

# TROPICAN LIFETIME GRANULES

An excellent base diet for Lories



## What should my pet lorikeet eat?

In nature, lories do not only survive on liquid nectar diets, but their diet also consists of pollen and soft foods like fruits, berries, blossoms, and buds. Pollen is dry and is a good source of protein for feather and muscle growth.

Feeding a companion bird a diet predominantly made of sugars (replacement nectar) is considered unhealthy, as overconsumption of sugars contribute to undesirable behaviors such as irritability, aggression, and excess energy. Additionally, if consumed in excess, nectar replacement diets can result in bacterial and fungal infections (in the crop and digestive tract), kidney disease, and a lack of complete complementary amino acid profiles. This can result in suboptimal feather structure and health. A companion bird's lifestyle (energy expenditure and activity level) also needs to be factored in when deciding what diet is best.

For over 15 years, a colony of 80 Lories - mainly Green-naped Lories - and their offspring, studied at the HARI facility, have been fed Tropicán Lifetime 2 mm granules formulas. The health of these birds and their offspring has been extensively researched and documented and have now successfully reached 3rd & 4th generations fed with Tropicán Lifetime 2 mm formulas.

- **Tropicán Lifetime formula is an optimum protein diet for lories.**
- **Tropicán Lifetime formula guaranteed analysis is 75mg/kg of iron, very safe levels to prevent iron storage disease (a common problem in lorikeets).**
- **Nutritional recommendations for Rainbow Lories in captivity are recommended to be 6,000 IU/kg or less of vitamin A. Tropicán Lifetime formula is well within these safe limits.**
- **The fruity aroma derived from natural banana and orange oil extracts as well as herbal antioxidants used in the Lifetime formula are relished by Lories.**

Lory species (noted below) can be offered Lifetime 2mm granules, gradually introduced into their diet. Adding the granules to their wet nectar replacement diet is a good way to introduce the formulated granules, they can also be added to soft foods. Foraging devices such as toys or corrugated cardboard scratchers can also be used to introduce Tropicán granules.

- Chattering lory (*Lorius garrulus*)
- Black-capped lory (*Lorius lory*)
- Dusky lory (*Pseudeos fuscata*)
- Rainbow lorikeet (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*)
- Black lory (*Chalcopsitta atra*)
- Coconut lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*)

\*Tropicán offered as a base diet ensures optimal nutritional requirements are met and should be fed prior to enrichment diet foods such as nectar replacement and/or fresh fruits. Diet changes must be closely monitored.