



Brown-headed Parrot

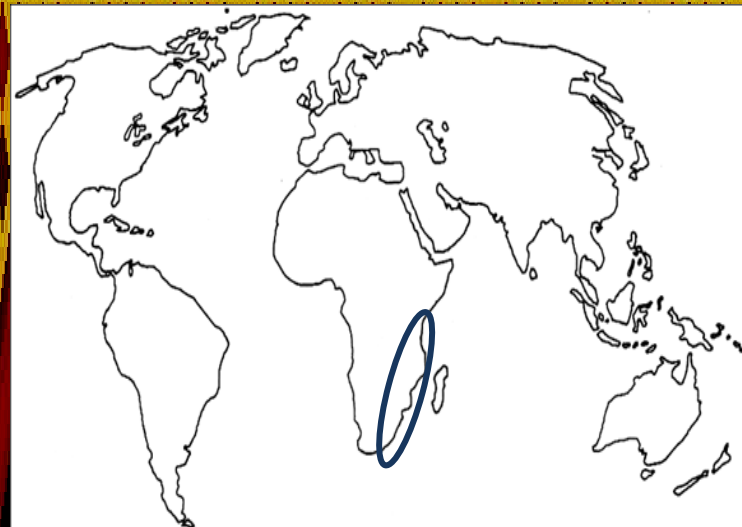
Poicephalus cryptoxanthus



These small Southern African parrots are found in Semi-arid Bush, Thornveld, Woodland and Open Savannahs from Kenya down to South Africa.

The Brown-headed Parrot is still found in large numbers in the drier regions of Southern Africa and has never been very popular as a pet bird. They nest in an unlined hole in a tree and incubation is done solely by the female, with the male doing the foraging. The chicks are fed only by the male, but always with the female present. The brood stay in the nest for 50-54 days before leaving for a "nursery area", where they stay for 28 days before becoming fully independent.

You will often see them in large groups of up to 50 birds and mostly when feeding. Most of the day is spent flying from tree to tree for food. Like all parrots, they are social for most of the year and will only go off as pairs in the breeding season.



Lifespan: 30 Years

Weight: 120 - 156 g

Size: 22 cm

Breeding Season: April - October

Incubation Period: 26 - 28 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 3

Diet: Seeds, Nuts, Fruits, Berries, Cultivated Grains, Nectar and Flowers.

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, Persecution by crop farmers for destroying crops.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. 2