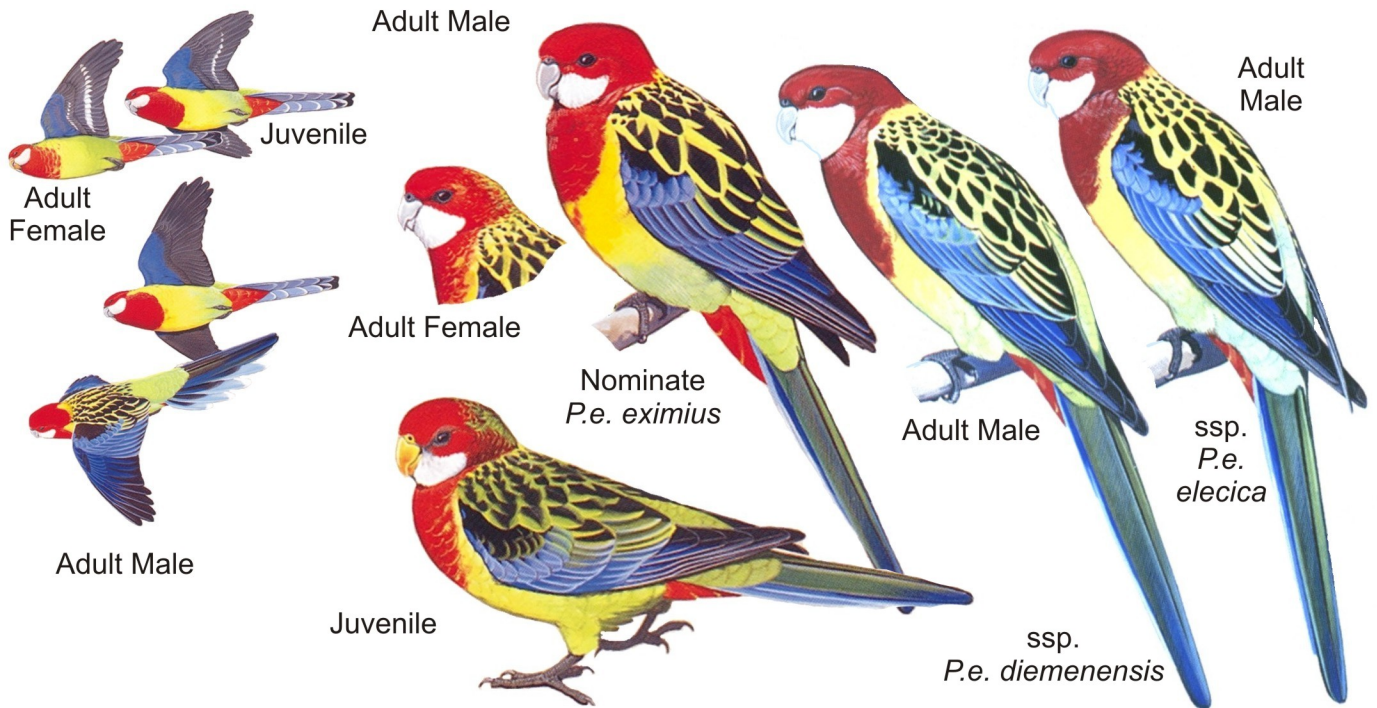


Eastern Rosella *Platycercus eximius*

Species No.: 288

Band size: 24 SS

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Morphometrics:

Three subspecies as follows:

	<i>P.e. eximius</i> (s-e NSW, Vic & SA)		<i>P.e. elecica</i> (s.e Qld & n-e NSW)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	152 – 163 mm	145 – 158 mm	145 – 168 mm	148 – 165 mm
Tail:	151 – 168 mm	145 – 165 mm	156 – 176 mm	152 – 171 mm
Bill:	15.2 – 19.1 mm	14.3 – 17.1 mm	14.0 – 17.1 mm	13.8 – 16.0 mm
Bill Width:	10.2 – 12.0 mm	9.0 – 11.4 mm	10.8 – 12.3 mm	9.9 – 11.8 mm
Weight:	101 – 112 g	89 – 122 g	86 – 120 g	92 – 106 g

	<i>P.e. diemenensis</i> (Tasmania)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	149 – 166 mm	150 – 162 mm
Tail:	146 – 177 mm	158 – 181 mm
Bill:	15.2 – 21.1 mm	13.2 – 20.2 mm
Bill Width:	10.6 – 13.2 mm	10.2 – 11.7 mm
Weight:	75 – 125 g	87 – 123 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	pearl-grey;	yellow-brown, orange or yellow, changes to adult
Cere:	grey to grey black;	yellow-brown when fledging soon changes to brownish grey
Centre nape & hindneck;	male – dark red; female – often dark green with red patches;	dark green;

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Mantle & scapulars:	black feathers with yellowish-green or pale green edges;	blackish feathers with green edges;
Underwing:	male – no wing bar; female - all have at least a partial yellowish-white wing bar formed by spots on inner remiges;	broad pale yellow or off-white spots on primaries form a conspicuous underwing bar and sometimes spots on greater coverts form a second narrow bar;
Primaries:	mostly grey-black with outer web mostly dark violet-blue;	grey;

Juveniles moult to an adult female-like plumage within 6 months of fledging but retain juvenile primaries and wing coverts;

Adult plumage is attained early in their second year in a moult coinciding with adult post-breeding moult;

Sexing :

Adult males and females can be reliably sexed on plumage – see “underwing” above;

Incubation is by the female alone.