

## Vampire Finch

(*Geospiza septentrionalis*)

**Diet:** The main part of the Vampire Ground Finch's diet is made up of seeds and invertebrates. Other sources of food include bird eggs, guano, leftover fish, and nectar from Galapagos prickly pear (a kind of cactus that makes a fruit-like sweet structure the resembles a pear). When these food sources are scarce, the Vampire Finch may feed on the blood of other birds such as blue footed boobies.

**Habitat:** Mostly frequents habitats on the ground.

**Location:** Found only on Wolf and Darwin islands.



## Medium Ground Finch

(*Geospiza fortis*)

Diet: Feeds on a variety of seeds, fruits and insects. It takes mainly small seeds, flowers of *Opuntia helleri* cactus, seeds of *Tribulus* plants and insects.

Habitat: Frequents forest edges and scrubby areas. but it can be found in all habitat types and at all elevations. However, it prefers arid lowland zones and “transition areas” where it is common. During the non-breeding season, it is mostly seen in highlands.

Location: Found on Fernandina, Isabela, Santiago, Pinzon, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, San Cristobal, Floreana islands, and of course, Daphne Major.



## Small Ground Finch

(*Geospiza fulginosa*)

Diet: Consumes small seeds, buds and insects, but seeds are the main food. It also feeds on fruits from *Opuntia* cactus.

Habitat: Occurs at all elevations, up to 1700 meters, from arid lowland areas with cacti, deciduous shrubs and small trees, to moist highland forest dominated by trees of genus *Scalesia*, endemic to Galapagos.

Location: Found on Pinta, Marchena, Fernandina, Isabela, Santiago, Daphne Major, Rabida, Pinzon, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, San Cristobal, and Floreana islands.



## Hispañola Cactus Finch

(*Geospiza conirostris*)

Diet: Gets most of its food from the prickly-pear cactus *Opuntia helleri*, from which it takes pulp, flowers, fruits and insects feeding on cactus flowers.

Habitat: Frequents the arid lowlands with dry scrub, and the areas with cacti of genus *Opuntia helleri*. Often seen on the ground.

Location: Found on Wolf and Genovesa islands.



## Common Cactus Finch

(*Geospiza scandens*)

Diet: The prickly-pear cactus *Opuntia helleri* provides food to the Common Cactus Finch. It feeds on pulp, fruits, flowers and insects. According to the season, the diet varies. The flowering cactus provides pollen and nectar, collected thanks to the specialized beak of this species. Fruits and seeds are important components of its diet too.

Habitat: Frequents arid lowland areas where cactus *Opuntia helleri* is present. It is rarely seen higher in more humid areas.

Location: Found on Pinta, Marchena, Isabela, Santiago, Daphne Major, Rabida, Pinzon, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, and Floreana islands.



## Large Ground Finch

(*Geospiza magnirostris*)

Diet: Feeds mainly on large seeds, and also takes *Opuntia* cactus fruits, caterpillars and large insects. It feeds on seeds of *Bursera graveolens*, but its main food source includes the woody seeds of *Tribulus cistoides*. Its large, strong bill allows it to crack open these hard seeds.

Habitat: Frequents arid scrubs in the lowland areas of each island.

Location: Found on Wolf, Pinta, Daphne Major, Marchena, Genovesa, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago, Rabida, Pinzon, and Santa Cruz islands.

