


What's That Bird?

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A white Java Finch (Lonchura oryzivora) is perched on a dark brown branch. The bird has a bright red beak and a red ring around its eye. It has a small black band on its right leg and a purple band on its left leg. The background is dark and out of focus.

White Java Finch/Java Sparrow
Lonchura oryzivora*/*Padda
***oryzivora* (both names used)**
Wild Java finches are grey with
black caps/tails and white cheeks
Sexes look similar, only males sing
Range: Wild birds in Java and Bali

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Black-headed Lady Gouldian Finch

Erythrura gouldiae

**Male – Female chest is paler,
mauve not purple**

**Range: North and West Australia,
but now very rare in the wild**

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A close-up photograph of a Grey Singing Finch (Crithagra leucopygius) perched on the rim of a metal bowl. The bird has a grey head with a dark eye, a pinkish beak, and a white body with grey streaks on its wings and back. Its legs are pinkish-red.

**Grey Singing Finch/White-rumped
Seedeater**

*Crithagra leucopygius/Serinus
leucopygius* (both names used)

Sexes look similar, only males sing

Range: Dry savannah of northern
sub-Saharan Africa

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A male Chinese Golden Pheasant is shown in profile, facing left. It has a bright yellow head and neck, a red body, and a long, flowing tail with blue and black feathers. The bird is standing on a gravelly ground with some mossy rocks in the foreground.

Chinese Golden Pheasant

Chrysolophus pictus

Male – Female is mottled brown

**Range: Forested mountains in
western China**

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A close-up photograph of a White/Umbrella Cockatoo perched on a thick, textured tree branch. The bird is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the camera. Its large, white crest is raised and fanned out, resembling an umbrella. The bird has a large, grey, hooked beak and dark eyes. Its feathers are predominantly white, with some yellow visible on its wings and tail. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more of the tree and some green foliage.

White/Umbrella Cockatoo

Cacatua alba

Sexes similar, eyes dark brown in males, red/brown in females

Range: Indonesian lowland forests

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Congo African Grey Parrot

Psittacus erithacus

Males and females are similar

Range: Central and West Africa

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Cuban Finch/Cuban Grassquit

Tiaris canorus


Male – Female colours are duller

Range: Cuba and nearby islands

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Blue-faced/headed Parrot Finch
Erythrura trichroa/*Amblynura trichroa* (both names used)
Males and females are similar,
males have larger facemasks
Range: New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides

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Goldfinch/European Goldfinch
Carduelis carduelis

Males and females are similar
Range: Europe, northern Africa
and western Asia. It has been
introduced into Australia, New
Zealand and Uruguay.

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Red-crested/Red-pileated Finch
Coryphospingus cucullatus
Male - Females lack the red crest
and are mostly brown, both have
white eye rings and red rumps
Range: Central South America

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