

Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

Lotherton Bird Gardens.

Age	Diet & comments	Growth Stage	Weight in grams
0	First feed 12 hours after hatching – diet chopped up pieces of pinkie wetted in warm water pre feeding (fed with tweezers) – gently rub side of beak with food to encourage gaping. Fed every 2 hours. Brooder temp 36 °C.		
5	Humidity in brooder increased – skin starting to flake. Size of food items increased – taking between 1 – 2 mice pinkies per feed.	Becoming more active.	52.91
6	Diet changed to young mice with fur	Blue colouration of quills appearing on shoulders.	69.28
7	Cast first pellet. Brooder temp 34.5°C		
9	Nutrobal & Calcium supplement on diet once daily		96.28
11	Mealworms added to diet – intake now approx 1 mouse fluff and 1 mealworm per feed.		113.25
13	Chopped day old chicken introduced to diet.	Quills coming through around eyes	
16	6 feeds daily.	Eyes starting to open	143.85
19	Brooder temp 30°C		277.17
20		Feathers emerging from quills. Walking on feet.	289.72
25			328.09
27	Appetite reducing		
37		First flight	
38	Moved into aviary for few hours each day – with access to food		
41	Starting to self feed – encouraged by reducing number of feeds.		