

Eclectus Roratus



Description

Eclectus roratus is a species of bird in the family Psittacidae . It is native to the Solomon Islands, Sumba, New Guinea and nearby islands, northeastern Australia and the Maluku Islands (Moluccas). This parrot is unusual in the parrot family because the plumage is so markedly different between the male and the female; Males have emerald green plumage and mostly magenta and purple/blue plumage. Joseph Forshaw, in his book *Parrots of the World* , notes that the first European scientists saw the *electus parrot* consider them to be two separate species. These parrot populations persist, and they are sometimes considered pests because they feed on fallen fruit. Some populations are restricted to relatively small islands which are relatively rare. The bright feathers of this parrot are also used by the indigenous peoples of New Guinea as decorations.