

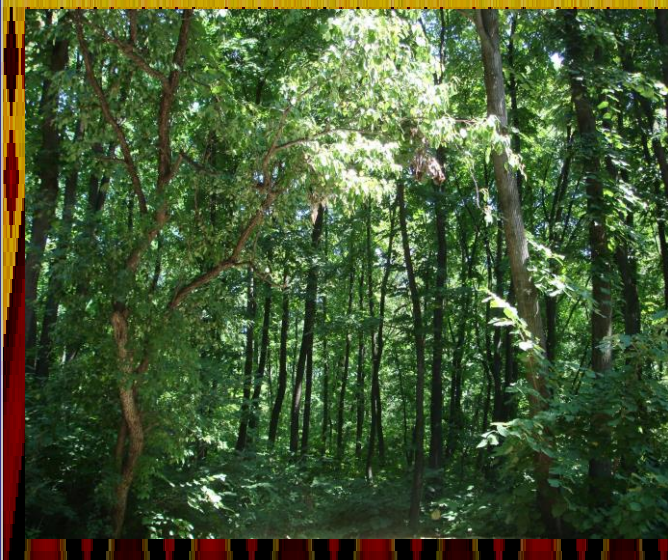
Greater Jardine's Parrot

Poicephalus gulielmi massaicus

The Jardine's Parrots are one of the larger parrot species in Africa and are found in Liberia, Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda, Zaire, Kenya and Tanzania.

The Greater Jardine's Parrot has never been widely available in South Africa but more than 16 000 were exported from their home countries around the world from 1987 to 1993. This is only the recorded estimate and the reality is that almost 3 times that many birds were trapped in the same period - most of them dying before they were exported. Living in primary lowland rain-forest, shade trees in coffee plantations and adjacent clearings, they are easily accessible for trapping. Although not globally threatened, they are uncommon through most of their range and only small flocks of around 30 birds are seen.

There is not much known about their nesting habits in the wild except that they nest in natural hollows in live trees.



Lifespan: 35 Years
Weight: 255 - 300 g
Size: 26 - 30 cm
Breeding Season: Varies according to area
Incubation Period: 26 - 28 Days
Number of Chicks: 2 - 4
Diet: Seeds, large Grains, Fruits – especially palm fruits, Flowers, Wild Olives and occasionally Insects.
Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.
Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. II