

IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR BIRD IN TOP CONDITION, WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Seed** – specially formulated to assist in providing your bird with a balanced diet.
- Sulphur remedy** – a preventative treatment to assist in disease prevention. Add to the bird's water supply for the first 3-5 days and then as required.
- Vitamin and mineral supplements** – to provide your bird with essential dietary ingredients.
- Wormer** – to keep your bird free of intestinal worms.
- Mite and lice spray** – to prevent insect infestation on your bird and its cage.
- Iodine bell** – iodine is essential to prevent goitre and to keep their beak trim.
- Calcium and charcoal button/bell** – prevents sour crop, which is a disease prevalent in birds.
- Shell grit** – supplies essential calcium to aid in the digestion of seeds.
- Sand sheets** – to keep the base of the cage clean, and to trim the birds claws when it is on the bottom of the cage.

- Drinky bottle** – to supply a constant flow of fresh water.
- Seed treat/bell** – for an added treat.
- Perch cover** – to keep your birds beak and claws clean and trimmed.
- Nail clippers** – to clip overgrown nails and beak.
- Cage cleaner** – to keep housing disease free, by deodorizing and sterilising the cage.
- Cuttlefish** – for calcium, or calcium block for healthy beaks and bones.
- Assorted toys** – to help prevent boredom, to keep your bird amused and entertained. Many toys available.
- Wooden/rope chew toys** – natural wood/rope for your bird to chew on to relieve boredom. Many styles available.
- Egg and biscuit** – to help create a balanced diet.
- Breeding boxes/nests/nesting material** – if you want to breed your birds.
- Bird bath** – all birds love to frolic in water. Allow access only during the warmer hours of the day, in order to prevent the bird catching a chill.
- Swing** – for your bird to play on and enjoy.
- Playpen** – different sizes and styles available to train your bird on.
- Cage** – make sure that the cage suits the bird's requirements. Stands are also available.



CARING FOR YOUR BIRD



When you are selecting a cage for your bird, make sure that you choose one that will suit your bird's requirements. Before purchasing the cage, make sure you discuss which is the most suitable cage with our friendly staff. Different birds have different cage requirements. Remember, the larger the cage, the better it is for your new bird.

FEEDING YOUR BIRD

A large variety of freshly packed seeds are available to feed your new bird. As well as normal seed, your bird needs specialised seed. These seeds are similar to the food that they would get in their natural environment. Ask our staff member about which is best for your bird. If you choose a high quality seed, this will help considerably to reduce wastage. Seed is only a part of a bird's diet, so for a bird to have a balanced diet, it must be given a vitamin and mineral supplement for the essential dietary ingredients it would find if it was living in the wild. Once or twice a week, you may feed your bird either fresh fruit or vegetables as an additional food source.

Too much may cause your bird to become sick or cause diarrhoea, especially if you feed your bird excessive green leafy vegetables because of the water content. Some foods such as avocado, chocolate and caffeine *can be toxic to birds and should not be fed*. It is important to be aware of your birds specific dietary requirements as some birds are seed eaters, whilst others must be on a strictly nectar based diet.



TAMING YOUR BIRD

If you are thinking of taming your bird, you need to spend plenty of time with it. Purchasing a hand-tamed, or hand-reared bird will take the hard work out of the early stages of training. In either case, spend plenty of time with your bird.

TEACHING YOUR BIRD TO TALK

Many different species of birds are able to be taught how to speak. Repetition and spending plenty of time with your new bird will allow him/her to learn and develop.

BREEDING YOUR BIRD

If you are thinking of breeding your bird, we sell breeding boxes, nests and nesting materials that are required for the birds to breed. Be sure to have more nests than pairs of birds (eg 2 pairs of birds require 3 nests so they have a choice of nests) and make sure that they are kept at the same height to avoid possible fights, as all birds will attempt to nest in the higher one.

WORMING

Birds can contract worms just like any other animal. You should be worming your bird monthly to help prevent intestinal worms. Simply add the wormer to your bird's water.

ENVIRONMENT

Your new bird and its cage should be kept away from draughts and extreme temperature ranges.

A kitchen is not a good place to keep your bird. It must be a comfortable temperature, and the bird should be kept away from hazards. Some birds are also happier with a mate. Be sure your cage size is appropriate for the number of birds.

ESSENTIAL TREATMENTS FOR YOUR BIRD

There are a number of treatments that are essential for a bird to lead a healthy life.

These treatments are as follows.

SULPHUR BASED REMEDY:

formulated for the treatment and prevention of bacterial infections and stress related diarrhoea problems in caged birds. Use for the first 3-5 days, then as required.

VITAMIN & MINERAL SUPPLEMENT: essential for caged and aviary birds to provide them with nutrients commonly found to be deficient in their diet. A vitamin and mineral supplement provides birds with the nutrients they would get if they were living in the wild.

MITE & LICE SPRAY: before using mite and lice spray, be sure to remove all food and water from the cage. This spray controls feather mites and lice on caged birds. Spray the bird, the cage, their perches, and any secluded area where mites could lay their eggs. This process should be done weekly.

WORMER: given to birds monthly to prevent worms.

CHARCOAL BELL: prevents sour crop, a disease prevalent in birds.

SHELL GRIT: birds need to consume shell grit to help in the digestion of seed. If birds do not have grit, then seed can often take a long time to be digested, and this may be harmful to your bird.

IODINE BELL: iodine is essential in a birds diet as it helps prevent goitre, a potentially fatal disease that affects a birds thyroid gland. Used regularly, it also helps trim the birds beak.

