

Review by Abelia Chung, aspiring avian veterinarian

Dr. Marshall and Tailai O'Brien's expertise shines through on every page. The book covers every conceivable topic related to Eclectus parrots, from their natural history and behaviour in the wild to the specifics of aviary management, nutrition, and common health issues. The information is presented in a clear, accessible manner, making it suitable for both new bird keepers and experienced breeders alike.

A particular strength of the book is its detailed focus on nutrition, which is a critical aspect of Eclectus parrot care. The author provides in-depth guidance on diet formulation, the importance of specific nutrients, and practical strategies for addressing dietary deficiencies. This advice is invaluable for anyone striving to provide the highest standard of care for their Eclectus parrots.

The chapter on illnesses and deficiencies was especially valuable to me. Even though my birds are not Eclectus, their similar gastrointestinal tract and challenges with vitamin deficiencies made this section highly relevant. Dr. Marshall's work has been an indispensable resource, helping me improve my husbandry and ensure my birds remain healthy and thriving.

The content is thoughtfully organised into logical, comprehensive sections. The first half offers a fascinating exploration of the natural history of the Eclectus, including their wild diets and behaviours, with particular emphasis on the Australian Eclectus parrot. This foundational knowledge provides essential context for the authors' recommendations on captive care, underlining the importance of replicating natural environments and diets to support long-term health and wellbeing.

Books like this not only strengthen the skills of current bird owners but also inspire those of us who dream of a future in avian veterinary medicine. Personally, it has encouraged me to think more seriously about this path. At the same time, I believe it can spark the same passion in others — showing that with curiosity, dedication, and compassion, a career in avian veterinary science is both meaningful and rewarding. Dr. Marshall's work is a reminder of the impact we can have on the lives of birds and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for anyone drawn to this field.

Extremely well written and deeply inspiring.

Thank you again for writing such an insightful and inspiring book. It has been both a joy to read and a valuable guide for caring for my birds. I look forward to applying what I've learned and continuing to explore a future in avian veterinary care.