

Olive-headed Lorikeet

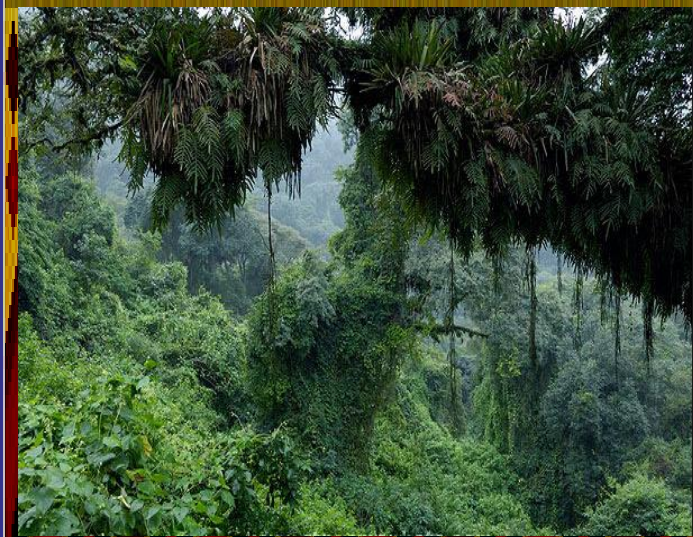
Trichoglossus euteles



Adorable to look at and playful by nature, this little gem, also known as the Perfect Lorikeet, is found only on Timor and Lesser Sunda Islands in Indonesia.

Although relatively common in their limited range, there is not a lot known about the Perfect Lorikeet's habits in the wild. They live in lowland primary and secondary forest, savannah woodland and cultivated areas up to 2 400m above sea level. They are seen in flocks of up to 100 individuals outside the breeding season and are noisy and conspicuous in flight. While feeding though, they are quiet and hard to detect. Their presence in an area is usually dictated by food availability.

They are relatively common in zoos and collections around the world but are not easily available in South Africa. We are lucky to have 2 pairs here, the males of both pairs were bred at the park in 2009 and have now reached sexual maturity.



Lifespan: 15 Years

Weight: 80 – 85 g

Size: 25 cm

Breeding Season: Not known in wild.
August – December in captivity in SA.

Incubation Period: 23 Days

Number of Chicks: 1 - 3

Diet: Feeds on Pollen, Nectar, Fruits, Seeds, Insects and their larvae.

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened – CITES App. II