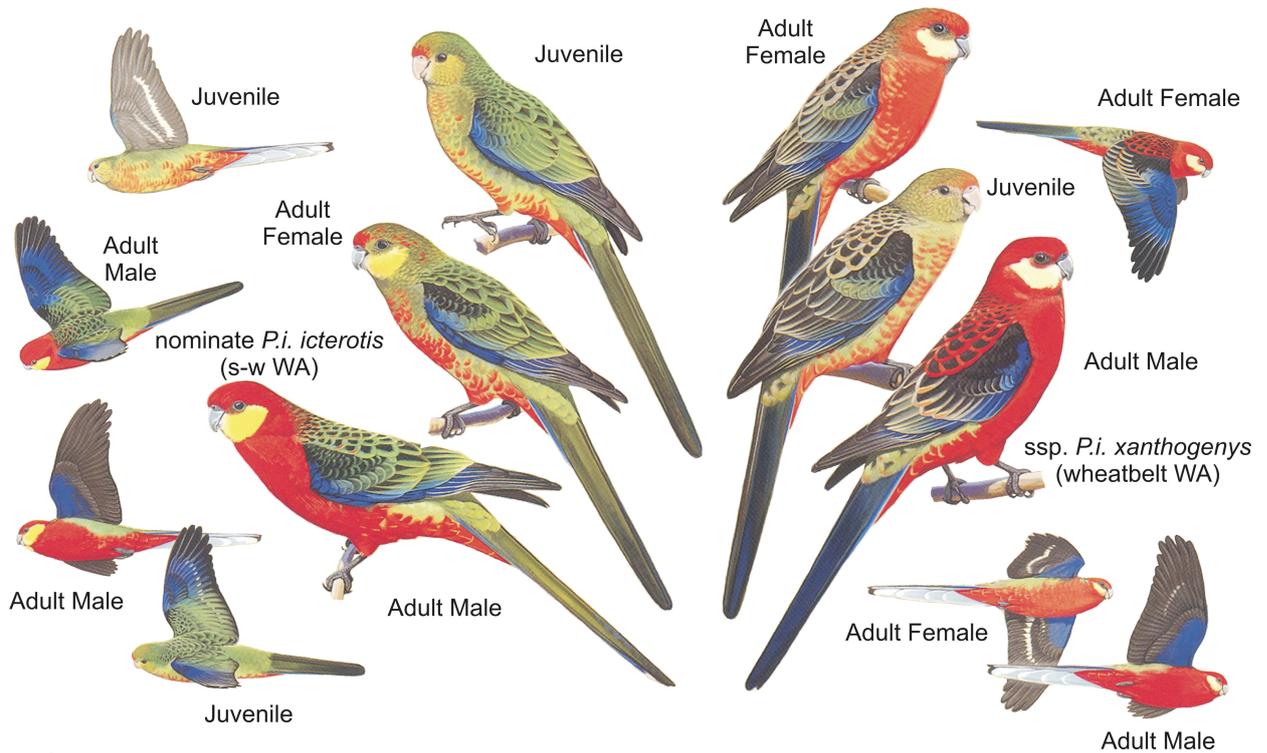


Western Rosella *Platycercus icterotis* **Species No.: 289** **Band size: 23**



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies as illustrated above:

	nominate <i>P.i. icterotis</i>		subspecies <i>Pi. xanthogenys</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	136 – 148 mm	132 – 140 mm	138 – 149 mm	133 – 140 mm
Tail:	142 – 162 mm	134 – 152 mm	148 – 164 mm	139 – 154 mm
Weight:	60 – 74 g	55 – 68 g	55 – 86 g	43 – 71 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	Juvenile
Bill:	mostly pale blue-grey to dark blue-grey;	pale pink
Cere:	dark grey;	pale pink;
Iris:	brown or black-brown;	some pale brown, otherwise as adult;
Crown:	male – dull red; female – green;	olive-green;
Cheeks:	bright yellow;	dull greenish-yellow;
Breast & belly:	males – red; female – red and green scalloping;	dull green with some red scalloping;

Juvenile plumage is retained through the first Winter and juveniles undergo a complete post-juvenile moult in the second Summer to an immature plumage which is similar to adults in males) and indistinguishable from adults in females. Thus breeding birds (adults) are at least third year (3+); Immature males (2) retain an underwing bar, but not as broad as in juveniles and may retain some outermost secondaries; Immature females (2) are indistinguishable from adults unless they have retained outermost secondaries from juvenile plumage;

Sexing:

Adults and immatures are readily sexed on plumage, (see illustrations);
Immature males
Only the adult male lacks an underwing bar;
Incubation by female only.