

Species:		Number of Individuals in Population:		Date:	
Diet:				Other Conditions:	

Enrichment Feeder	Day of Trial	Amount Offered (g)				Amount Wasted (g)				Type of Enrichment Feeder Used	Types of Produce Offered	Produce Value Scale (1-5)
		Formulated Pellets	Produce	Seeds	Other	Formulated Pellets	Produce	Seeds	Other			
N	1									Bowl		
Y	2											
N	3									Bowl		
Y	4											
N	5									Bowl		
Y	6											
N	7									Bowl		
Y	8											
N	9									Bowl		
Y	10											
N	11									Bowl		
Y	12											
N	13									Bowl		
Y	14											

Instructions:

- Fill out the species of bird you will be conducting the study for. Fill out how many birds share the space with access to the food. Fill out the starting date of the study. Fill out any other conditions that your bird is experiencing (molting, egg laying, illness, etc.)
- Fill out the diet for the bird - including brand names, amounts in (g), and specific ingredients.
- Obtain various enrichment feeders to offer food inside for your bird. (foraging wheel, puzzle box, pvc feeder, covered cups, etc.)
- Clean the bird's enclosure to ensure that there is no excess debris or food from previous days. Place a fresh collection surface at the bottom of the habitat to ensure easy collection of food waste.
- Start trial the morning of Day 1 by offering diet in a bowl w/o use of puzzle feeders. Ensure that you weigh out the exact amounts offered in (g) of pellets, produce, seeds, and other. Fill in type of produce offered, as well as a rough 1-5 ranking of how valuable the produce is to your bird, with 5 being the highest value and 1 being the lowest value.
- Allow for a full 10-12 hour day to pass. Do not allow them access to the collection surface - this will allow them to go to the ground to collect food waste. If a habitat is set-up where this is unpreventable - note this in your records.
- Collect food waste from bottom surface, weigh, and record numbers in (g) in the according column for that day. Do not include seed hulls (shells) in waste amount for seeds, but do include whole uneaten seeds or nuts. If feeding a chop mix, or you are unable to differentiate food waste, record in the "other" category. Ensure that fecal matter is not recorded in the weights of the food waste, nor any other debris from destruction or enrichment.
- Proceed to trial day 2, repeating these steps, but following the "Enrichment Feeder" column to determine whether or not to utilize enrichment in offering their diet.
- Upon completion of the study document - save the document with the format (animalname-species.xlsx), then email results to support@psittacine.org