

ABOUT US

Breeders Choice Seeds is a family owned, all Australian company. We believe pet bird owners deserve the best quality seed mixes for their birds. We strive to use only export quality grain which is sound and sweet. All our mixes are formulated with the assistance of top Australian Birdbreeders to ensure your bird receives the necessary vitamins and minerals, even if they don't receive supplementary food.

Mixes available in the Breeders Choice Seeds range include Canary, Finch, Budgie, Cockatiel, Parrot, Small Parrot, Executive Parrot, Grass Parrot, Wild Bird and Pigeon Mix. We also have a Sprouting Mix which has been specially designed to give your bird the benefits of freshly sprouted seed.

It is most important to remember that feeding the wrong mix to your bird could shorten his life span by several years, reduce breeding results significantly and produce sickly and infertile fledglings. By following the tips contained in this brochure, you should enjoy many years of pleasure and companionship from your feathered friends.

ALTERNATE FEEDING PLAN

Many first time bird owners believe that seeds, seed treats and other items that are sold on the market as "bird food" provide complete nutrition. No seed diet is a complete diet. Therefore, other foods, such as those comprising a lean vegetarian type diet, must be added to balance the nutrients missing in seed. Birds will not choose a balanced diet if given free choice, and will select their favourite. By offering your bird a wide variety of food, you will ensure he receives a balanced diet.

FRESH VEGGIES AND GREENS

Vegetables provide some essential vitamins needed by birds. Light coloured vegetable with a very high water content such as lettuce and celery are the least beneficial. The most valuable are the dark green leafy vegetables with a high vitamin a content such as beets< broccoli, endive, carrots, parsley, pumpkin, squash and sweet potato.

Greens such as chickweed, milk thistle, groundsel, couch grass, dandelions, crowsfoot and summer and winter grasses are all

beneficial, however, it is important that these natural foods have not been fouled by vehicle exhaust, dogs or herbicides. Wash all greens thoroughly before feeding to your bird.

FRESH FRUIT

Fruits should be offered in limited quantities in order to prevent over consumption by the bird. Desirable fruits are papaya< melons and apricots for their vitamin a content.

SOURCES OF PROTEIN

Mature legumes such as soy, navy, kidney or mung beans and lentils may be offered, however high fat legumes such as peanuts should be limited. Small amounts of tuna or other fish, beef, eggs or chicken may also be offered.

SOURCES OF CALCIUM

It is generally believed that the greater the consumption of seeds in the diet, the higher the need for supplementary calcium. This is

most easily met by mineral supplements in the form of cuttlebone, oyster shell and mineral blocks.

As seed eaters require assistance to break down the hard seed centres in the gizzard, providing hard indigestible grit is imperative for grinding and pulverizing the seed. With the aid of grit, it is more easily conveyed by the intestines to the liver for distribution of the nutrients throughout the body.

FRESH WATER

Fresh water must be provided at all times. To ensure water does not become contaminated, place perches away from water bowls.

OTHER QUICK HINTS

In hot weather, your bird will appreciate a shower. Use a fine mist spray preferably before 11 am as this will give your bird time to dry completely before nightfall.

Using natural wooden perches in cages and aviaries is much better for your birds feet. They also enjoy chewing on them.



Avoid filling your bird's cage with plastic toys and mirrors. Instead give your bird gum nuts and eucalypt branches.



Thank you for purchasing this bag of Breeders Choice Seeds quality birdseed. For advice on any aspect of feeding your bird please call us on Freecall 1800 637 039.



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Tips for a Healthy Bird