



Fun fact ↪ They have brush-tipped tongues to collect nectar and pollen.

Lory and Lorikeet at a Glance

Difficulty of care: **Advanced**

Average lifespan: **Up to 30 years**

Average adult size: **Up to 13"**

Diet: **Nectar-based omnivore**

Minimum habitat size: **36" L x 24" W x 36" H**

Temperature: **65–80 F**



Enclosure Setup & Maintenance

- These birds need a spacious cage at least 36 x 24 x 36 inches with secure locks and narrow bar spacing (no more than ½ inch). Place the cage in a bright, draft-free area away from kitchens. Each bird must have their own cage, as they should not be housed together.
- Line the cage with paper-based bedding and provide multiple perches of different sizes and materials. Add a variety of toys for mental stimulation and rotate them regularly to prevent boredom.
- Provide 10–12 hours of light daily, either through indirect sunlight or a full-spectrum UV light. Clean food and water dishes daily, spot-clean the cage each day, and perform a full cleaning weekly.

Supply Checklist

- Large bird cage with secure lock
- Food and water dishes
- Nectar or pellet food
- Cage liners or bedding
- Perches of various sizes
- Toys for enrichment
- UV light source
- Cuttlebone



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Health

Healthy birds have bright feathers, clean eyes and nostrils, and strong grip strength.

- **Signs of illness:** Discharge, feather plucking, or lack of activity
- **Physical issues:** Foot sores, beak problems, or poor grip
- **Behavior changes:** Loss of appetite or reduced vocalization

Annual vet visits and close observation help maintain their health.

Fun fact ↪ Lories and lorikeets are parrots known for being very vocal and social.

Diet

Lories and lorikeets require a specialized diet based on nectar and pollen. They should be fed a commercial powdered nectar or pollen substitute mixed with water as their main food. This mixture spoils quickly, so uneaten portions should be removed within a few hours and replaced with a fresh batch daily.

They can also eat a low-iron pelleted diet made specifically for lories and lorikeets. In addition, small amounts of fruits and vegetables like carrots, broccoli, squash, and sweet potatoes can be offered. All produce should be cut into bite-sized pieces.

Avoid feeding citrus fruits, strawberries, papayas, cantaloupe, and seeds, as these can be harmful. Provide separate dishes for nectar, pellets, and water. Cuttlebones can be offered as a calcium source to support strong beaks and bones.



Fun fact ↪ Some species sleep on their backs inside their cages.