

Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides*



Cotswold
Wildlife
Park
and
Gardens



DAY	BROODER	FREQ.	DIET (By weight)	MISC.	Average weight	Average weight gain %
0	Temp 35 degrees Nest bowl lined with cotton towel over paper. (Any non slip easy to clean substrate is suitable)		First 24 hours offer 1-5ml of warm distilled water with a pinch of Avipro chick starter.	Weigh chick daily first thing before feeding – this is the weight you will use that day to calculate appropriate intake for the day. Umbilicus wiped with antiseptic. Feed chick under a heat lamp so it does not chill. Average hatch weight of chicks 20g	19 -24g	
1		Feed every 2 hours. Between 8am & 8pm	Diet Cut up mouse pinkies and small mice soaked in warm water before feeding. Feed no more than 10% morning body weight at each feed.	At 24 hours old the chick should be offered first feed Each diet item is placed in luke warm distilled water for a few seconds directly before dropping item into mouth with tweezers. If no gape response lightly brush food item along rictus feathers at side of beak. One feed per day has Nutrobal dusted over it. Chick is only fed when gaping Bird monitored closely for hydration level - faeces is a good indication. Raised humidity levels in brooder will encourage defecation, gentle massage of cloaca can also stimulate defecation. Defecation usually once daily.		-2.45%
8	Temp 34 degrees		Offer larger pieces of pinkie & introduce pieces of day old chickens, or pieces of pulverised adult mice (including finely crushed bones, skin removed)	Second down should be starting to appear	41g	14.21%
12	Temp 33 degrees		Offer occasional Locust abdomen		78g	22.5%
18	Temp 30 degrees	6 feeds per day	Start to leave more skin on mice and feed larger pieces		145g	6.6%
25-35	Temp 28 degrees. Move to a larger area	Start to reduce as self feeding increases	Chopped whole mice and day old chicks. Leave with access to adult diet.	Should be starting to self feed. Fully feathered – ready to fledge. Appetite may start to reduce once reached approx	Day 30	Day 30
					227g	2.7%
35 – 45 days	Room temp	3-4 feeds per day		Specimen should be weaned by this age – some individuals may take a little longer	Day 40	Day 40
					250g	1.2%

