



About zebra finches

The zebra finch is a tropical bird found throughout most of the Australian continent. The finch is a gregarious pack animal and is always sold in pairs. CC will be home to 44 zebra finch couples – 88 birds in total. The finches are sourced from a bird breeder in the town of Mørke in Jutland who specialises in breeding various species of finches. Once the exhibition is complete the zebra finches will be returned to the breeder.

The birds are tended to every day by CC's staff in accordance with the instructions provided by the breeder and the Danish veterinarian authorities. The birds are given feed formulated especially for tropical birds, and water for drinking and washing is provided in cymbals placed upside down. Furthermore, CC has consulted a veterinarian from the Ministry of Environment and Food, who approved the installation, vouching for the birds' wellbeing. The Danish Zebra Finch Society has also guaranteed that the birds are not harmed by the noise, since the sound is amplified by remote amps, rather than by the guitars themselves.

Every morning, a timed device will slowly activate the lights in the room. At night the lights will be slowly dimmed, allowing the birds to maintain optimum sleep patterns. The timer is set to emulate the rhythms of a summer day/night cycle.

The gregarious nature of the finches means that they often form groups. Hence, visitors will find that groups of birds often settle on the strings of the instruments in the exhibition. Zebra finches are docile, non-aggressive birds, so guests can safely move around among the birds.