


# Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*)<sup>4,15,31</sup>

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<b>Adult Weight</b>	120-140g	
<b>Natural Diet</b>	Nectar & pollen from native flowers (particularly <i>eucalyptus</i> ).	
<b>Secondary Diet</b>	Fruits, seeds, occasional insects.	
<b>Captive Diet</b>	<b>Wombaroo Lorikeet &amp; Honeyeater Food.</b> Native flowers ( <i>eucalyptus</i> , <i>callistemon</i> , <i>grevillea</i> ). Supplemental fruit & veg.	
<b>Juvenile Diet</b>	<b>Passwell Hand Rearing Food</b> or <b>Wombaroo Granivore</b> weaning on to <b>Lorikeet &amp; Honeyeater Food</b> .	

Age = 4 weeks

## Growth & Feed Chart

Age (weeks)	Developmental Stage	Weight (g) <sup>a</sup>	Hand Rearing Mix <sup>d</sup> (per day)			
			Solids (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Silvery-white down. Eyes closed.	7	1.5	9	10	10 x 1mL
1		20	3	12	15	6 x 2.5mL
2	Eyes open, mostly covered in grey down.	40	6	18	22	5 x 4.5mL
3	Pin feathers appearing on head & wings.	65	8	24	30	5 x 6mL
4	Head blue, wings and tail starting to unsheath.	90	10	25	32	4 x 8mL
5	Half feathered, still downy around flanks & neck <sup>b</sup> .	110	11	28	36	4 x 9mL
6	Mostly feathered, some down still present.	120 <sup>c</sup>	8	18	24	3 x 8mL
7	Fully feathered, short tail.		5	12	16	2 x 8mL
8	Fledging. Reduce to 1 x hand rearing feed only.		3	6	8	1 x 8mL
9	Fully weaned. Prepare for release.		Self-feeding on adult diet (see below)			

- a. Weight is not an accurate indicator of age. Average weight gain from 1 to 5 weeks is 3-5g/day.
- b. Start weaning on to Lorikeet & Honeyeater Food and gradually decrease amount of hand rearing mix.
- c. Final weight varies between individuals. Weight may reduce by up to 15% prior to fledging.
- d. Based on Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore Rearing Mix.

## Adult Maintenance Diet

**140g adult requires 45mL/day (220 kJ)**

- 45mL **Lorikeet & Honeyeater Food** (3 x 15mL ice cubes).
- 1-2 small pieces of fresh fruit & veg (apple, pear, melon, grapes, corn etc.).

*Ad lib* native blossom: *eucalyptus*, *melaleuca*, *grevillea*, *callistemon*.