

DOVE, WOMPOO FRUIT

(Magnificent Fruit Dove)

RANGE:

Found in Australia along the east coast, from central eastern New South Wales to central eastern Queensland. This species can also be found in New Guinea.

HABITAT:

Move around in small, localized areas in search of fruit-bearing trees.

SIZE:

Doves from the north grow to 35-45 cm, and doves in the south grow up to 50 cm.

REPRODUCTION:

- Breeding season is from July to January each year.
- Both sexes share the nest made of twigs.
- Only one white egg is laid and both share the incubation and care of the chick.
- They may breed a second time if the first attempt fails.

DIET:

Rainforest fruits, which they swallow whole.

BEHAVIOR:

- The call of the Fruit-Dove is a deep resonant "wollack-a-woo" and occasionally a more abrupt "boo".
- These birds do not travel long distances.
- They may form large feeding flocks where food is plentiful, and the birds acrobatically pluck the fruit from trees and vines high up in the canopy area.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Wompoo Fruit-Dove is identified by its large size.
- It has a rich purple throat, chest and upper belly, and yellow lower belly.
- It has a mostly green under parts, with a paler grey head and a conspicuous yellow wing-bar.

STATUS:

Common

SOURCE:

http://www.austmus.gov.au/factsheets/wompoo_fruitdove.htm

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Order:	Columbiformes
Family:	Columbidae
Genus:	Ptilinopus
Species:	magnificus