

Grey-headed Parrot

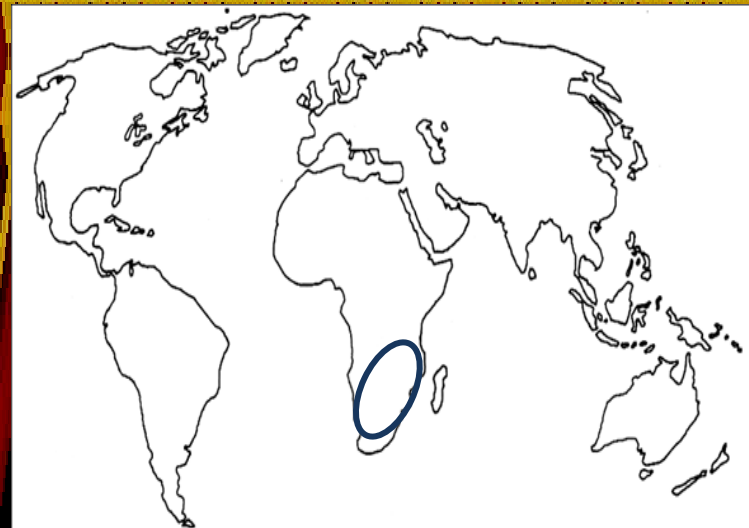
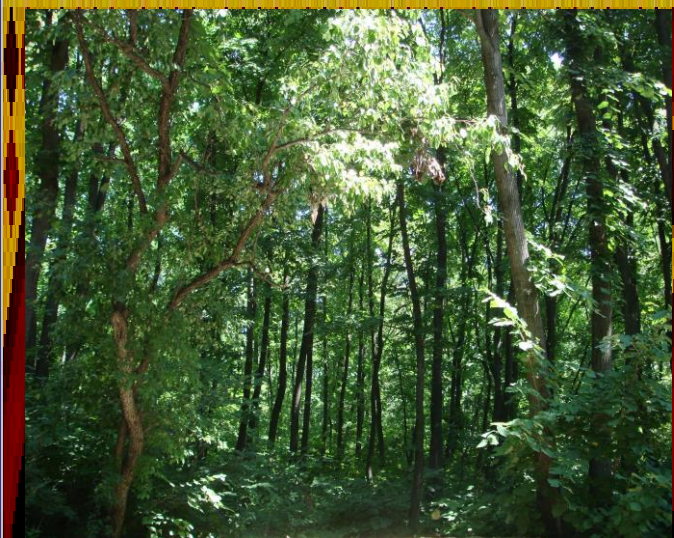
Poicephalus robustus suahelicus



The beautiful and shy Grey-headed Parrot is uncommon yet widespread in Uganda, Angola, Tanzania, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa.

The Grey-headed Parrot is sometimes considered to be a sub-species of the Cape Parrot and there is still a debate on whether to list it as a separate species. They live mostly in woodlands, riparian fringing forests, mopane and baobab woodlands or occasionally evergreen forests.

They nest in natural tree cavities, usually in the trunk or in the underside of a branch. The eggs are incubated solely by the female and the male helps by bringing food to her while she is on the nest. The chicks leave the nest at around 70 days old and only become fully independent around 5 months later.



Lifespan: 35 Years
Weight: 225 - 401 g
Size: 30 - 36 cm
Breeding Season: Varies according to area
Incubation Period: 28 - 30 Days
Number of Chicks: 2 - 4
Diet: Seeds, Nuts, Berries and Nectar. In South Africa they favour the fruits of the Yellowwood Tree.
Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, Disease
Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened