

Lory Care Sheet

Nutrition

Lories and lorikeets are birds are fruit and nectar eating birds. They have a brush tongue, and tend to have looser stools that they sometimes squirt out of their cage. Seeds and other parrot mixes are not part of a lory's diet. One of the lory diets that Rivertown Feed & Pet Country Store sells and uses for lories is Avico's, Lory Life. It is important that all new lory owners read up on lory nutrition and care before purchasing or adopting a lory or lorikeet. Rosemary Low has written some excellent books on lories, and there are many different websites that have a wealth of information about lories. <http://www.lorikeets.com>. <http://www.lorikeets.com/feeding.htm>.

Diet for Adult Lories

FRESH WATER - changed daily (2 cups, one for drinking, and one for bathing).

AVICO LORY LIFE POWDER - 1/4 cup changed daily.

NECTAR IN AN OUTSIDE GLASS BOTTLE - Changed daily

NECTAR IN A DISH WITH 3 MONKEY CHOW BISCUITS IN IT - Changed daily

FRESH FRUITS - changed daily

FRESH VEGETABLES (THEY LOVE CORN) - Changed daily

Housing

Lories are one of the most active species of birds, which means they need to be housed in a large cage. Rivertown has a nice selection of bird cages that work well for lories. We have also noticed that the lories thrive in the very large play pens and habitats that are designed for rabbits. The rabbit plastic pans go up the sides of the cage so that all lory droppings are maintained within the unit itself. This is a very "clean" way of keeping lories in your home.

Toys

Because lories are active, little clowns, they require many different types of toys. Cat toys (without catnip), baby toys, foot toys, preening and shredding toys, balls with bells, rattles and beaded toys are all good choices.

A Small Sampling of Books & Websites about Lories.

Lories and Lorikeets by Rosemary Low. Paul Elek Ltd. London England 1977

Lories & Lorikeets in Aviculture, by John Vanderhoof. Loriidae Production Network USA 1991

The Lory Owner's Survival Guide, by Margrethe Warden

www.afabirds.org

www.lorikeets.com

<http://www.loriinae.com>