

## Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*)<sup>4,15</sup>

<b>Adult Weight</b>	800-950g (smaller in north).
<b>Natural Diet</b>	Seeds of grasses & plants, including cereal crops.
<b>Secondary Diet</b>	Fruits, flowers, root bulbs & insect larvae.
<b>Captive Diet</b>	Small Parrot seed. Mixed veg (peas, corn) supplemented with <b>Parrot Soft Food</b> (Appendix 5). Seeding grasses, tree branches & mealworms.
<b>Juvenile Diet</b>	<b>Passwell Hand Rearing Food</b> or <b>Wombaroo Granivore Rearing Mix</b> .



Age = 7 weeks

### Growth & Feed Chart

Age (weeks)	Developmental Stage	Bill (mm)	Weight (g) <sup>a</sup>	Hand Rearing Mix <sup>c</sup> (per day)			
				Powder (g)	Water (mL)	Total (mL)	Feeds
Hatch	Pale yellow down. Eyes closed.	10	18	3	18	20	10 x 2mL
1		13	70	9	36	42	6 x 7mL
2	Eyes just opening. Small pin feathers appearing.	16	200	20	60	75	5 x 15mL
3	Covered in spikey pin feathers.	20	400	36	90	120	4 x 30mL
4	Body feathers unsheathing.	24	600	50	120	160	4 x 40mL
5	Body & crest feathers well formed, wings growing.	27	710	50	110	150	3 x 50mL
7	Mostly feathered. Introduce weaning food.	32	770	48	96	135	3 x 45mL
10	Fledging: ↓ hand-rearing ↑ weaning foods.	39	780 <sup>b</sup>	36	72	100	2 x 50mL
13	Reduce to 1 x hand rearing feed only.	41		18	36	50	1 x 50mL
16	Fully weaned. Prepare for release.	42		Now feeding adult diet (see below)			

a. Weight is not an accurate indicator of age. Average weight gain for first 3 weeks is about 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

#### 800g adult requires 66g/day (600kJ)

- 50g Small Parrot Seed Mix (5 tablespoons).
- 10g Peas & Corn (1 heaped Tablespoon) mixed with 5g **Parrot Soft Food**. (1 level teaspoon).
- 1g Mealworms (approx. 8 mealworms).

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