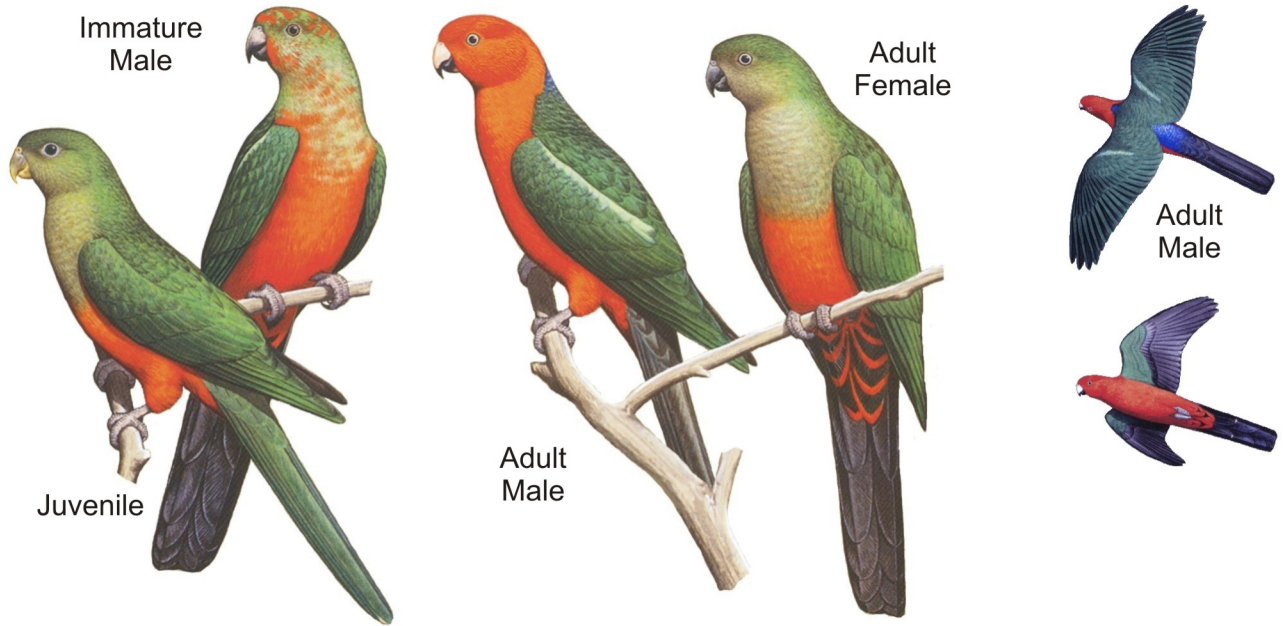


**Australian King Parrot** *Alisterus scapularis*      **Species No.: 281**      **Band size: 25 SS**



**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies as follows:

	Nominate <i>A.s. scapularis</i> (s-e. Australia)		ssp. <i>A.s. minor</i> (Atherton Tableland, Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	201 – 227 mm	201 – 225 mm	185 – 202 mm	189 – 196 mm
Tail:	192 – 222 mm	201 – 222 mm	187 – 202 mm	191 – 196 mm
Bill:	20.6 – 24.6 mm	19.5 – 23.4 mm	20.1 – 23.3 mm	20.6 – 21.6 mm
Weight:	174 – 250 g	198 – 285 g	No data	No data

**Ageing:**

There is no plumage difference between the two subspecies:

	Adult M (4+) F (2+)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Immature M (3-) F (2)	1 <sup>st</sup> Immature (1)	Juvenile
Bill:	male - upper mandible red lower mostly black;	as for adult;	dark grey with peach red tinge;	sexes alike – buff, light brown base
Head & neck:	female – glossy grey-black; male – red;	as for adult; more red than green patches;	dark grey, no red; more green than red patches;	upper mandible; green;
	female – mostly dark green;	as for adult;	as for adult;	green;

Juveniles fledge in plumage similar to adult female and commence moult to first immature between 2 and 6 months and conclude it within a few months;  
Moult to second immature commences c. 12 months after fledging and is complete 3 to 5 months later coinciding with adult post breeding moult;  
Males don't attain full adult plumage until their fourth year.

**Sexing :**

Sexually dimorphic on plumage as juveniles, immatures and adults – see above under ageing;  
Incubation by female only.