

## APPENDIX 2

Additional records/localities for the Barking Owl and Masked Owl in the survey region, before and during the survey period (1990–1998).

## Barking Owl:

1. Avondale State Forest, Armidale (K. Cherry/NPWS Atlas of NSW Wildlife)
2. Private land, Parlour Mtns, Longford (near Armidale) (K. Cherry/NPWS Atlas of NSW Wildlife)
3. Ironbark Nature Reserve, Kingstown (M. Schulz/NPWS Atlas of NSW Wildlife)
4. Private land, Kings Gap near Bundarra (M. Schulz/NPWS Atlas of NSW Wildlife)
5. Private land between Barraba and Upper Manilla (R. Watts, pers. comm.)
6. State Forests of the Pilliga: Yarrigan, Pilliga West and Cumbil/Euligal (E. M. Date in Debus 1997a); Cumbil/Euligal and Pilliga East (R. Kavanagh, C. Turbill, D. Paull, pers. comm.). Breeding Cumbil/Euligal 1997 and 1998 (R. Kavanagh).
7. Attunga State Forest, Tamworth (G. Mitchell, pers. comm.)

## Masked Owl (E. M. Date, pers. comm.):

1. Sepoy State Forest, Inverell
2. Warialda State Forest
3. Terry Hie Hie State Forest
4. Moema State Forest, Narrabri
5. Bobbiwaa State Forest, Narrabri
6. Pilliga West State Forest
7. Kelvin State Forest, Gunnedah

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Australian Broad-tailed Parrots (The *Platycercus* and *Barnardius* Genera)

Stan Sindel and James Gill. Singil Press, Austral, Australia. 336 pp. RRP. \$Aud70.00.

This is the sixth book in the series of aviculture specialist books covering the Australian Psittaciformes. The previous five dealt with Australian lorikeets, cockatoos, the grass parrots in two volumes and softbill management. All have previously been reviewed in *Corella*.

Stan Sindel and Jim Gill between them have acquired in excess of 90 years experience of Australian birds in the field and aviary. Both of the authors have exceptional avicultural skills and are highly respected in their field both within Australia and overseas. Dr Gill is also widely acclaimed as a leading avian veterinarian.

This book covers the rosellas and ringneck parrots that collectively are referred to as the broad-tailed parrots. It follows the same successful format as the earlier publications, with chapters on housing, including easily understood drawings of desirable aviary layouts, diets and management of birds in aviaries and a chapter on the diseases that may afflict broad-tailed parrots.

Eleven species are recognized in the book and the chapter devoted to each discusses subspecific and geographical or racial plumage variations and aviculture mutations that are illustrated by over 170 high quality colour photographs. Thirty-two of them illustrate the remarkably beautiful natural plumage variability and the mutations of the Eastern Rosella.

Yellow and Adelaide Rosellas are afforded species status as *Platycercus flaveolus* and *P. adelaidae* respectively, rather than as subspecies of the Crimson Rosella *P. elegans*. Hybridization between the eastern population of *P. flaveolus* and Crimson Rosella *P. elegans* and between the western population of *P. flaveolus* and *P. adelaidae* are also discussed. Similarly, the Port Lincoln Parrot *Barnardius zonarius*, Mallee Ringneck *B. barnardi* and Cloncurry Parrot *B. macgillivrayi* are dealt with as distinct species rather than as the major subspecies of the Australian Ringneck *B. zonarius*. The Twenty-eight Parrot, which is widely held in aviculture, is dealt with as the subspecies *B. z. semitorquatus*.

Each of the species accounts provide information on such subjects as classification; early reports of the species; range; habitat and field

notes, including observations on their breeding in the wild; avicultural history; sexing; display; avicultural nesting requirements; incubation and development of the young and information on avicultural mutations. Each species chapter also includes a distribution map and numerous colour photographs to illustrate development of the young, plumage stages and the mutations.

This is another good reference book that should be essential reading for anyone that keeps these parrots in captivity. It not only imparts an immense amount of knowledge about the do's and don'ts for the subject species in aviculture, but also raises an appreciation for the birds in their natural environment.

The earlier books in this series have become standard texts for serious aviculturists and I am sure that this volume will achieve the same high status. I am also sure that those who may not wish to keep birds in captivity would also find this book quite interesting.

As this is a limited edition publication, which is not available through the major retailers, it can generally only be purchased through avicultural societies or publications that advertise it, or direct from the publisher Singil Press, P.O. Box 9, Austral NSW 2171.

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