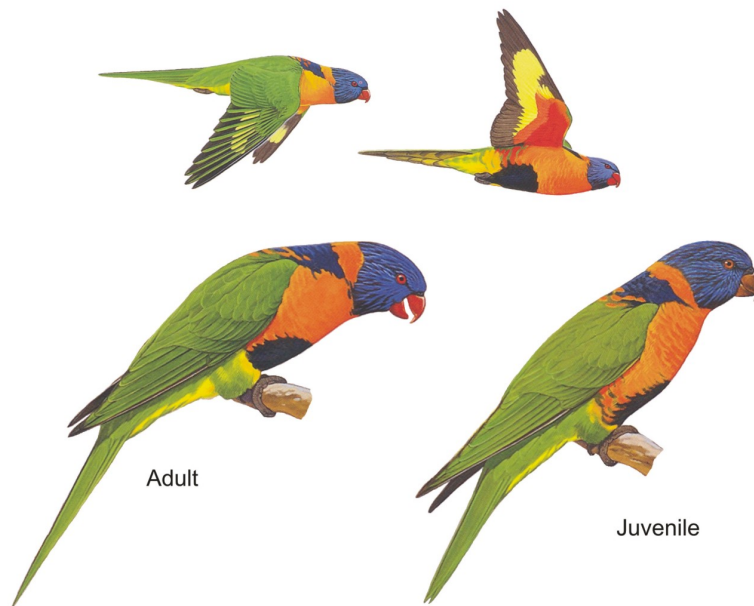


Red-collared Lorikeet *Trichoglossus rubritorquis* **Species No.: 254** **Band size: 25 SS**

(use Rainbow Lorikeet species code 254 until such time as a specific code is allocated)



Status:

Until recently regarded as conspecific with the Rainbow Lorikeet subspecies *Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus*, but was separated and elevated to species status by molecular analysis using mitochondrial cytochrome *b*.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	146 – 166 mm	139 – 158 mm
Tail:	120 – 147 mm	105 – 146 mm
Bill:	18.0 – 21.8 mm	17.7 – 20.7 mm
Weight:	103 – 140 g	104 – 140 g

There appears to be a slight clinal change in some measurements with apparent gradual increase in length of wing and bill from E to W.

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	dark orange, orange-red or red, often with orange-yellow to yellow tip & tomia;	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.