



House Finches

Haemorhous mexicanus

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What do you call baby birds that haven't left the nest?

Recently hatched, **hatchlings**. A **nestling** is without feathers, and a **fledgling** has feathers and is learning to fly.

What do these young ones eat? House Finch nestlings are fed exclusively plant foods, such as seeds, rare in the bird world.

How many eggs are typically found in a nest? 3-6

Name some predators of hatchlings. Depending on the location of the nest: hawks, owls, snakes, cats, raccoons, squirrels, crows, magpies and jays

Oldest known House Finch? Almost 12 years!

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