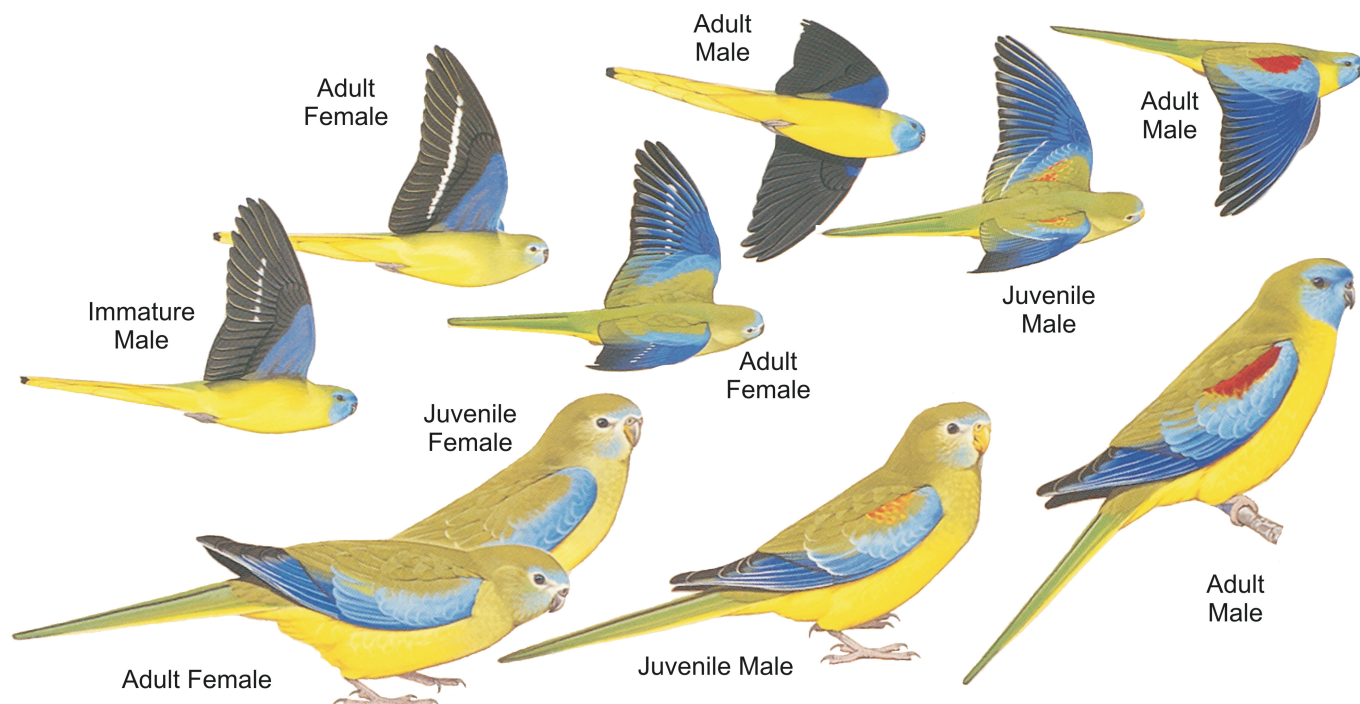


Turquoise Parrot *Neophema pulchella* **Species No.: 302** **Band size: 23**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	109 – 116 mm	107 – 113 mm
Tail:	106 – 117 mm	98 – 110 mm
Weight:	37.0 – 46.1 g	34.9 – 44.3 g

Ageing & Sexing:

All birds can be sexed on plumage and bare part features:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	male - dark-grey to grey-black; female – upper mandible brownish-grey, lower mandible pale-grey to off white;	all juveniles initially orange and changes to colour of adult female with three months;
Cere:	male – dark grey to grey-black; female – pinkish-brown to grey-brown or dark grey;	initially orange changes to colour of adult female within three months;
Face:	male – bright dark blue grading to slightly lighter blue on cheeks, forecrown & ear coverts; female – pale blue forehead and cheeks;	less blue on forehead and cheeks than adult & does not extend behind eye; pale blue forehead and cheeks;
Upperwing:	males – inner median and inner lesser secondary coverts are bright red to crimson in adult males, slightly paler in immatures and rudimentary red in juveniles; females – all females lack the red in the upperwing of males;	
Underwing bar:	absent on adult male, but all juveniles, all immatures and adult females have an off-white underwing bar;	

Juveniles undergo a partial moult within their first six months to an immature plumage that resembles that of adults;

Juvenile remiges and rectrices are retained by immatures until the post-breeding moult commencing when about 1 year old;

Full adult plumage is attained early in the second year, thus adults are aged (2+);

Incubation by female alone.

