

# Swainson's Lorikeet

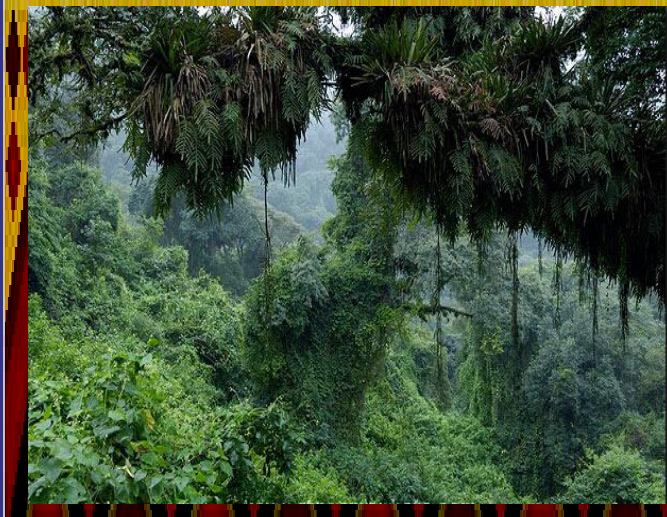
*Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus*



By far the most numerous of the Lory and Lorikeet species in the world, there are an estimated 5 million Rainbow Lorikeets flying around Indonesia, Northern and Eastern Australia.

Like other sub-species of the Rainbow Lorikeet, the Swainson's Lorikeet is found living in most types of lowland and lower montane wooded country, including mangroves, freshwater swamp forest, primary rain forest, secondary growth, scrubby monsoon forest, savannah, riparian woodland, coconut and other plantations, gardens and suburban areas.

They nest deep in unlined holes in limbs or trunks of large trees. The chicks leave the nest after 7 – 8 weeks and are sexually mature at around 18 months of age. There are an estimated 5 million Rainbow Lorikeets (including sub-species) in the world making them one of the most common of the parrot species. They are also one of the most common in captivity.



**Lifespan:** 15 Years

**Weight:** 175 g

**Size:** 25 – 30 cm

**Breeding Season:** Year Round

**Incubation Period:** 25 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 1 - 3

**Diet:** Nectar & Pollen from trees and shrubs, Grains of cultivated crops, Fruits and Berries

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

**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened