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We recommend the perches are made of natural tree branches. Fruit trees are preferred, and these should be washed thoroughly with an appropriate disinfectant before use. Natural tree branches prevent all the common foot injuries that we see, including pododermatitis, and prevent nail overgrowth. Sandpaper perch covers should not be used as they simply abrade the feet and do not keep the nails short.

Ultraviolet lighting is important for birds, being required both for natural behaviour and calcium metabolism. If kept indoors, specific bird lamps are available and have recognised health benefits. A good review of bird lighting can be found on the Arcadia website <a href="www.arcadia-bird.com/uv-lighting/">www.arcadia-bird.com/uv-lighting/</a>. A bird lamp should be fitted above the cage to reflect light downwards as a bright light hitting the side of the bird can cause eye irritation. If kept outdoors, the birds should have an aviary where they can bathe in direct sunlight. Glass or plastic placed over the roof can absorb UV light, prevent the birds from accessing it.

Different toys should be added and changed regularly to entertain birds. When purchasing toys or cages always
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