



WHAT IS RIGHT FOR MY BIRD

SUN CONURES



TOYS

- **SHREDDABLE TOYS:** THEY ENJOY CHEWING ON SOFT WOOD (LIKE Balsa), VINES, AND ROPE.
- **FORAGING TOYS:** BOTH SPECIES ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED BY FORAGING AND WILL ENTHUSIASTICALLY WORK TO RETRIEVE TREATS FROM PUZZLES.
- **ACROBATIC TOYS:** THEY LOVE TO CLIMB AND SWING, SO LADDERS AND BOINGS ARE EXCELLENT FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
- **NOISEMAKERS:** CONURES OFTEN ENJOY TOYS THAT JINGLE OR RATTLE, BUT ENSURE ANY BELLS ARE STAINLESS STEEL AND BIRD-SAFE TO PREVENT TOE OR BEAK INJURIES.

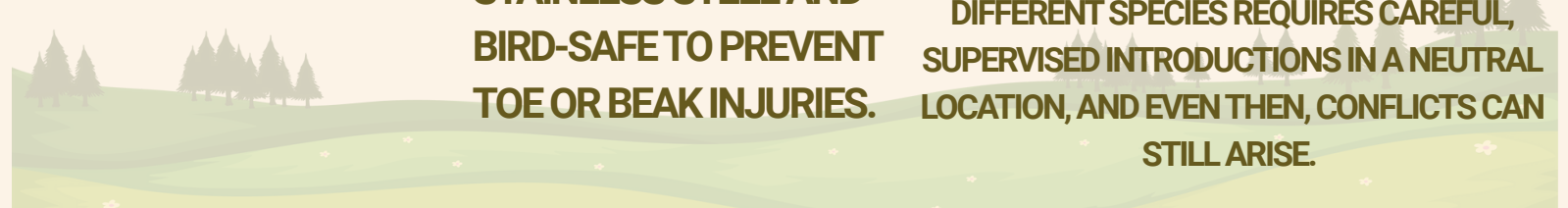
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- **MINIMUM SIZE:** AT LEAST 30" WIDE X 30" DEEP X 36" HIGH, BUT A LARGER SIZE IS RECOMMENDED, WITH 3/4" OR SMALLER BAR SPACING.
- **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** PROVIDE VARIOUS TOYS AND PERCHES FOR THESE ENERGETIC BIRDS.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

OWNING A SUN CONURE IS A BIG COMMITMENT REQUIRING A SPACIOUS CAGE, A DIVERSE DIET OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGGIES, AND PELLETS, AND SIGNIFICANT TIME FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION AND TRAINING DUE TO THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND NEED FOR MENTAL STIMULATION. SUN CONURES ARE KNOWN FOR BEING VERY LOUD WITH CALLS DESIGNED TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES, AND THEY ARE A COMMITMENT OF 15-30 YEARS OR MORE. A LARGE CAGE, PLENTY OF STIMULATING TOYS, AND CONSISTENT SOCIAL INTERACTION ARE ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT DESTRUCTIVE OR STRESSED BEHAVIORS.

SUN CONURES SHOULD GENERALLY NOT BE HOUSED IN THE SAME CAGE WITH DIFFERENT SPECIES OF BIRDS, PARTICULARLY SMALLER OR MORE TIMID BIRDS LIKE BUDGIES, COCKATIELS, AND FINCHES, DUE TO THEIR AGGRESSIVE NATURE, STRONG BEAK STRENGTH, AND POTENTIALLY CONFLICTING NEEDS. EVEN WITH LARGER PARROTS, PERSONALITIES AND SPECIES DIFFERENCES OFTEN LEAD TO CONFLICT, SO IT IS BEST PRACTICE TO HOUSE DIFFERENT SPECIES SEPARATELY. WHILE OTHER CONURES MAY GET ALONG, INTRODUCING BIRDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES REQUIRES CAREFUL, SUPERVISED INTRODUCTIONS IN A NEUTRAL LOCATION, AND EVEN THEN, CONFLICTS CAN STILL ARISE.





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PERCHES



GOOD PERCHES FOR A SUN CONURE ARE NATURAL BRANCHES, VARIOUS-SIZED AND TEXTURED WOOD PERCHES, ROPE PERCHES, CALCIUM PERCHES, AND PLATFORM PERCHES TO EXERCISE THEIR FEET. AVOID SMOOTH, CYLINDRICAL DOWELS AND SANDPAPER OR GRAVEL-COATED PERCHES, AS WELL AS PERCHES THAT ARE TOO WIDE OR MADE OF NON-TOXIC WOOD OR COTTON FIBERS THAT CAN CAUSE ABRASIONS, INFECTIONS, OR CROP IMPACTION.

GOOD PERCHES

NATURAL BRANCHES:

- THESE OFFER VARIOUS TEXTURES AND IRREGULAR SHAPES, WHICH ARE EXCELLENT FOR EXERCISING YOUR CONURE'S FEET AND PREVENTING PRESSURE SORES.

VARYING SIZES AND TEXTURES:

- PROVIDE PERCHES WITH DIFFERENT DIAMETERS AND TEXTURES TO PROMOTE FOOT EXERCISE.

ROPE PERCHES:

- CHOOSE PERCHES MADE FROM NATURAL FIBERS LIKE HEMP OR JUTE. THESE PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE GRIP FOR YOUR CONURE'S FEET, ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER BIRDS.

CALCIUM PERCHES:

- THESE HELP TO NATURALLY TRIM A BIRD'S NAILS AND PROVIDE A SOURCE OF CALCIUM. THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS FORMS, INCLUDING CUTTLEBONE.

PLATFORM PERCHES:

- THESE OFFER A FLAT SURFACE FOR RESTING, ALLOWING YOUR CONURE TO STRETCH THEIR FEET COMPLETELY FLAT.

CORK PERCHES:

- CORK IS A SAFE AND ENGAGING MATERIAL THAT IS EASILY SHREDDED, FULFILLING NATURAL CHEWING INSTINCTS.





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PERCHES TO AVOID

SMOOTH, CYLINDRICAL DOWELS:

- THESE OFFER NO TEXTURE AND ARE TOO SMOOTH FOR BIRDS TO GRIP PROPERLY, WHICH CAN LEAD TO FALLS AND INJURIES.

SANDPAPER/GRAVEL-COATED PERCHES:

- THESE CAN CAUSE PAINFUL ABRASIONS ON THE UNDERSIDE OF YOUR BIRD'S FEET AND INTRODUCE BACTERIA TO ANY WOUNDS, LEADING TO INFECTION.

PERCHES THAT ARE TOO WIDE:

- A PERCH THAT IS TOO WIDE FOR YOUR CONURE'S FEET WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO GRIP, INCREASING THE RISK OF FALLING.

ROPE MADE WITH NON-TOXIC FIBERS:

- COTTON FIBERS CAN BE ACCIDENTALLY INGESTED BY BIRDS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO CROP IMPACTION (A BLOCKAGE IN THE DIGESTIVE TRACT).

CERTAIN WOODS:

- AVOID PERCHES MADE FROM WOODS THAT ARE TOXIC TO BIRDS, SUCH AS OAK, ALDER, APRICOT, CEDAR, PEACH, AND PLUM.

