

- THE ECLECTUS PARROT -

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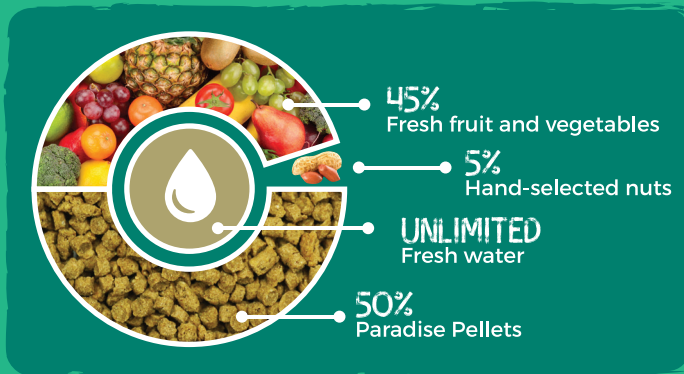
PET SUITABILITY: NOT FOR BEGINNERS!

Eclectus parrots require a large amount of attention, training and experience. Anyone thinking of taking home an eclectus should first make sure that they are ready for this commitment and have ample time to spend with their bird. Eclectus are one of the most intelligent species of bird and without daily attention, they quickly develop behavioural problems. However, in the correct hands and with the stimulation they need, the eclectus parrot makes a fantastic pet and long-term companion.

ENVIRONMENT

Eclectus parrots are incredibly intelligent. Without regular stimulation they will quickly become bored and turn their mounting frustrations on their environment, or worse, on themselves. They need a large cage, a place to move and fly freely, plenty of cover to hide in and a safe, quiet place they can escape to if feeling overwhelmed or frightened. Eclectus parrots, like most birds, like to spend time with the flock, so you will need to spend a lot of time with them either socialising or interacting in order to keep them happy! It is advisable to include all members of the family in socialising activities to ensure you avoid "one person bird" behavioural problems.

FEEDING GUIDE



A BALANCED DIET

In their natural habitat eclectus parrots are fruit eaters (frugivores). The nutritional requirements of the eclectus parrot differ from other species, therefore, their diet needs special considerations.

Strictly seed diets are not suitable for this particular species of bird. Being a frugivore with a different digestive system than most other parrots, eclectus parrots rely heavily on the fruit component of their diet. However, in our homes, we don't have access to the particular types of fruit these birds would access in their natural habitat, therefore a complete diet such as Paradise Pellets is necessary. Vetafarm's Paradise Pellets are specifically formulated by vets for frugivores. This formulated frugivore diet supplies the essential nutrition, vitamins, minerals and amino acids that companion Eclectus parrots need to remain healthy both in body and mind!

