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Colin Percival's Diets

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Nectar Mix

Suitable for Blue-faced Honeyeaters, Silvereye, Lorikeets, etc.

Dry Mix (stored in airtight container)

1/2 tin malt powder (450gm tin)
600gm Hi-protein baby cereal (4 packets)
100gm skim milk powder
2kg raw sugar
DCP calcium powder

Add to blender:

4 Weet-Bix
2 medium apples
1/2 carrot
1 cup dry mix (as above)
Make up to 1500ml with water.

PLUS : 'Insect Cake' and Live food.

Nectar Mix

Suitable for small Honeyeaters, Silvereyes, etc.

5 parts water
1 part honey

Add 1 Beef extract cube per quart of Honey/water mix.

OR 7 rounded teaspoons of both Complian and Honey mixed with 20 ounces of warm water - plus Pentavite every second day.

PLUS : 'Insect Cake' and Live food (fruit fly excellent).

Softbill Diet

2 parts grower crumbles
1 part meat mix (dry powdered dog food)
1 part minced beef
Sprinkle with dry powdered egg.

'Insect Cake' and live food added daily.

This diet is fed to Banded Landrails, Pied Stilts, Banded Plover, Sacred Kingfishers, Noisy Pittas, Blue Wrens, Eastern Whipbirds, Black-breasted Quail.

ADD : Layer pellets and a container of diced fruit for Satin, Regent and Spotted Bowerbirds, Catbirds, Figbirds, etc.

Insect Cake

500gm cottage cheese
750gm S/R flour
250gm raw sugar
250gm cooking margarine
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
7 eggs

Melt margarine and pour into blender with eggs (plus shells), sugar and oil. Blend then add the flour and mix. Add cottage cheese and mix. Pour into a 12" square tin and bake at 320°F for 1 1/2 hours.

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