



# How to Transition Your Bird to TOP's Parrot Food Pellets



Thank you for your interest in feeding your bird TOP's Parrot Food pellets.

This guide will help in the transition process and is based on input from expert sources as well as successful tips shared by our customers.

Transitioning a parrot to a new pellet can take several weeks, so don't be discouraged if it takes a day or several days for your bird to try a new food.

\*If you have specific dietary questions or need help with a more detailed feeding plan for your bird, please consult an avian veterinarian. This guide is not meant to substitute for a veterinarian consultation.



A healthy parrot starts with healthy nutrition. Parrots need a variety of foods in their daily diet, including pellets.

TOP's Parrot Food pellets are USDA Organic Certified and are cold-pressed vs. heat-baked, meaning they retain more of the nutrients from the all-natural ingredients. TOP's pellets are also:

- Non GMO
- Peanut-, Soy- and Corn-free
- Sugar free
- Made in the USA

TOP's pellets are not a complete daily diet, so we advocate for also feeding your bird fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts each day in addition to pellets.



## Step 1

Never starve your bird into switching to TOP's pellets. This can be dangerous and a stressful situation for the bird.

Always monitor your bird's weight during a transition to make sure they are not losing weight.

If your bird is not yet used to a variety of foods, try introducing new vegetables or other foods before introducing pellets.



## Step 2

In a perfect world, your bird will accept TOP's pellets right away. Birds that are often on a diet of nothing but seed or other pellets that contain sugar and artificial ingredients and colors are craving good nutrition and will eat the pellets immediately.

If not, start the transition process by offering a dish of pellets to your bird first thing in the morning when they are hungry.

A few hours later, offer a dish of seed and a few TOP's pellets mixed in.

Don't offer TOP's pellets side-by-side against another pellet brand. Birds, particularly older hookbills, are often set in their "old ways" and will choose food that is familiar to them.



## Step 3

Once your bird has at least tried the pellets, start to decrease the seed and increase the pellets in small increments.

If your bird is still hesitant to try TOP's pellets, you can offer the seed mix for only an hour or two a couple of times a day, with a dish of the pellets available all the time.

Most importantly, be patient. For stubborn birds, the gradual shift may take months rather than weeks.





## Step 4

Stick with it and don't give up. Switching a bird to a new pellet can be discouraging, frustrating and time-consuming.

If you've purchased a 2 oz. sample bag to try TOP's pellets, you may need more for a longer transition.

However, your efforts will be worth it when your bird accepts TOP's pellets. You will have a happy, healthy bird on a well-balanced diet that is free of sugar, artificial ingredients, and fillers.

Finally, see a few tried-and-true tips from experts and our customers on page 7. These have been proven to work.

Good luck and we wish your bird healthy eating!



## Pellet Transition Tips

- While a 2 oz. sample bag is a good start, you might need more pellets for a longer transition.
- Sprinkle a small amount of fruit juice on the pellets to appeal to your bird.
- Spray a small amount of water on the pellets to make them softer. You can also lightly moisten them with warm water. Remove the pellets after a few hours to reduce the chance of spoilage.
- Hand-feed the pellets so your bird thinks they are a treat.
- Do not offer new pellets if your bird has a full stomach.

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## Pellet Transition Tips

- Let your bird see you eat the pellets. Birds are often tempted if they think they are eating a human treat. And of course, they always want what you have. “Reluctantly” share with them and be overly-enthusiastic to show them how delicious the food tastes.
- Grind TOP’s pellets into powder and sprinkle it over seeds or your bird’s favorite treat to get them to try the flavor.
- Try TOP’s Birdie Bread Mixes (which are made with ground pellets) and add your bird’s favorite foods into the mix. This will allow your bird to get used to the pellet flavor and provide a positive activity.