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Free flight is an essential requirement and birds should be given the opportunity for regular exercise. It is however, important to ensure that the room they are allowed to fly around is totally secure with all windows, doors and chimneys blocked off, heaters and fans turned off and any potentially poisonous house plants removed. If started young, birds can be trained to perch on a finger and returned to the cage.

The cage or aviary should be cleaned out at least once a week to help prevent disease and a suitable disinfectant used (e.g. F10).

WHAT TO FEED

In the wild, these birds eat a wide variety of seeds. In captivity seed mixes can be provided but most of the common mixtures contain millet seed