

# Red-sided Eclectus

*Eclectus roratus polychloros*

The Eclectus Parrots are sexually dimorphic - this means that the male and female are identified by their different colours. The females are red whilst the males are green.

The Red-sided Eclectus is a striking bird found on many Indonesian Islands and Northern Queensland in Australia. They live in the canopy section of all wooded habitats from coastal to mid-montane areas, including mangroves, freshwater swamp and dryland forest, coastal scrub, dense savannah woodland and also parks and suburban gardens.

The nest is a hole in a high tree, generally in a clearing or at the forest edge. As many as 4 active nests have been recorded in a single tree and this shows that the Eclectus is not as territorial as some of the other parrot species. The young leave the nest at around 12 weeks of age and then join the parents to search for food – often flying long distances in the process.



**Lifespan:** 30 Years  
**Weight:** 355 - 615 g  
**Size:** 35 - 42 cm  
**Breeding Season:** April - November  
**Incubation Period:** 26 Days  
**Number of Chicks:** Usually 2  
**Diet:** Fruits, Seeds, Nuts, Leaf Buds, Flowers and Figs  
**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, persecution in farmlands.  
**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. II