



# Softbill Diet for Iron-Sensitive Birds

Mazuri® Softbill Diet is designed for adult, iron-sensitive birds – ideal for toucans, aracaris, turacos, starlings, birds of paradise, mynahs, and other softbills. Each batch of Mazuri® Softbill Diet is analyzed for iron, and the analyzed iron concentration is made available to all customers at www.mazuri.com.

#### **Features and Benefits**

- Ph.D.-formulated nutrition Designed specifically for iron-sensitive birds.
- Each batch is carefully analyzed to ensure appropriate iron levels. Analysis is available on www.mazuri.com.
- Antioxidant-rich formula Supports overall health.
- Formulated to allow for supplementation with fruits or other food items, if desired.
- Flavored with fruit Made with apples and prunes, with natural pineapple flavoring to encourage palatability.
- No added artificial flavors.

#### **Product Form & Packaging**

Extruded Particle | 3/16" x 3/8"

- Catalog #0053414 | 2 lb. (907 g) net weight resealable poly bag
- Catalog #0053415 | Case: 6 x 2 lb. net weight resealable poly bags
- Catalog #0056270 | 15 lb. (6.80 kg) net weight paper w/poly bag

## **Guaranteed Analysis**

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Crude protein not less than20.00%	Moisture not more than12.00%
Crude fat not less than8.00%	Ash not more than8.00%
Crude fiber not more than5.00%	Iron not more than125 ppm

### **Ingredients**

Wheat Flour, Soy Protein Concentrate, Wheat Germ, Corn Gluten Meal, Soybean Oil, Dicalcium Phosphate, Sucrose, Calcium Carbonate, Brewers Dried Yeast, Powdered Cellulose, Salt, L-Lysine, Dried Apples, Dried Prunes, DL-Methionine, Modified Cornstarch, Natural Flavor, L-Threonine, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Choline Chloride, Biotin, d-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate (Vitamin E), Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3), Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex (Vitamin K), Folic Acid, Manganese Sulfate, Preserved with Mixed Tocopherols, Canthaxanthin (color), Zinc Sulfate, Rosemary Extract, Vitamin A Acetate, Riboflavin Supplement, Vitamin B12 Supplement, Citric Acid (a Preservative), Nicotinic Acid, Thiamine Mononitrate, Calcium Pantothenate, Calcium Iodate, Copper Sulfate, L-Arginine, Sodium Selenite.

### **Feeding Directions**

• Feed free-choice and provide fresh food daily to birds after their first molt. This diet is not for growing chicks. The feeding amounts are guidelines and should be adjusted based on the bird's body condition, activity level (free flight or not), reproductive stage, other foods offered, social structure, and environmental temperatures.

#### **Recommended Feeding Guide**

Bird Weight	Example Species	Daily Amount
3 ½ oz (100 g)	Mynah	1 ½-2 ½ tbsp (8-13 g)
7 oz (200 g)	Turaco	2 ½-4 tbsp (13-20 g)
14 oz (400 g)	Keel-Billed Toucan	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> – ½ cup (24–41 g)
1 ½ lb (700 g)	Toco Toucan	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{2}{3}$ cup (41–55 g)

- Fresh fruits, vegetables, or other enrichment food items may be provided, but as no more than 30% of the total diet.
  - Avoid feeding bananas because they are high in calories and dry matter content. Avoid food items which may contain high levels of iron (e.g. meat, dog food, grapes, blueberries, figs, etc.), and limit citrus fruit (oranges, grapefruit) because they may enhance the uptake of iron.
- Reproduction: Females which are heavy layers may need supplementation of pure, pharmaceutical-grade calcium carbonate at a rate of 2% of their daily intake during the laying season only.
- To switch birds to this diet, gradually replace your old diet with this diet at the rate of 10% per day. Do not overfeed during this transition time, and monitor your bird to be sure it is eating the new diet.
- Always provide plenty of fresh, clean water. Thoroughly wash feed and water bowls on a regular basis. It is always good practice to
  wash hands thoroughly after feeding and/or handling animals. This diet is not for human consumption.

**CAUTION:** This product is designed to have a low concentration of dietary iron. No readily available iron source is added as an ingredient to this diet. This product is not intended to be a sole diet for growing birds or birds which are not iron sensitive.

#### **Storage Conditions**

For best results, reseal the bag between uses or store contents of open paper sack in container with sealing lid. Store in a cool (75°F/24°C or colder), dry (approximately 50% RH) location free from rodents and insects. Do not offer moldy or insect-infested feed to animals as it may result in illness, performance loss or death. Freezing will not harm the diet and may extend freshness. Use within 1 year of bag manufacturing or "Best if Used By" date.