The **Zebra Finch**, *Taeniopygia guttata* (formerly *Poephila guttata*)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zebra_Finch#cite_note-1), is the most common and familiar [estrildid finch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estrildid_finch) of [Central Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Australia) and ranges over most of the continent, avoiding only the cool moist south and the tropical far north. It also can be found natively in [Indonesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia)and [East Timor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Timor). The bird has been introduced to [Puerto Rico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rico), [Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal), [Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil) and the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)

The ground-dwelling Zebra Finch grows to a size of about 10 centimetres (3.9 in) long and usually eats grass seeds and spray millet. [[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zebra_Finch#cite_note-goldenb-2) This species' vocalizations consist mostly of chattering trills and calls.