


Scaly-breasted Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*)^{4,15}

Adult Weight	70-90g	
Natural Diet	Nectar & pollen from native flowers (particularly <i>eucalyptus</i>).	
Secondary Diet	Fruits, seeds, occasional insects.	
Captive Diet	Wombaroo Lorikeet & Honeyeater Food. Native flowers (<i>eucalyptus</i> , <i>callistemon</i> , <i>grevillea</i>). Supplemental fruit & veg.	
Juvenile Diet	Passwell Hand Rearing Food or Wombaroo Granivore weaning on to Lorikeet & Honeyeater Food.	

Age = 4 weeks

Growth & Feed Chart

May be used as guideline for **Musk Lorikeet** (weights may be slightly lower).

Age (weeks)	Developmental Stage	Weight (g) ^a	Hand Rearing Mix ^d (per day)			
			Solids (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Silvery-white down. Eyes closed.	5	1.0	7	8	10 x 0.8mL
1		13	2.2	9	10	6 x 1.7mL
2	Eyes open, mostly covered in grey down.	25	4	12	15	5 x 3mL
3	Pin feathers appearing on head & wings.	45	6	18	22	5 x 4.5mL
4	Head green, wings and tail starting to unsheath.	65	8	20	26	4 x 6.5mL
5	Half feathered, still downy around flanks & neck ^b .	75	9	21	28	4 x 7mL
6	Mostly feathered, some down still present.	85 ^c	6	15	21	3 x 7mL
7	Fully feathered, short tail.		4	10	14	2 x 7mL
8	Fledging. Reduce to 1 x hand rearing feed only.		2	5	7	1 x 7mL
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 2-4g/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

80g adult requires 30mL/day (150 kJ)

- 30mL **Lorikeet & Honeyeater Food** (2 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*.