

Cape Parrot

Poicephalus robustus

Endemic to South Africa, the Cape Parrot is classified as Endangered with only around 1 500 left in our country!

The Cape Parrot is the only endemic parrot species in South Africa, which means they are found here and nowhere else in the world. Whilst their numbers used to be much higher in the early 1900's, destruction of the Yellowwood forests they live, diseases affecting the wild birds and trapping for trade.

Our pair is very young and will only reach breeding age in around 5 years. They are listed on the Cape Parrot Studbook and with the Cape Parrot Working Group as part of the captive breeding efforts to try and boost the numbers of these very special birds.



Lifespan: 45 Years

Weight: 260 - 330 g

Size: 34 cm

Breeding Season: Year round

Incubation Period: 28 - 30 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 4

Diet: In the wild they feed almost exclusively on the fruits of Yellowwood Trees and also cultivated fruits.

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, disease.

Conservation Status: Endangered - CITES App. 2