller finch species, don't forget Java's are 6" when adult **Nest Materials:** Dry grass, coconut fibre, tissue paper, shredded paper (no print on paper)

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