

Canary Supplies

The items shown below can all be shipped. I do not offer local pick up. Use the same order blank that is in my violet supplies catalog for canary supplies. Most orders will be shipped via USPS Priority Mail as it is the most economical and the fastest. By using a USPS Regional Rate "A" Priority Mail Box I can send you a 4 lb. bag of a product (or two 2 lb. bags) and still have room for several smaller bags of other products. As long as the box weighs less than 15 lbs. it ships for the same price. Phone in your order (303) 204-5937, or mail it to me (address below), or send by e-mail (violetshowcase@yahoo.com).

I now accept credit or debit cards through PayPal. *You do not need to have a PayPal account to use PayPal to pay an invoice.* After you communicate to me what items you'd like, I will contact you with the total of your order including shipping + handling. You can then pay by check, money order, or through PayPal. If you opt for using PayPal, when you receive my email with the payment request which PayPal generates you can, if necessary, click on the button that says "I do not have a Paypal account" and PayPal will direct you to a secure site to enter your credit/debit card info. For those who used to buy these items from me at my shop on South Broadway in Englewood I am no longer set up to take your credit card number over the phone.

Some of the food items are packaged in small quantities for the canary hobbyist who has a bird or two. Other larger sizes are for those with many birds or for customers who plan to store the product frozen or refrigerated. The number after the price is the shipping weight. Pellets and treats are best stored refrigerated or frozen.

For those reading the paper + ink version of this document you can see this catalog at my website: www.violetshowcase.com. Scroll down through the home page until you see the link to canaries. Prices and availability subject to change without notice. updated December, 2014

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Pellets and Treats

Pretty Bird Canary/Finch pellets These pellets are approximately the size of millet seed and have a fruity smell. Canary and finch enthusiasts feed pellets as their bird's main diet for several reasons:



(1) A diet of pellets is more nutritionally complete than a seed diet.

(2) It is a cleaner method of feeding. Since pellets have no shells you won't have to deal with the chore of constantly cleaning hulls scattered all around the cage or of removing hulls from the surface of the seed cups so the birds can see that there are more seeds underneath the hulls.

(3) Pellets do not go stale as fast as seed. They can be stored in an airtight bag or container in the refrigerator or freezer for long periods of time.

Item #923D, 1 1/2 cupfuls, \$2.89, 8 oz.;

Item #923, 1 lb bag, \$5.19, 17 oz.

Item #923F, 4 2/3 cupfuls, \$6.39, 24 oz.;

Item #923B, 2 lb. bag, \$7.39 33 oz.

Item #923A, 4 lb. bag, \$13.39, 65 oz.

Song Seed Treat

This is a mixture of seeds that are high in oils and can help stimulate your singer to perform at his best. It contains Essex Rape seed, Polish Rape seed, Flax seed, Anise seed, Sesame seed, Niger seed, Canary Grass seed, Red Millet, and Hemp seed. Store in refrigerator or freezer to preserve freshness.

Offer $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon per bird once or twice a week. An easy treat that canaries love.

Item #924E 1 1/2 cupfuls, \$2.19, 8 oz.

Item #924A, 1 lb. bag, \$4.19, 17 oz.

Item #924F, 4 1/2 cupfuls, \$4.59, 23 oz.

Item #924D, 2 lb. bag, \$5.69, 33 oz.

Item #924, 4 lb. bag, \$10.39, 65 oz.



Egg Food/Condition Food

This canary food is a mixture of bread crumbs, dried whole egg, assorted seeds, honey, soy meal, encapsulated microbial cultures, and various vitamins and minerals beneficial to your canary. Its analysis is protein: 17.5%, fat: 4.87%, fiber: 3.2%, and ash: 3.4%. A special blend of Egg Food is available for Red Factor canaries.



You can use this food as an occasional treat or use it daily with breeding pairs. You can feed it dry, or you can moisten it in various ways. The easiest way to moisten it is to add one fourth as much water as the amount of condition food you wish to prepare. For example, if you want to moisten 1 teaspoon of condition food, add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of water to it. Stir in the water until the mixture is soft and crumbly. Feed $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of this moistened product per canary once or twice a week. You can hold the moistened mixture for 2 - 3 days if stored in the refrigerator. Store the unused, dry egg food in the refrigerator or freezer to preserve freshness. Instructions for feeding and storing are included.

Yellow Egg/Condition Food:

Item #981 1 2/3 cupfuls, \$4.19, 8 oz.

Item #981H, 1 lb. bag, \$7.69, 17 oz.

Item #981G, 4 3/4 cupfuls, \$8.29, 21 oz.

Item #981A, 2 lb. bag, \$11.59, 33 oz.

Item #981B, 4 lb. bag, \$21.49, 65 oz.



Red Factor Egg/Condition Food:

This special egg food is intended for red factor canaries. They have the genetic ability to use the coloring agents in this product to brighten their feather coloring.

Item #986 1 2/3 cupfuls, \$4.39, 8 oz.

Item #986B, 1 lb. bag, \$7.89, 17 oz.

Item #986C, 4 3/4 cupfuls, \$8.59, 21 oz.

Item #986D, 2 lb. bag, \$12.19, 33 oz.

Item #986A, 4 lb. bag, \$22.29, 65 oz.

Soak Seed

Soak seed is a mixture of 11 different seeds and grains. It is comprised of rapeseed, thistle seed, white millet seed, soft wheat, canary seed, buckwheat, hemp, safflower, red millet, finch millet, and rice.

You must soften the soak seed mixture before giving it to your bird(s) so that they get the full nutritional benefit from it, and so that they can crack open the harder seeds. Beneficial vitamins and enzymes are released as the seeds swell. If you raise canaries you'll find soak seed useful in encouraging the young birds to feed themselves. You can also make it available to the parents to feed to the nestlings. Adult canaries and finches love soak seed as a treat.

To prepare soak seed for feeding place 1 tablespoonful in a small container and add enough warm water to cover the seed. Let the seed soak in the water for approximately 12 hours. Drain off the water and replace it with fresh water. Cover the seed again with warm water and let soak another 12 hours. Drain. For adult birds this is enough soaking. It is ready to feed.

Store the dry soak seed in the refrigerator or freezer.

Item #902 1 2/3 cupfuls, \$4.39, 10 oz.

Item #902D, 1 lb. bag, \$7.49, 17 oz.

Item #902E, 4 3/4 cupfuls, \$10.59, 29 oz.

Item #902A, 2 lb. bag, \$10.99, 33 oz.



Sprout Seed

While sprouting seeds for your canaries and finches requires a little more effort on your part you'll be glad you took the

time when you see how much your birds relish this treat. Sprouting seeds produces an easy to digest treat rich in vitamins and minerals.

This sprout seed is a mix of white millet, rapeseed, hard durum wheat, and safflower seed. These four kinds of seed are chosen because they sprout at similar rates. To sprout the seed it must first be soaked for 24 hours to soften it. The seed will increase 3 to 4 times in volume so you should sprout only enough to ensure that you can finish feeding the sprouted seed before it goes by. Complete detailed instructions for sprouting are included with each order.



from top left to bottom right:
1 1/2 cups, 1 #, 4 3/4 cups, and 2#

- Item #910 1 1/2 cupfuls, \$3.69, 10 oz.
- Item #910D, 1 lb. bag, \$5.39, 17 oz.
- Item #910E, 4 3/4 cupfuls, \$7.89, 27 oz.
- Item #910A, 2 lb. bag, \$5.69, 33 oz.

Hemp Seed

Hemp seed is higher in protein than many other kinds of seed. It is popular with bird fanciers as a supplemental food because of its nutritional value and because most caged birds love it.

Some hobbyists feed hemp seed dry; some soak it in water for up to 12 hours to soften it. If you decide to soak it, drain the water off after 12 hours and rinse the seed before feeding it. Refrigerate the water-softened seed in an airtight container. It will keep for 4 or 5 days. Dry hemp seed can be stored at room temperature, or refrigerated, or even frozen.

Because hemp seed is an easily digested form of protein it is favored by canary and finch breeders for bringing birds into breeding condition.

As a treat feed 1/2 teaspoon of hemp seed per bird once or twice a week. With birds that you want to breed, feed 1/2 teaspoon per bird daily.

This is sterilized seed. It will not fully sprout.

- Item #948D 1 1/2 cupfuls, \$3.19, 8 oz.
- Item #948F, 1 lb. bag, \$4.99, 17 oz.
- Item #948E, 4 3/4 cupfuls, \$5.69, 23 oz.
- Item #948G, 2 lb. bag, \$7.29, 33 oz.
- Item #948, 4 lb. bag, \$13.00, 65 oz.



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Food Supplements

Canthaxanthin

Canthaxanthin is a powdered natural pigment.

Some canaries are fed a special diet as young birds to enhance the color of their plumage. This is called color feeding. Usually red factor canaries are color fed. If your canary had been color fed in the past you can quite easily repeat this at molting time and help your bird to keep its beautiful colored plumage.

You can mix this product with the birds drinking water at a rate of 1/8 teaspoon per pint of water. Mix thoroughly. Replace daily.

A more economical alternative is to mix Canthaxanthin into cornbread batter and feed the resulting cornbread to the birds. Feed at a rate of 1/2 - 1 teaspoon per bird per day. A canary will eat almost anything if it is mixed with cornbread: very little, if any, is wasted. Detailed instructions for mixing and storing included with each order.



- Item #927 2 1/8 teaspoons (8 g.), \$6.49, 1 oz.;
- Item #927B 4 1/4 teaspoons (14 g.), \$11.29, 1 oz.
- Item #927C 1/3 cup (60 g.) \$36.19, 3 oz.;
- Item #927D 3/4 cup (122 g), \$48.89, 5 oz.

Miscellaneous

Breeding Canaries - the basics of breeding canaries. Written by Doug Crispin. Covers lighting, conditioning, hatching, and nestling food formulas. 21 pages 5½ x 8½" Booklet
Item #968 **Breeding Canaries** \$5.19, 2 oz.

