

# HOW TO CONVERT YOUR BIRDS TO PELLETS

Nutrition has come a long way in the last 10 years and with improvements in ingredient quality and manufacturing techniques many birds will take to pelleted foods without batting an eyelid. Although there are some birds that will initially reject pellets, this is simply because they do not recognise them as food. With a little cunning and persistence you can successfully change these fussy eaters over onto a better diet!



## BIRD BIKKIES!

Vetafarm pellets are 100% edible and birds will consume all of the pellet in time, including the fine powder at the bottom of the food bowl. So providing this powder is not spoilt it is unnecessary to throw it away, simply leave it for your bird to consume OR why not mix it with a bit of water, make a paste and bake some bird bikkies?



## OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD FEED YOUR BIRDS

Just like us, birds require variety in their diet! Pellets are formulated to provide total nutrition when they make up 80% of the diet, but fruit and vegetables in particular dark green or red varieties should be made available regularly. You should always avoid chocolate and avocado as these foods are toxic. When in flower, native branches are great and offer stimulation. Foraging is also important and should be a regular activity for your bird, Vetafarm's Deli-Stix are a healthy treat and specifically made to encourage natural foraging behaviour.



## SOME SIMPLE CONVERSION STRATEGIES

1. Mix pellets and seed together in your bird's regular dish 50/50 and add enough hot water to make the mix sticky. Push this mix into the bottom of the bowl and feed. Your fussy eater will pick through this damp mix, but will also get the taste for the pellets. The seed content can then be reduced over 5 days and dry pellets can be added. Remember if adding water to any food you must replace it daily.
2. A blend of dry seed and pellets can be offered as a mix in the bird's regular feed dish, this tends to be a slower process than the above wet mix.
3. Hand raised birds or birds raised by parent birds that eat pellets will wean directly onto pellets, in many cases, faster than they would wean onto seed.

Watch The Video



Conversion from Seed to Pellet

## COMPLETE NUTRITION

80%

20%

Vetafarm diets should make up approximately 80% of your bird's food and the remaining 20% should be made up of fruits and vegetables.

When feeding Vetafarm no other prepared supplement is required, all the necessary protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals are incorporated into the diet designed for your bird.



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