

# RATITE ENRICHMENT FEATURE - April 2011

- Susan Kong, senior keeper from Zoo Miami sent in the Hanging Palm Feeder, pictures were taken by Julie Lindenmayer
- use the base of a royal palm frond and weave the end to hold food
- Drill 1” holes in the sides and stick fruit in them
- Put diet in the frond and hang from tree on exhibit



- The feeder is about 4 to 5 feet long
- Hang it 3 feet off the ground
- Cassowary will use it for the entire day
- Use on cooler overcast days to avoid bird overheating
- For zoos that do not have palm fronds – a possible replacement would be soft cardboard in a tube shape or paper mache



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