

Red-browed Finch (*Neochmia temporalis*) ⁷

Adult Weight	8 -12g (smaller in north).
Natural Diet	Small seeds of grasses (>90%).
Secondary Diet	Green plant material & small insects.
Captive Diet	Finch or Budgie seed. Seeding grasses, garden weeds, chickweed & chopped greens. Occasional small insects.
Juvenile Diet	Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore mixed 75:25 with Wombaroo Insectivore to boost protein content.



Growth & Feed Chart

May be used as a guideline for other finches.

Age (days)	Developmental Stage	Weight (g) ^a	Hand Rearing Mix* (per day)			
			Powder (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Blind, mostly naked.	0.8	0.4	2.4	2.7	18 x 0.15mL
4		2.5	1.0	5.0	5.6	16 x 0.35mL
7	Eyes begin to open. Pins on wings & back.	4.5	1.5	5.3	6.3	14 x 0.45mL
10	Eyes completely open. Tail pins emerging.	6.5	2.0	5.7	7.2	12 x 0.6mL
12	Body feathers growing, wings unsheathing.	7.5	2.1	5.4	7.0	10 x 0.7mL
14	Mostly-feathered, tail short (about 10mm).	8.5	2.2	5.5	7.2	8 x 0.9mL
17	Fledging (Tail >15mm). Encourage seed intake.	9.5	2.3	5.2	7.0	7 x 1.0mL
21	Weaning on to seed, flying well:	10.5	1.8	3.6	5.0	5 x 1.0mL
30	Fully weaned. (Tail >25mm). Prepare for release.		Now feeding adult diet (see below)			

- a. Weight is not an accurate indicator of age. Average weight gain for first 2 weeks is 0.3-0.7g/day.
- b. Based on Passwell Hand Rearing Food mixed 75:25 with Insectivore Rearing Mix.
- c. Gradually reduce the amount of hand rearing feeds per day. Weight should be monitored during weaning to ensure birds are self-feeding. Soaked seed may be used for weaning.

Adult Maintenance Diet

10g adult requires 4g/day (40kJ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">4g Finch or Budgie Seed Mix (1 teaspoon). <p><i>Ad lib</i> green seeding grasses, garden weeds, chickweed & chopped greens. Occasional small insects such as mealworms, termites or fly pupae.</p>