

Ornate Lorikeet

Scientific Name: *Trichoglossus ornatus*

Class: Aves

Order: Psittaciformes

Family: Psittacidae



A mainly green parrot about 25 cm long. Its head, above its eyes, is purple blue and its face, below its eyes, is red. There is red at the back of the head and yellow behind the eyes. Its chin to its chest has transverse green strips and bars of red and blue. Its abdomen is green with sparse variable yellow scalloping. The beak is red-orange, the irises are dark orange, the eye-ring is dark gray and the legs are gray.

Range

North and South Sulawesi, Indonesia

Habitat

Forest edge, secondary forest, bushy open terrain, cultivated plots

Gestation

Incubation: 27 days

Litter

2 average; nestling period 80 days

Behavior

Found mostly in pairs or small groups, sometimes with Green Lorikeets. Sometimes they will fly together in larger groups looking for food.

Reproduction

Breed from May to December. They nest in the hollow of a tree trunk or a cavity at the end of a broken branch. Both parents feed and care for the young. At 7 – 8 weeks the young may leave the nest during the day, but return at night. By 9 – 10 weeks they become completely independent.

Wild Diet

Concentrates in flowering trees, nectar, pollen, blossoms and seeds