

# Shopping

#### S P R O U T I N G O R G A N I C S . W E E B L Y . C O M

### Perch sizes

Diameter should be

For small birds (Canaries, Finches, Parrotlets, Budgies, Lovebirds) should be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" For medium birds (Conures, Cockatiels, Lories, Senegals) should be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1.5" For large birds (Macaws, Cockatoos, African Greys, Amazons) should be 1.5" to 3"

# Only buy toys

- Made using vegetable tanned leather.
- Made with stainless steel or iron with NO zinc coating!
- Made ONLY with "approved" woods, dyed with vegetables that are 100% safe for your bird!
- Use links and chains made of stainless steel.
- Make sure toys:
- Do NOT use glues, adhesives, lacquers or paints!
- Do NOT use flavoring...
- Do not use split rings or key rings.
- Do NOT include bells that can snag your bird's beak.
- Do not buy or use toys that contain
- Formaldehyde, Formalin, Zinc, Lead, Arsenic,
- Woods that have been stained or varnished to add color can be highly toxic. And so are toys
- made with woods like cedar, red cherry, plywood, and oak

## Cage bar spacing

For small birds (Finches, Canaries, Parrotlets, Lovebirds & Parakeets) bar spacing should be no more than  $\frac{5}{2}$ "

For medium birds (Conures, Cockatiels, Lories, Senegals) bar spacing should be  $\frac{1}{2}''$  to no more than  $\frac{7}{8}''$ 

For large birds (African grey, Amazons, Macaws, Cockatoos) bar spacing should be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to no more than  $1\frac{3}{8}$