

Western Moustached Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri fasciata



The Moustached Parakeet has 8 recognised sub-species. The Western Moustached Parakeet is found in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and China.

Belonging to the same family as the Rose-ringed Parakeet and the Alexandrine Parakeet, the Moustached Parakeet is also commonly kept as a pet bird around the world. In the wild they are found living in a range of habitats but tend to avoid densely forested areas.

They typically nest in a hollow limb or a hole in a tree and this makes it easy for the local people to steal the chicks. The illegal pet trade is causing their numbers to plummet and on some islands where they used to be very common, they have been wiped out completely.

In a recent 5-year study, more than 66 600 live birds were exported from their native countries. All the chicks we have bred at the park have joined local breeding programs.



Lifespan: 25 - 30 Years

Weight: 133 - 168 g

Size: 33-38 cm

Breeding Season: December – April

Incubation Period: 28 Days

Number of Chicks: 3 - 4

Diet: Nectar, Flowers, Seeds, Fruits, Grains and Leaf Buds

Problems They Face: Trapping for the pet trade, shooting as pest birds in crop lands

Conservation Status: Common to Abundant through most of their range.

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