



ROUDYBUSH™

Premium Food for Your Valuable Pet

What makes Roudybush the best diet for your bird?

For decades the standard diet for most birds kept in captivity has been a mixture of seeds and nuts. This diet was based on the assumption that this is what these birds eat in their natural environment. Over the past several years more information about what these birds actually eat in the wild as well as research on their actual nutritional requirements has become available. This new information coupled with better documentation of avian health problems by veterinary and aviculture professionals has made it clear that these diets are harmful; however many people continue to feed these seed and nut based diets without proper supplementation. Further, proper supplementation may be hard to achieve. Supplements like mineral blocks, cuttle bones, fortified seeds, and vitamins in the water rely on the bird's willingness to choose the appropriate things to eat and in the proper quantities. Birds typically eat to fulfill an energy (calorie) requirement and will choose the highest energy (typically fattiest) foods available. The other problem that these supplements pose is that too much of a vitamin or mineral can cause toxicity (too much), this can be just as dangerous as a deficiency (not enough).

Roudybush diets provide your bird with safe levels of nutrients that are needed for good health. This means not only will your bird receive the right levels of vitamins and minerals but they will also receive the right levels of fat and protein. Roudybush provides your bird with the best possible nutrition without the added cost or hassle of supplements. Also because Roudybush is a pelleted diet it is 100% edible. You will not be paying for the inedible hulls (shells) of seeds which make up 20-70% of most seed mixes, you will have less mess under the bird cage because there are no hulls, there is no risk of feeding seeds that have been contaminated in fields or in storage, and there are no variations in the nutrient composition or quality of the pellets as you often find in seeds. Pellets are a safer, reliable way to feed your bird. The pelleting process offers the advantage of preserving more of the fiber in the diet than extrusion does, making the diet healthier for your bird's intestinal tract. Roudybush pellets also do not include any added sugars or sweeteners.

Sugars and sweeteners can promote infections, especially yeast infections, in birds. Roudybush diets also do not include any added colors, which means that they will not mask the color of your bird's droppings allowing you and your veterinarian to better assess your bird's health. Changes in color and consistency of droppings can be indicators of potentially serious health problems in birds.

To feed your bird, simply provide them with Roudybush pellets and fresh water. If you prefer, you can still offer your bird healthy treats, such as Roudybush Rice Treats, fruits, and vegetables, for your own and your bird's enjoyment. Birds fed Roudybush will molt into brightly colored, lustrous feathers. If your bird was on a marginal diet, you will notice your bird becoming more active and more resistant to infections. Over the years your bird will be much less likely to become obese, develop metabolic diseases such as fatty liver syndrome, develop kidney disease, or suffer from chronic respiratory diseases.

Once your birds are eating pellets, they can be easily switched from one formulation to another. This means that if your bird ever needs a medicated or specialized diet, they will easily convert to it. Roudybush does offer several medicated and specialized diets, most available only by veterinary prescription, to aide in treating; kidney disorders, liver disorders, digestive disorders, Psittacosis, Proventricular Dilatation Disease, obesity, food allergies, and a gavage formula for critical patients.





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Choosing a Roudybush Diet for Your Bird

Roudybush makes diets for birds in all stages of life and in all stages of health. Below is a listing of all diets that are available without a prescription and their uses. For prescription diet information please call your veterinarian or our toll free number (800) 326-1726. If you are converting your bird to a Roudybush diet we recommend using the Maintenance diet first and then changing to the appropriate diet once your bird has accepted the Roudybush pellets. If your bird is overweight and in need of our Low-Fat diet it is still recommended to begin with the Maintenance and then wean your bird on to the Low-Fat as it is not as palatable and can be difficult to get some birds to accept. For more information on changing your bird's diet please see our *Convert Your Bird* flyer or call (800) 326-1726. If your bird is prone to hypocalcaemia or chronic egg laying try our new Senior Diet.

Roudybush Products

- Maintenance**- For adult birds in good health.
- NEW California Blend**- For adult birds in good health.
- NEW Senior Diet**- For birds that may benefit from a diet higher in calcium, vitamins, trace minerals, and protein.
- NEW Gourmet Soak & Feed**- For adult birds in good health. Can be used as a regular diet or as a treat – available in Tuscan Recipe and Orchard Harvest flavors.
- Careline Rice Diet**- For adult birds with food allergies.
- Low-Fat Daily Maintenance**- For adult birds that are or tend to become overweight.
- Breeder**- For breeding birds or pairs of birds that are raising their own chicks.
- High-Energy Breeder**- For breeding birds that are actively feeding chicks.
- Formula 3**- For hand feeding chicks.
- Lory Diet** - For lories in all stages of life .
- NEW Rice Treats** – For treating birds of all types
- NEW BirdBites Cheese Treats** – For treating birds of all types.

Choosing a Pellet Size for Your Bird

Once you have chosen the right Roudybush diet for your bird you will need to choose the appropriate pellet size, a list of suggested pellet sizes is included below, but keep in mind that the right size for your bird is what ever size they prefer to eat. If you do not see your bird's species listed below simply choose the pellet size recommended for a bird of similar size. In general, give your bird the smallest size it will readily accept to minimize waste as your bird crumbles up the pellets to eat them.

Pellet Size Recommendations

height recommendations measured form head to toes

Large-----birds 10 inches and taller-----

- Large Macaw
- Large Cockatoo

Medium-----birds 8 inches and taller-----

- Large Macaw Dwarf macaw
- Large Cockatoo Small Cockatoo
- Pionus Rosella
- Eclectus

Small-----birds 6 inches and taller-----

- Dwarf Macaw African Grey
- Small Cockatoo Quaker
- Cockatiel Amazon
- Lovebird Eclectus
- Pionus Rosella
- Conure Lory

Mini-----birds 3 inches and taller-----

- Cockatiel Lovebird
- Budgerigar Conure
- Canary Ringneck
- Caique Neophema
- Lory Parrotlet

Crumble-----birds 3 inches and taller-----

- Cockatiel Lovebird
- Budgerigar Conure
- Canary Parrotlet
- Neophema Lory

Nibbles ---birds 3 inches and smaller-----

- Finches Canary
- Budgerigar Parrotlet

For more information on avian nutrition or to print a copy of our *Healthy Pet Book* please visit www.roudybush.com. For help converting your bird to a Roudybush diet please see our *Convert Your Bird* flyer or call (800) 326-1726.