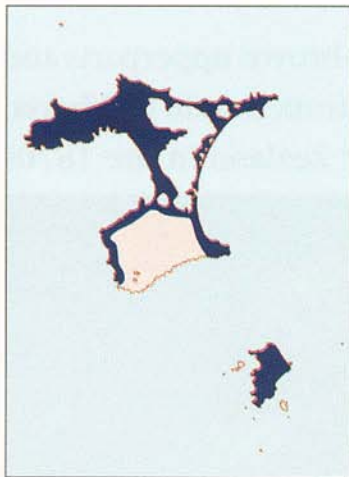


Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

15 cm

INTRODUCED TO NEW ZEALAND

Greenfinches are olive-green sparrow-sized birds that are native to Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and western Asia. They were introduced to mainland New Zealand during the 1860s and are now abundant throughout New Zealand. Greenfinches are locally common on the Chatham Islands, which they colonised before 1920.



Male greenfinch. Photo:
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