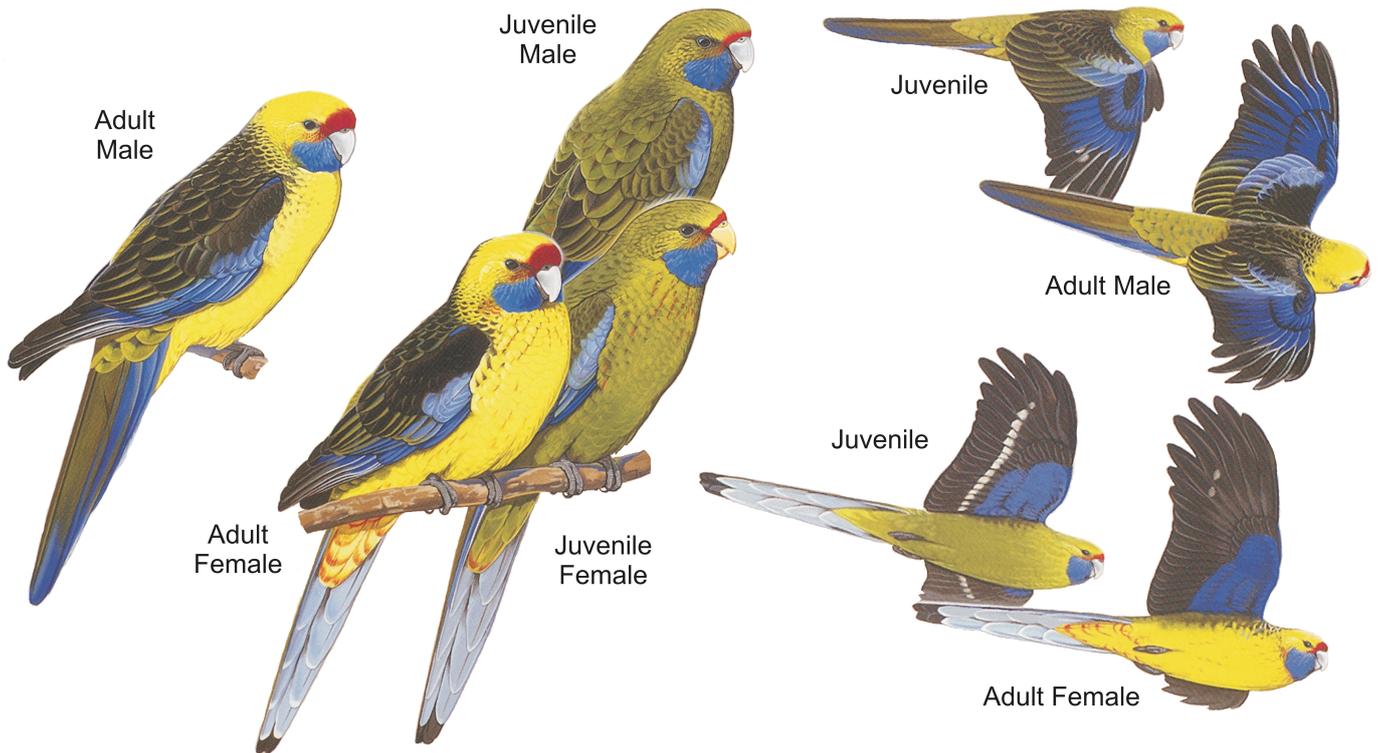


**Green Rosella** *Platycercus caledonicus* Species No.: 285 Band size: 24



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	177 – 194 mm	166 – 187 mm
Tail:	170 – 196 mm	161 – 195 mm
Bill:	15.1 – 21.6 mm	17.0 – 19.0 mm
Bill width:	11.5 – 14.8 mm	10.9 – 13.6 mm
Weight:	130 – 198 g	106 – 150 g

**Ageing:**

Newly fledged juveniles are distinctive - see illustrations above for plumage differences between juveniles and adults;  
 Birds up to 15 months old are separable from adults by the presence of uniformly dark green juvenile feathers in plumage which become extremely worn in the second year with undertail coverts being retained the longest;  
 Juvenile primaries and tail feathers are not moulted until the second Summer when a moult results in adult-like, but duller or greener plumage;  
 Full adult plumage is attained in the third year. Thus adults are aged (3+)

**Sexing:**

Adults sexually dimorphic on plumage:

- adult male – breast, belly and undertail coverts entirely yellow;  
 underwing coverts black-brown with dark blue-violet tips to all but outer greater primary coverts and remiges are uniform dark brown;
- adult female – breast, belly and undertail coverts dull yellow with faint greenish wash with some red shaft streaks, spots and sub terminal barring;  
 underwing as for adult male, but with off-white spots or smudges on inner webs of primaries p6 & p7;

Males also have a larger bill than females (see measurements above);  
 Incubation by female only.