

LORIKEET, RED-FLANKED

RANGE:

Can be found from the Moluccan Islands in Indonesia to New Guinea.

HABITAT:

Tropical forests throughout range.

SIZE:

Length: 6–6.5 inches (15–17 cm)

REPRODUCTION:

- Like most parrots, they are monogamous
- Nests are built in the holes of trees.
- Incubation period is 28 days. Incubation and feeding of the young is shared by both parents.
- Nestlings fledge at 4-5 weeks and are independent at about 8-9 weeks.

DIET:

Wild: fruit, seeds and nectar

Zoo: Soft fruit, nectar

BEHAVIOR:

- Are gregarious. Tend to congregate in large groups.
- Are very noisy, calling to each other continuously.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Due show sexual dimorphism. Males have red cheeks, lores, breast, flanks & wing converts, with green forehead and blue-violet ear patches. Females are green with yellow ear patches & have a shorter tail than do the males.
- A brush-like tongue allows them to lap nectar.

STATUS:

Numbers are declining in the wild mainly due to habitat destruction and collection for the pet trade.

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LOUISVILLE

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Order:	Psittaciformes
Family:	Loriidae
Genus:	Chamosyna
Species:	placensis