



WHAT IS RIGHT FOR MY BIRD

GREEN CHEEK CONURES



TOYS

CAGE

- **MINIMUM SIZE:** 24" WIDE X 24" DEEP X 24" HIGH WITH 1/2" TO 5/8" BAR SPACING.
- **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** THESE PLAYFUL BIRDS BENEFIT FROM HORIZONTAL BARS FOR CLIMBING AND PLENTY OF 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.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

OWNING A GREEN CHEEK CONURE IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE BUT REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANT, LONG-TERM COMMITMENT OF 20-30+ YEARS. THEY ARE INTELLIGENT, PLAYFUL, AND AFFECTIONATE BIRDS KNOWN FOR THEIR SMALL SIZE AND COMPARATIVELY QUIET NATURE, THOUGH THEY CAN STILL BE LOUD AT TIMES. OWNERS MUST PROVIDE A SPACIOUS CAGE, A BALANCED DIET, PLENTY OF TOYS FOR STIMULATION, AND DAILY SOCIAL INTERACTION. BE PREPARED FOR THE HIGH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR CARE, INCLUDING VETERINARY BILLS FROM A SPECIALIZED AVIAN VET, AS WELL AS THE MESS THEY CREATE.

GREEN-CHEEKED CONURES SHOULD NOT BE HOUSED WITH SMALLER BIRDS LIKE BUDGIES, COCKATIELS, AND PARROTLETS BECAUSE THEY CAN BE AGGRESSIVE AND TERRITORIAL, LEADING TO THE SMALLER BIRDS BEING BULLIED OR INJURED. WHILE THEY CAN SOMETIMES GET ALONG WITH OTHER PYRRHURA CONURES OR SIMILARLY SIZED BIRDS IN A SUPERVISED SETTING, IT'S BEST TO KEEP DIFFERENT BIRD SPECIES IN SEPARATE CAGES AND TO INTRODUCE THEM SLOWLY IN A NEUTRAL TERRITORY TO PREVENT POTENTIAL CONFLICT.





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PERCHES

GOOD PERCHES FOR A GREEN CHEEK CONURE INCLUDE NATURAL WOOD BRANCHES OF VARYING DIAMETERS (FROM 1-2 CM FOR MAIN PERCHES) AND TEXTURES, LIKE JAVA WOOD OR AUSSIE BUSH PERCHES, TO PROMOTE FOOT HEALTH AND NATURAL CHEWING. AVOID PERCHES MADE OF UNIFORM DOWELS, AS THEY DON'T PROVIDE FOOT EXERCISE. ALSO AVOID PERCHES THAT ARE TOO SMOOTH (LIKE STANDARD DOWELS), OR MADE OF CHEAP MATERIALS THAT MAY BE TREATED WITH PESTICIDES. FINALLY, AVOID TOO MUCH TIME ON SANDPAPER OR CEMENT PERCHES, AS THEIR ABRASIVE SURFACES ARE HARMFUL TO FEET.

GOOD PERCHES

NATURAL WOOD BRANCHES:

- USE NON-TOXIC BRANCHES FROM SAFE TREES LIKE APPLE, ELM, ASH, OR MAPLE, WHICH OFFER VARIABLE DIAMETERS AND TEXTURES TO EXERCISE YOUR CONURE'S FEET AND NAILS.

SPECIALTY WOOD PERCHES:

- OPTIONS LIKE JAVA WOOD AND AUSSIE BUSH PERCHES ARE EXCELLENT CHOICES FOR PROVIDING VARIATION AND ENRICHMENT IN THE CAGE.

PLATFORM PERCHES:

- THESE PROVIDE A SURFACE FOR YOUR BIRD TO REST AND STRETCH ITS FEET.

ROPE PERCHES:

- MADE FROM 100% NATURAL FIBERS LIKE HEMP OR COTTON, THESE CAN OFFER COMFORTABLE RELIEF FROM HARDER PERCHES.





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PERCH TYPES TO LIMIT OR AVOID

STANDARD WOODEN DOWEL PERCHES:

- THESE OFTEN COME WITH CAGES AND HAVE A UNIFORM, SMOOTH SURFACE THAT DOESN'T PROVIDE FOOT EXERCISE.

SANDPAPER OR CEMENT PERCHES:

- WHILE USEFUL FOR SHORT-TERM WEAR AND TEAR OF NAILS, THESE ARE NOT FOR LONG-TERM PERCHING. THE ABRASIVE TEXTURE CAN IRRITATE THE SKIN WITH PROLONGED USE.

FRAYED ROPE PERCHES:

- ANY FRAYED PARTS OF ROPE PERCHES ARE A HAZARD, AS THEY CAN EASILY TRAP YOUR BIRD'S TOES AND NAILS.

PERCHES WITH SQUARE EDGES:

- THESE ARE NOT IDEAL AS THEY CAN CAUSE DISCOMFORT OR SORES ON YOUR BIRD'S FEET.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

VARIETY:

- PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PERCH TYPES TO PREVENT PRESSURE POINTS ON YOUR CONURE'S FEET.

DIAMETER:

- FOR CONURES, THE IDEAL MAIN PERCH DIAMETER IS ABOUT 1 TO 2 CM.

SAFETY:

- ONLY USE NON-TOXIC, UNTREATED BRANCHES, AND BE CAREFUL WITH HARDWARE, AS CHEAP OR FOREIGN-MADE TOYS MAY HAVE HARMFUL PESTICIDES.

PLACEMENT:

- AVOID PLACING CALCIUM OR CEMENT PERCHES AT THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE CAGE, AS THEIR TEXTURE CAN BE MORE DAMAGING AT THE HIGHEST POINT.
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