

Crimson Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*)^{4,14,15}

Adult Weight	120-150g (males heavier).
Natural Diet	Seeds of grasses, weeds, shrubs & trees.
Secondary Diet	Fruits, nuts, buds, flowers, nectar, insects & larvae.
Captive Diet	Budgie or Small Parrot seed. Mixed veg (peas, corn) supplemented with Parrot Soft Food (Appendix 5). Seeding grasses, tree branches, gum nuts and mealworms.
Juvenile Diet	Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore Rearing Mix .



Growth & Feed Chart

May also be used for **Green Rosella**.

Age (weeks)	Developmental Stage	Wing (mm)	Weight (g) ^a	Hand Rearing Mix ^c (per day)			
				Powder (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Sparse whitish down. Eyes closed.	10	7	1.5	9	10	10 x 1mL
1	Eyes opening, pins emerging on wings.	20	40	6	20	24	6 x 4mL
2	Grey down, wing feathers starting to unsheath.	40	80	10	28	35	5 x 7mL
3	Half-feathered, tail unsheathing.	75	110	12	28	36	4 x 9mL
4	Mostly feathered. Introduce weaning food.	110	130 ^b	11	22	30	3 x 10mL
5	Fully fledged: ↓ hand-rearing ↑ weaning foods.	135		6	12	16	2 x 8mL
6	Reduce to 1 x hand rearing feed only.	150		3	6	8	1 x 8mL
7	Fully weaned. Prepare for release.	160		Now feeding adult diet (see below)			

a. Weight is not an accurate indicator of age. Average weight gain for first 3 weeks is 3-6g/day.

b. Final weight varies between individuals. Weight may decline by up to 15% prior to fledging.

c. Based on Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore Rearing Mix.

Adult Maintenance Diet

130g adult requires 20g/day (160kJ)

- 12g Budgie or Small Parrot Seed Mix (1 heaped tablespoon).
- 5g Peas & Corn (1 teaspoon) mixed with 2.5g **Parrot Soft Food** (½ teaspoon).
- 0.5g Mealworms (approx. 4 mealworms).

Ad lib seeding grasses, milk thistle, gum nuts & other vegetation.