

Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus eximius*) ^{4,15}

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Adult Weight	90-120g (males heavier).
Natural Diet	Seeds of grasses, shrubs & trees.
Secondary Diet	Fruits, 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 & mealworms.
Juvenile Diet	Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore Rearing Mix .



Growth & Feed Chart

May also be used for **Pale-headed** and **Northern Rosella**.

Age (weeks)	Developmental Stage	Weight (g) ^a	Hand Rearing Mix ^c (per day)			
			Powder (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Sparse whitish down. Eyes closed. Yellow bill.	6	1.4	9	10	10 x 1mL
1	Eyes opening, pins emerging on wings & head.	30	5	20	24	6 x 4mL
2	Grey down, wing feathers starting to unsheath.	65	9	28	35	5 x 7mL
3	Half-feathered, tail unsheathing.	88	10	24	32	4 x 8mL
4	Mostly feathered. Introduce weaning food.	105 ^b	9	18	24	3 x 8mL
5	Fully fledged: ↓ hand-rearing ↑ weaning foods.		5	10	14	2 x 7mL
6	Reduce to 1 x hand rearing feed only.		2.5	5	7	1 x 7mL
7	Fully weaned. Prepare for release.		Now feeding adult diet (see below)			

a. Weight is not an accurate indicator of age. Average weight gain for first 3 weeks is 3-5g/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

100g adult requires 18g/day (130kJ)

- 10g Budgie or Small Parrot Seed Mix (1 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.