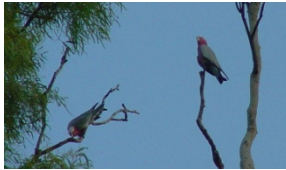


## Housing Requirements

- Cage should be as large as possible & long rather than high
- Bird should have space to stretch its wings & exercise
- Cage should be free of rust



- Birds have a physiological need to perch, natural branches in different sizes are best
- Clean fresh drinking water should be provided daily & food & water containers should be placed to avoid contamination with faeces
- Fumes from chemicals, sprays, cooking & smoke should be kept away from birds as they are sensitive to this also
- Daily bathing by spraying the bird or providing a bath encourages preening
- Worm every 3 months or at least check for parasites at yearly check up
- There are some great toys available to help prevent boredom

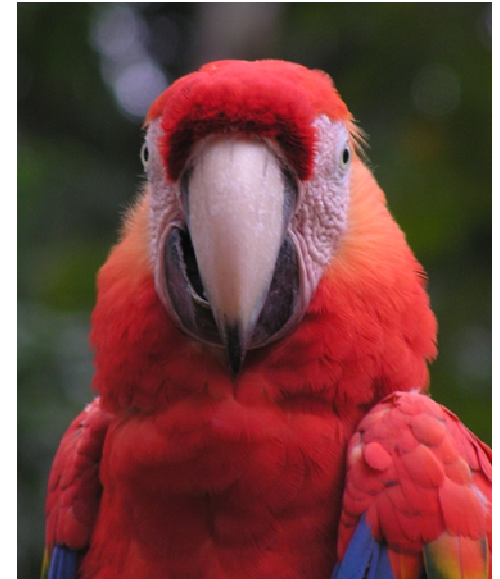


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## Bird Care

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## Nutrition

## Diet

A commercial seed mix alone is not a fully balanced diet; most birds will pick through & eat what is palatable & leave what is less desirable. This can lead to deficiencies which can then lead to many ailments such as malnutrition, obesity, disease, feather plucking & vitamin deficiencies.

## Small Seed Eaters

- Finches, Budgies, Doves, Canaries
- Can be fed on a mixture of seeds &/or commercially prepared crumble, native seeded grasses & fresh grass can also be given daily



## Medium Seed Eaters

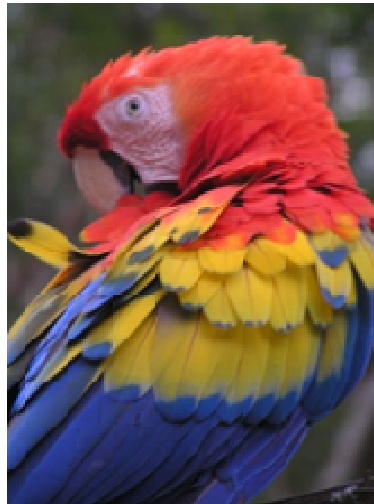
- Cockatiel, Princess Parrot, African Love Bird, Rosella
- Can be fed a combination of seed &/or commercially prepared pellets & fresh vegetables such as broccoli, parsley, beans, dandelion & fresh grass also being appreciated

## Larger Seed Eaters

- Galah, Cockatoo
- A combination of seed &/or commercially prepared but if feeding seed no more than 10-15 sunflower seeds per day. Fresh veg such as broccoli, carrot, beans or corn should also be provided regularly.

## Fruit Eaters

- Asiatics, Alexanderines, Indian Ring-neck, South American Conures, Amazons & Eclectus Parrots
- Commercially made pellets specifically designed for these breeds are available but fresh fruit such as apple, rockmelon, grapes, oranges, banana etc can also be provided (for Macaws add nuts & vegetables)



## Lorikeets & Nectar Eaters

- Rainbow Lorikeets, Scaly-breasted Lorikeets
- Lorikeets shouldn't be fed seed as they don't have the appropriate stomach to grind seed. Dry food powders are best; lorikeet nectar can be bought but should only be an additive, not the base diet. Native plants & flowers such as Banksia, Grevillea, Eucalyptus, Acacia, Melaleuca, nectar, pollen & grass roots can also be offered.



## Some Common Foods That Are Toxic To Birds

- Avocado
- Chocolate, Coffee
- Milky Sapped plants