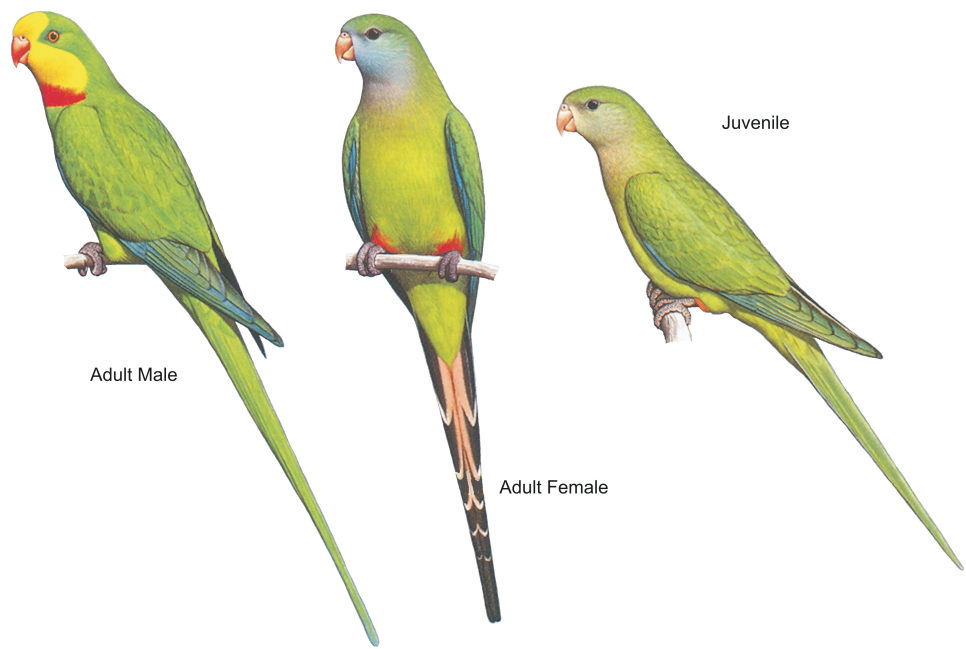


**Superb Parrot** *Polytelis swainsonii*

**Species No.: 277**

**Band size: 25**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	178 – 193 mm	174 – 188 mm
Tail:	218 – 258 mm	189 – 232 mm
Weight:	134 – 164 g	144 – 156 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill :	male – brownish-red with pink tip; female – dull brownish-red with off-white tip;	buff-yellow to cream;
Cere:	pinkish-red;	cream;
Iris:	male - red; female – crimson;	dark red-brown
Head & neck:	see illustrations;	no blue tones as in adult female;
Remiges:	outer secondaries and primaries mostly blue;	green with faint blue suffusion;
General appearance:	bright yellow-green;	dull green to yellow-green;

Fledge in juvenile plumage that differs only slightly from the adult female (see above) and undergo a partial post-juvenile moult at about three months of age, after which sexes are identifiable;  
Immature male (2-) – mottled mixture of adult male and juvenile plumage with retained remiges and rectrices;  
Moult to full adult plumage commences at about 15 months of age. Thus adults are aged (2+).

**Sexing:**

Adults dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);  
Incubation by female alone.