



PURPLE FINCH

What do they look like?

- Male purple finches have reddish-colored feathers on the head and shoulders, while females have brown and white feathers.
- The pattern of feathers on female purple finches helps them blend in with tree branches and bushes.

What do they eat?

They eat buds, seeds, insects, and berries. They also like to eat at birdfeeders.



A male purple finch.



Where do they live ?

- Purple finches live in forests all over New Hampshire. They are most common in the northern part of the state and least common along the seacoast.
- They build nests made out of twigs, weeds, tree bark, moss, and animal fur. They balance their nests on the branches of trees.

Fun Fact

The purple finch became the state bird of New Hampshire in 1957.



Female purple finch.

Notice & Wonder

- Have you ever seen a purple finch in the wild?
- Why do you think New Hampshire named it as the state bird?

