



Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus*

Description: There is a large color contrast between males and females (sexual dimorphism). Males are green with a yellow head while females are red with a black bill. This is so males can be camouflaged while hunting and females can be hidden in dark tree holes incubating eggs.

Habitat: Rainforest canopies and a variety of timbered habitats.

Range: Australia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Solomon Islands.

Natural diet: Fruits, seeds, nuts, leaf buds, blossoms, nectar.

Zoo diet: Seed mix, fruits, and vegetables.

Life span: 40–50 years in the wild and 80 years in captivity.

Behavior: They are highly vocal and can mimic a wide range of sounds. Congregates in large groups for roosting and will divide up into smaller groups for traveling.

Reproduction: Will breed all year long and females have 1 or 2 eggs at a time.

Conservation Status: Least concern.

