

## HOUSING AND DIETARY NEEDS FOR BIRDS

All birds need flying practice before being released, whether it is a young bird or an injured adult. Most species do better if raised with another of their own kind, so if you report what you have in care it makes it easier to pair the babies up.

**IMPRINTING** (Baby bonded to humans) is to be avoided at all costs. The bird will not be accepted by other wild birds and therefore will not survive. You don't need to bond with a bird as you would a possum or macropod. Doing this can cause irreversible damage.

Correct identification of your baby is important so you can make sure that you are feeding it the correct diet and teaching it to feed in the right place (whether it be on the ground or up in the tree canopy. A variety of Reference Books are vital and can be bought from the WA Museum or other bookstores (look for Field Guides or Identification Books)

TYPE	SPECIES	HOW OFTEN TO FEED		SIZE OF AVIARY OR CAGE			CAPTIVE DIET	NATURAL DIET
		ADULTS	BABIES	ADULTS	BABIES	R&R		
				Pre-release	Fledged			
DUCKS	Ducks	2 x Day	2-3 x Day	2 x 3 Metres. Must be on grass.	<b>Tiny Babies</b> 1 x 0.50 Metres. <b>From 3 Weeks</b> 2 x 1 Metres. Must be on grass.	2 x 3 Metres	Lettuce, Alfalfa, Silverbeet, Mealworms or Cockroaches.	Grasses, Aquatic Insects, Millet, Water plant seed, Weeds.
CARNIVORES	Blue-Winged Kookaburra	2 x Day	Every 2 Hrs	2 x 5 Metres	1.5 X 1.5 Metres	1.5 X 1.5 Metres	Spiders, Pinkie Rats & Mice, Kangaroo pieces, Grasshoppers, Mealworms, Cicadas, Beetles.	Spiders, Lizards, Snakes, Grasshoppers, Worms, Cicadas, Beetles.
	Crow	2 x Day	Every 2 Hrs	7 x 2 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Pinkie Rats & Mice, Caterpillars.	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Caterpillars, Carrion, Fruit, Seeds, Berries
	Sacred Kingfisher	2 x Day	Every 1/2 Hr	2 x 2 Metres	1.5 x 1.5 Metres	1.5 x 1.5 Metres	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Small Freshwater Fish, Pinkies.	Insects, Grasshoppers, Beetles, Small Lizards, Tadpoles, Mudskippers, Fish.
	Magpie	2 x Day	Every 1 1/2 Hr	5 x 2 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	Spiders, Grasshoppers, Worms, Cicadas, Beetles, Pinkies, Kangaroo Pieces.	Spiders, Lizards, Snakes, Grasshoppers, Worms, Cicadas, Beetles

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<b>NOCTURNAL</b>	<b>Tawny Frogmouth</b>	Every 2-3 Hrs	Every 2-3 Hrs	5 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Cockroaches, Beetles, Moths, Pinkies, Crickets, Grasshoppers.	Cockroaches, Beetles, Moths, Rodents, Crickets, Frogs, Geckoes, Grasshoppers
	<b>Owlet Nightjar</b>	Every 2-3 Hrs	Every 2-3 Hrs	5 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Cockroaches, Beetles, Moths, Mice, Crickets, Grasshoppers.	Cockroaches, Beetles, Moths, Mice, Crickets, Frogs, Grasshoppers.
	<b>Boobook</b>	Every 2-3 Hrs	Every 2-3 Hrs	5 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Pinkie Mice, Crickets, Caterpillars	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Lizards, Rodents, Crickets, Caterpillars
<b>GRANIVORES</b>	<b>Cockatoo</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	7 x 7 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Commercial Bird Seeds, Corn & Sunflower Seeds, etc.	Seeding Trees such as Eucalypts, Acacias, etc.
	<b>Galah &amp; Corella</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Seeding Grasses, Seeding Flowers & Seeding Tress (Acacia)
	<b>Rosella</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	3 x 3 Metres	2 x 1 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Acacia Seeds, Fruits from Livistonia & Grevilleas
	<b>Bar-Shouldered Dove</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	3 x 3 Metres	2 x 1 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Seeding Grasses, Seeding Shrubs & Acacia.
	<b>Bronze-wing</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	3 x 3 Metres	2 x 1 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Legumes, Cassia, Acacia, Wheat & Clover seeds.
	<b>Parrot</b>	Every Hour	Every 3 Hrs	7 x 7 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Legumes, Green Seed & Fruits from Ficus & Acacia Trees
	<b>Finches (Zebra and Double Barred)</b>	Every Hour	Every 2 Hrs	2 x 2 Metres	2 x 2 Metres (with others if possible)	3 x 3 Metres	Commercial Native Bird Seeds, Granivore Mix (For Young)	Seeding Grasses & Spinifex.

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<b>NECTARIVORE BIRDS</b>	<b>Rainbow Lorikeet</b>	Every 3-4 Hrs	Every 2 Hrs	3 X 3 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Nectarivore Mix, Fresh Nectar flowers, Small Berries, Mealworms.	Grevilleas, Banksias, Bottlebrush, Wattle, Callistemon, Eucalypts,
	<b>Yellow Tinted Honey-eater</b>	Every Hour	Every 2 hrs (1 part nectar : 4 parts Insect)	2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Nectarivore Mix, Fresh Nectar flowers, Small Berries, Mealworms.	Grevilleas, Banksias, Bottlebrush, Wattle, Callistemon, Eucalypts, Insects (spiders, Beetles, Caterpillars)
	<b>Wattle Bird</b>	Every Hour	Every 2hrs (1 part nectar 4 Insect)	2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Nectarivore Mix, Fresh Nectar flowers, Small Berries, Mealworms.	Grevilleas, Banksias, Bottlebrush, Wattle, Callistemon, Eucalypts,
	<b>White-Gaped honey-eater</b>	Every 1/2 Hr	Every 2hrs (1 part nectar 4 Insect)	2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Nectarivore Mix, Fresh Nectar flowers, Small Berries, Mealworms.	Grevilleas, Banksias, Bottlebrush, Wattle, Eucalypts, (as for Yellow Honeyeater)
	<b>Blue-Faced Honey-eater</b>	Every Hour	Every 2hrs (1 part nectar 4 Insect)	2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Cocky Cage Size (Short Term), Then 2 x 2 x 2 Metres	Commercial Nectarivore Mix, Fresh Nectar flowers, Small Berries, Mealworms.	Grevilleas, Banksias, Bottlebrush, Wattle, Eucalypts, (as for Yellow Honeyeater)
<b>RAPTORS</b>	<b>Kite</b>	2 x Day	2-3 Times	Min. 4 x 4 x 4 Metres	Min. 4 x 4 x 4 Metres	Min. 4 x 4 x 4 Metres	Day old Chicks, Small & Large Rodents (Thawed), possibly meat offcuts	Rats, Mice, Small Birds, Lizards, Fresh Road Kill, & Small Mammals
	<b>Wedge Tailed Eagle</b>	2 x Day	2-3 Times	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Day old Chicks, Small & Large Rodents (Thawed), possibly meat offcuts	Rats, Mice, Small Birds, Lizards, Fresh Road Kill, & Small Mammals
	<b>Goshawk</b>	2 x Day	2-3 Times	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Day old Chicks, Small & Large Rodents (Thawed), possibly meat offcuts	Rats, Mice, Small Birds, Lizards, Fresh Road Kill, & Small Mammals
	<b>Falcon</b>	2 x Day	2-3 Times	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Min. 5 x 5 x 5 Metres	Day old Chicks, Small & Large Rodents (Thawed), possibly meat offcuts	Rats, Mice, Small Birds, Lizards, Fresh Road Kill, & Small Mammals

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<b>MIGRATORY</b>	<b>Koel</b>	2 x Day	1-1.5 Hrs	6 x 3 Metres (Height Important - 2.5 Metres)	4 x 2 Metres	4 x 2 Metres	All Types Of Fresh Figs (Not Dried or Candied), Palm Berries, Insects.	All Types Of Figs, Palm Berries, Insects.
	<b>Channel Billed Cuckoo</b>	2 x Day	Every 2 Hrs	7 x 2 Metres (Height Important - 2.5 Metres)	4 x 2 Metres	4 x 2 Metres	All Types Of Fresh Figs (Not Dried or Candied), Palm Berries, Insects. Insectivore Mix & Banana may work.	All Types Of Figs, Palm Berries, Grasshoppers, Cicadas, Large Insects.
	<b>Dollar Bird</b>	2 x Day 1 morning & Night	Every 2 Hrs	3 x 3 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	2 x 2 Metres	Flying Insects (Must be taught to catch on the wing), Cicadas, Grasshoppers, Beetles	Flying Insects such as female Green Tree Ant, Cicadas, Grasshoppers, Scarab Beetles.
<b>FRUGIVORES</b>	<b>Great Bowerbird</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	PawPaw, Peach, Grapes, Mealworms, Plum, Berries	Fruits, Berries, Seeds, Beetles, Grubs, Spiders, Poinciana Pods.
	<b>Oriole</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	2.5 x 1.5 Metres	PawPaw, Peach, Grapes, Mealworms, Plum, Berries	Beetles, Ants, Caterpillars, Fruits & Berries,

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INSECTIVORES	<b>Black-Faced Cuckoo Shrike</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	5 x 2 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	3 x 1.5 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	3 x 1.5 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	Mealworms, Grasshoppers, Caterpillars, Crickets, Dragonflies, Occasional Pinkie.	Flying Insects. Dragonflies, Cicadas, Caterpillars, Crickets, Berries
	<b>Pheasant Coucal</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	5 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Grasshoppers, Caterpillars, Occasional Pinkie, Mealworms, Grubs.	Grasshoppers, Beetles, Cockroaches, Caterpillars & small Lizards
	<b>Magpie-Lark</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	4 x 4 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 3 Metres	Mealworms, Cockroaches, Crickets, Termites, Occasional Pinkie.	Cockroaches, Grasshoppers, Crickets, Beetles, Slats, Centipedes, Spiders, Termites.
	<b>Rainbow Bee-eater</b>	2 x Day	Every 1-1.5 Hrs	5 x 2 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	3 x 1.5 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	3 x 1.5 Metres (Height 2.5 Metres)	Grasshoppers, Dragonflies, Cicadas, Bees (with no sting attached)	Dragonflies, Grasshoppers, Bees, Flies, Cicadas, Butterflies, Flying Ants
WATER BIRDS	<b>Plovers / Lapwings</b>	2 x Day	2 x Day	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Water Beetles, Worms, Mealworms, Grasshoppers.	Beetles, Worms, Water Insects, Grasshoppers,
	<b>Swamp hens</b>	2 x Day	2 x Day	3 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Leafy Greens, Water Insects, Mealworms, Small Pinkies	Underwater Grasses & Weeds, Aquatic Insects, Frogs, Worms,
	<b>Thick-knee</b>	2 x Day	2 x Day	5 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	<b>Beach</b> - Small Fish, Insects, Worms. <b>Bush</b> - Worms, Small Pinkies, Water Beetles, Small Fish, Mealworms.	<b>Beach</b> - Small Fish, Crabs, Insects. <b>Bush</b> - Worms, Lizards, Small Snakes, Water Beetles, Frogs.
	<b>Herons / Egrets / Ibis</b>	2 x Day	Every 2 Hrs	6 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Worms, Beetles, Grasshoppers, Water Insects, Small Fish.	Worms, Beetles, Grasshoppers, Crustaceans, Water Insects, Fish, Frogs.
	<b>Bustards</b>	2 x Day	Every 2 Hrs	6 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Mealworms, Cockroaches, Water insects, Pinkies.	Ground Insects (Worms, Beetles), Grasshoppers, Crustaceans, Water Insects, Fish, Frogs

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SEA BIRDS	Pelican	2 x Day	2 x Day	6 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Fish & Small Crustaceans	Fish & Crustaceans.
	Shearwaters	2 x Day	2 x Day	6 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Fish & Squid.	Fish, Squid, Crustaceans.
	Albatross	2 x Day	2 x Day	6 x 3 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	3 x 2 Metres	Small Fish & Squid, Octopus.	Fish, Squid, Crustaceans.

### EMERGENCY DIETS

<b>NECTARIVORES</b>	Lorikeet & Nectar Mix with water	1 part Honey, 6 parts water, 4 drops of Avidrops, plus chopped fruit & mealworms (crushed)	1 part Glucodin, 6 parts water	1 part Baby Cereal, 6 parts water & 1 part Honey or Glucose
<b>INSECTIVORES</b>	Wombaroo Insectivore Mix & Kangaroo Meat or sliced Pinkies.	Insectivore Mix, Nectar Mix, & Poly-aid with water.	Crushed Mealworms, Baby Cereal, Insectivore Mix & Crushed Grasshoppers with water.	High quality Mince meat, Hard Boiled Egg, 2 drops of Avidrops & Water (with a bit of Glucodin)
<b>GRANIVORES</b>	Wombaroo Granivore Mix, or Crumbles	1 part Glucodin, 6 parts Baby Cereal (enough to make a porridge)	Millet, Sunflower seeds & other seeds crushed up with water.	Poly-aid with Baby Cereal & Granivore Mix to make a slurry (tube feed)
<b>WATER BIRDS</b>	Blended Fish and Insectivore Mix.	Blended Fish with Green Leaves (Lettuce etc)	Sprouts & Chicken Crumbles	
<b>CARNIVORES</b>	Blended Rodents & Poly-aid			
<b>FRUGIVORES</b>	Blended Fruits of Banana, PawPaw, Grapes, etc., with Poly-aid and a bit of water	Glucodin, Water & Baby Cereal with a bit of Poly-aid	Fruit Juice (Fresh – not Commercial) with High Protein Baby Cereal	