**Switching to NutriBird food in pellets:**  
   
**1. Preparatory phase**  
As far as the smaller bird species are concerned (canaries, tropical and European finches, budgies), it is recommended to begin by preparing them for the switch. The aim is not to force the birds to eat pellets during this preparatory phase. They are just taught to recognize pellets as one of the elements of their food. For 2 or 3 weeks, they will be given the normal mixture of seeds to which 10 % of pellets will have been added. For large parakeets and parrots, this preparatory phase is not necessary.  
   
**2. The switch itself**  
During the switch-over period, seeds and pellets will no longer be mixed. The birds only receive pellets during the whole period. Some days, following the schedule below, they will still be given a bowl containing seeds which they will eat as much of as they want. But the periods during which the birds only receive pellets will become longer and longer so as to oblige them to consume more pellets. "Seed days" will be introduced into the schedule to prevent the birds loosing too much weight. During these days, the birds will be able to recover any energy they may have lost during the "pellet days".

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| **NutriBird switching table:** | | | |
| day 1 | NutriBird | day 22 | NutriBird |
| day 2 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 23 | NutriBird **+ seeds** |
| day 3 | NutriBird | day 24 | NutriBird |
| day 4 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 25 | NutriBird |
| day 5 | NutriBird | day 26 | NutriBird |
| day 6 | NutriBird | day 27 | NutriBird |
| day 7 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 28 | NutriBird **+ seeds** |
| day 8 | NutriBird | day 29 | NutriBird |
| day 9 | NutriBird | day 30 | NutriBird |
| day 10 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 31 | NutriBird |
| day 11 | NutriBird | day 32 | NutriBird |
| day 12 | NutriBird | day 33 | NutriBird |
| day 13 | NutriBird | day 34 | NutriBird **+ seeds** |
| day 14 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 35 | NutriBird |
| day 15 | NutriBird | day 36 | NutriBird |
| day 16 | NutriBird | day 37 | NutriBird |
| day 17 | NutriBird | day 38 | NutriBird |
| day 18 | NutriBird **+ seeds** | day 39 | NutriBird |
| day 19 | NutriBird | day 40 | NutriBird **+ seeds** |
| day 20 | NutriBird | day 41 | NutriBird |
| day 21 | NutriBird | day ... | NutriBird |

From the 42nd day on, the birds are completely switched.