

Common name: Great Blue Turaco	Scientific name: Corythaeola cristata	Year first used: 2008	Diet last updated:	Institution: Old House Bird Gardens, Harehatch, UK
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Number of individuals diet fed to: Two	Have birds bred whilst on this diet? YES
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Diet Ingredient	Amount per day (g)	Or standard measure	Preparation
RIPE Papaya		2 Tablespoons	Chopped
Banana		2 inch piece	
Dried Figs		6 in total	Steam to rehydrate
Scenic Tropical Bits (pellet)		3/4 cup	
ZSSD hornbill fruit mix		2 cups	Cut into 1/4 inch squares
Frozen Peas		1/4 cup	Thawed
Broccoli		4 pieces	Steamed
ZSSD chopped greens		4 cups	(another pair that successfully reared a chick consumed 1/2 "head" Romaine lettuce daily when feeding a chick)
Scenic Paradise bird pellet (apple flavoured)		3/4 cup	
Marion Zoological Leafeater pellet		1/2 cup	Broken in half
Mazuri Seaduck pellet		1/4 cup	
Soaked lam weight control Dog Chow		1/4 cup	
Watermelon	40g	2 pieces	
Browse either Eugenia spp. (new leaf tip and fruit) or Ficus benjamina...new leaf		4 pieces per bird approx 2 foot long X 1/2inch stem width cuttings.	Other browse was offered but rarely consumed. Listed in order of preference: Nasturtium, ficus nitida new leaf.. Gruia..leaf and flower

Notes: Ficus fruits (listed in order of preference):
 ficus rubiginosa spp. rusty leaf fig
 ficus nitida
 ficus elastica
 f. benjamina
 f. carica
 f. bengalensis
 f. macrophylla - bay fig
 f. watkinsiana
 Eugenia/Syzygium spp. berries were also fed and readily consumed. they do however contain a larger seed and were not fed out until the chicks were over approx. 3 weeks of age.
 Although the new growth of F. benjamina and F. nitida were offered, the birds only consumed the leaves of F. benjamina when other browse had recently been of poor quality. F. nitida leaves were barely touched even when they were unfurling from the stipule. The favoured browse species was Eugenia/Syzygium. spa.

Additional food items when chicks are present (total per day.)
Day 1-3
 100 g ring of RIPE papaya
 1/2 to 3/4 cup fresh ficus fruit
 1 gm molted mealworms
Day 3
 introduce 0.5 g fly pupae
Day 4
 increase to 3 g mooted mealworms
 increase to 1g fly pupae
Day 10
 Reduce papaya to 70g
 papaya strip reduced to 30g post fledge of chick/s

FOOD PRESENTATION TIPS.....VERY IMPORTANT
 sprinkle tropical bits over all diet items to guarantee consumption Insert larvae into ficus fruit or into papaya strip.
 Slice exoskeleton of insects when doing this otherwise they may pass through undigested.
 Soften pellets with water to improve palatability.