

# Silex Grit Fine



## DESCRIPTION

Silex Grit is specially designed for birds with a marked granivorous specialization (canaries, wild finches, estrildid finches, budgerigars, *Forpus*, *Agapornis*, *Neophemas*, etc).

This flint sand is calibrated to the optimum size to be ingested by these small species (0.8-1.2 mm).

Its consumption is essential to guarantee optimal functioning of the gizzard and the digestive system in general.

Its function is purely mechanical and it should not be confused with Calcium grits, which have a nutritional function as a calcium source. Contrary to what happens with Calcium grits, Silex Grit is insoluble and does not dissolve in the gizzard by the action of gastric acids. In the absence of flint sand, birds may ingest calcium grits in a compensatory way searching for a mechanical action that will not completely occur. The consumption of calcium grit in excess may lead to hypercalcemia.

## FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Offer *ad libitum* in a separate feeder.

## DAILY INTAKE

Daily consumption depends on the granulometry and hardness of the diet as well as on the granivory degree of granivory of the species.

Strict granivores are the ones with the highest requirements for mechanical (insoluble) grit.

## NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

### COMPOSITION:

Silica sand calibrated to 0.8-1.2 mm (Silicon dioxide).

### ANALYTICAL CONSTITUENTS:

Moisture 5.0 %, Crude ash 95.0 %.

## PACKAGING

1 kg jar.

