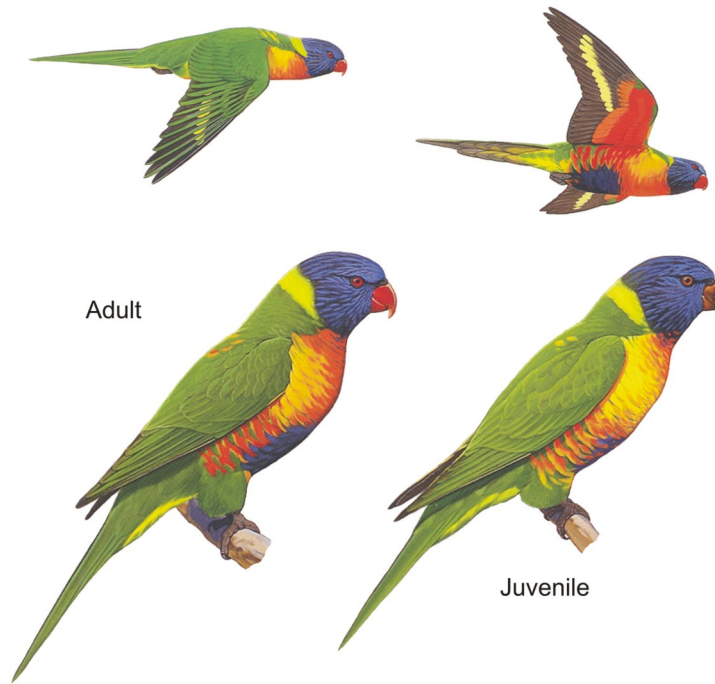


Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus moluccanus* Species No.: 254 Band size: 25 SS



Status:

There are at least 6 subspecies of the “Rainbow Lorikeet” *Trichoglossus haematodus* throughout Indonesia, New Guinea, s-w Pacific islands and Australia. Recently the Australian subspecies *T.h. moluccanus* was split into three and all were elevated to species status by molecular analysis using mitochondrial cytochrome *b*. The other two “new” Australian species are Red-collared Lorikeet *T. rubritorquis* and Coconut Lorikeet *T. haematodus*

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	143 – 168 mm	142 – 156 mm
Tail:	104 – 166 mm	121 – 165 mm
Bill:	16.6 – 21.6 mm	15.6 – 20.5 mm
Weight:	92 – 169 g	84 – 162 g

There is a strong N to S clinal change in some measurements – northern birds have shorter tails, longer bills and weigh less than southern birds;

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	dark orange, orange-red or red, often with orange-yellow to yellow tip & tomtia;	dull orange with dusky wash or dark brown with orange wash or suffusion;
Cere:	dark grey;	dark grey, dark orange-grey or pale grey;
Iris:	crimson to red;	buff orange or brown;
Orbital ring:	dark grey, grey-black or dark olive grey;	initially pale grey, but quickly darkening;

Post-juvenile moult to adult-like plumage, but with retained pointed juvenile remiges and rectrices; Moult to full adult plumage commences at approximately one year old. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage, but adult males average slightly larger than adult females; Incubation by female alone.