

Black-Cheeked Lovebird

Scientific Name: *Agapornis nigrigenis*

Class: Aves

Order: Psittaciformes

Family: Psittacidae



This small parrot is mainly green with an orange patch on the breast, brown head and black face, with a white ring around the eye. They are around 14 cm long, with a very short tail.

Range

They can be found in Southwest Zambia.

Habitat

Their habitat includes tropical dry forest and tropical grassland where permanent supplies of surface water exist.

Gestation

Incubation: about 25 days

Litter

Clutch size: 4-5 eggs

Behavior

Much of the day is spent feeding on grass seeds near the ground. Drinking water is important since their food is low in moisture. If threatened, they fly silently into the nearest tree. They sleep with their heads tucked under their wing. They are very noisy, uttering a variety of loud shrieks and calls in flight.

Reproduction

They breed in holes in mature mopane trees near roosting sites from January to May. Breeding pairs probably use the same nest site year after year.

Wild Diet

Fruits and seeds