



Fourth Crossing Wildlife factsheet



Princess Parrot

scientific name
"*Polytelis alexandrae*"



other names
Queen Alexandra Parrot, Alexandra's Parakeet, Princess of Wales Parakeet, Rose-throated Parakeet and Spinifex Parrot.



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Description

Male: 34 to 36cm in length. Weight between 110 and 120 grams. Soft olive green on front with pale blue crown. Lime green shoulders. Pink throat. Sky blue rump. Blue green tail, pink underside. Coral red coloured beak. Males have longer tail than females and has an orange iris.

Females: Duller in colour. Shorter tail. Iris is brown.

Juveniles: As per female. Eyes are black.

Voice: Long, rolling call. Cackling and chattering. Sharp noted "queet queet".

Named after Princess Alexandra of Denmark, the Princess Parrot is found in inland Australia, from south-west Queensland, western areas of the Northern Territory to the Great Victoria Desert in South Australia / Western Australia and the Gibson / Great Sandy Desert in Western Australia. It is a rarely seen bird and is highly nomadic. Habitat is woodland and scrub which includes spinifex, eucalypts and mistletoes. Diet consists of seeds and grasses. Breeding season is from September to January, or after good rainfall, and during this time the parrots form larger flocks which later disperse. 4 to 6 eggs are laid which are incubated for 19 days. Chicks leave the nest around 35 days after hatching. The life span is thought to be around 30 years.