

REFINED SUGAR REHAB

A wild lorikeet has to work for its food, flying from tree to tree and foraging for a large portion of their day. Our pet lorikeets on the other hand, only have to hop over to their feed bowl. In addition, while wild diets do contain sugar, they do not contain sugars that humans have chemically refined – so why are we feeding our pet birds that do comparatively little exercise, a diet brimming with refined sugar? Because our birds love the taste and refined sugar is cheap!

BETTER FOOD NATURALLY!

When formulating a new lorikeet diet, Vetafarm's nutritionists took a different approach. By avoiding processed foods, by-products and refined sugars, we developed Forest Fusion. A far cry from the traditional refined sugar and breadcrumb mixes of the past, Forest Fusion contains wholesome low GI ingredients as a base, along with Australian bee pollen, real fruits, vitamins, minerals and organic acids.

WILL MY LORIKEET LIKE FOREST FUSION?

Vetafarm have used real dates, Eucalyptus bee pollen and blueberry extract to achieve a sweet food without the need for refined sugar. However, some lorikeets have developed what can only be considered an addiction to refined sugar. These birds may need to be converted onto Forest Fusion gradually – but it is certainly achievable!

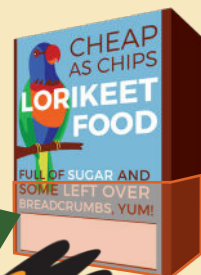
THE REFINED SUGAR TEST!



Vetafarm independently tested a popular lorikeet formula and found that it contained 36% sugar, made up primarily of sucrose (white table sugar) and dextrose.

That's about 325 teaspoons of refined sugar per year for an average sized Rainbow Lorikeet!

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SUGAR**



ALL YEAR LONG! When fed at 80% of the total diet, along with about 15% fruit and 5% treats, Forest Fusion is a complete food. No extra vitamins or minerals required!



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CONVERTING YOUR LORIKEET ONTO A LOW SUGAR DIET

Time to kick those refined sugars to the curb! Vetafarm has created a low GI formula your lorikeet will find naturally irresistible. Converting a Lorikeet from a food high in refined sugar, to a formula that contains much less, or no refined sugar is simple. However some birds may

need some time and patience on your behalf. Vetafarm has a number of great foods and while we are focused specifically on Forest Fusion in this article, this technique will work for any of our Lorikeet diets.

WHERE TO START?

First offer Forest Fusion in a separate bowl along with your bird's regular formula and simply observe their response. Most Lorikeets will investigate a new food and try it first. Many will readily consume Forest Fusion without delay. If this is the case with your Lorikeet, simply change to the new formula and your job is done!



If you observe some head flicking, this usually translates to "what is that taste in my mouth!". It doesn't mean the conversion has failed, just that the taste and texture is very different to your birds previous high sugar diet. Give them a day with the formula to give it a decent try.

After tasting Forest Fusion, if your bird decides that they're sticking to their old high sugar diet we need to take the next step in the conversion process.

Conversion tip! New foods can be easier to introduce as a wet mix, rather than a dry powder.



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Try offering some wet Forest Fusion from your hand or on a favourite treat.



Mix 75% of the old diet with 25% new diet and place the mix in the bird's regular food bowl. You can do this wet or dry, depending on how you usually feed your bird. Over the next 5 days, when preparing food gradually decrease the old formula and increase the amount of Forest Fusion by about 10% each day.

By day 5, 75% of the mix should be Forest Fusion. If your bird is eating this mix happily, then try straight Forest Fusion the following day. Be sure you still make fruit and vegetables available throughout the conversion process.

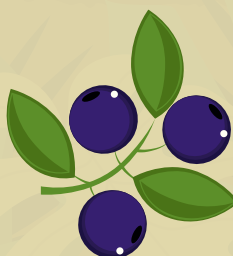
Remember to monitor your bird throughout the process until you are confident they are happily eating your new Vetafarm formula.

With a little patience and perseverance, even the fussiest sugar addict can be swayed to a low sugar Vetafarm diet. Then it's just a matter of sitting back and enjoying the good times with your feathered friend.



SUPER FOOD!

The Eucalyptus Bee Pollen in Forest Fusion is considered a highly nutritious food in its own right, containing a rich supply of B-complex vitamins, amino acids, a wide array of minerals and essential fatty acids.



NATURALLY SWEET!

Forest Fusion does NOT contain refined sugars, instead it is flavoured with the natural sweetness of real dates and blueberry extract.