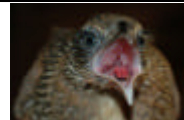


White-browed Coucal hand raising protocol.



Age	Diet	Comments	Growth Stage	Average intake per feed.	Average growth rate %
0	Kept hydrated with distilled water carefully dribbled onto beak with syringe - generally lapped up by bird. Offer every few hours for 1st 24 hours	Chick placed in small basket with tissue substrate.	Chick's blind- covered in white hairs - generally alert & responsive to both noise stimulation and touch (jerky movements when touched, gaping & alert to noise).		
	Hatch weight 6.7 - 7.9g	Do not tend to defecate during first 24 hours			
	Brooder temp 35 degrees				
1	Mouse pinkies (milk sac removed and during early days all sharp bones removed) - waxworms (head removed) Each diet item is placed in luke warm distilled water for a few seconds directly before dropping item into mouth. One feed per day has Nutrobal dusted over it. Chick is only fed when gaping - and is never fed more than 10% of AM bodyweight per feed (generally much less). Decrease/increase amount fed by monitoring daily weight gain. 6-7 feeds between 7am - 10pm - adjust to intake of individual - initially fed every 2 to 2.5 hours	Bird monitored closely for hydration level - faeces is a good indication. Normal faeces should be enclosed in a faecal sac - any changes to this could indicate problems. Raised humidity levels in brooder will encourage defecation.		0.5g	6.49
2		Defecation should take place every other feed - If this is not occurring, handling the chick can induce defecation - stimulation of the cloaca with a warm damp cloth can also be affective.		0.8g	22.9
3				1g	24.32
4			Slits in eyes should now be apparent	1.5g	29.87
5	Feed every 3 hours		Pin feathers start to protrude on edges of wings & tail	1.8g	27.79
	Brooder temp 34 degrees				
6		Tend to defecate after every feed, from this point	Pin feathers start to protrude along spine and underside of neck	2g	27.39
7			Pin feathers along sides of torso	2-2.5g	20.54
8				2.5 - 3g	20.5
9				3g	17.31
10	Start to introduce crickets - legs, wings & heads removed. Day 10 to 12 reduce to 5 feeds				13.85
	Brooder temp 32 degrees			up to 3.5g	
11			Body should now be covered in pin feathers	4g	11.02
12					12.25
13	Brooder temp 30 degrees				10.42
14			Feathers should be emerging from pins - start to explore surroundings		8.27
15			Change in vocals - adult sounding	5g	8.73
16	Access to dish of food. 4 feeds daily		Fully feathered		8.05
	Brooder temp 26 degrees				
17			Toe grip getting stronger - should be attempting to perch	Intake amount drops off ready for flight weight.	4.92
18			Generally able to perch from this point		3.33
19			Attempts to fly		3.33
20	Keep keen to encourage self-feeding - start to wean onto adult diet. 2-3 feeds daily with all day access to adult diet				0.84
	Room temp 20 degrees				