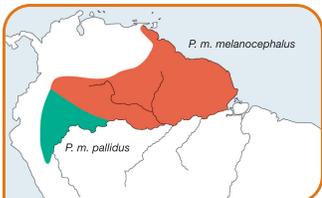


## PLATE 120 PIONITES PARROTS

- 260 Midsized, stocky parrots with short, squarish tail and fairly short, rounded wings; distinctive coloration features white and yellow underparts; sexes alike, JUV duller than adults. Forests, forest edges, tall secondary growth; arboreal; pairs and small flocks; noisy and conspicuous; communal roosting, often in tree hollows; swift, direct flight with audible “whirring” of wingbeats.

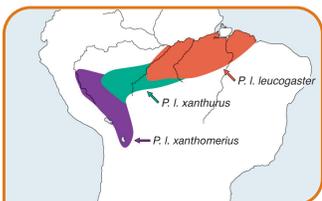


### BLACK-CAPPED PARROT

#### *Pionites melanocephalus* 23cm

Unmistakable; distinctive white underparts and black crown; squealing *cleeeooo-cleeeooo* or *heeyah...heeyah*, screeching *wheech-wheech-wheech*, shrill *wey-ak*, loud *kleek*. **DISTRIBUTION** northern Amazonia, north of Amazon River; up to 1000m; common.

**SUBSPECIES** two subspecies differentiated by intensity of plumage coloration. 1. *P. m. melanocephalus* cheeks, throat, and lower underparts orange-yellow; black bill. *Range* Amapá, northern Brazil, and Guianas west to eastern Colombia, in eastern Vichada and northeastern Guainía. 2. *P. m. pallidus* cheeks, throat, and lower underparts clear yellow. *Range* southeastern Colombia, south from western Meta and Vaupes, to eastern Ecuador and northeastern Peru, west of Río Ucayali. **LOCALITIES** La Selva Lodge, Sucumbios, northeastern Ecuador. Tinigua National Park, Meta, and Amacayacu National Park, Amazonas, Colombia.



### WHITE-BELLIED PARROT

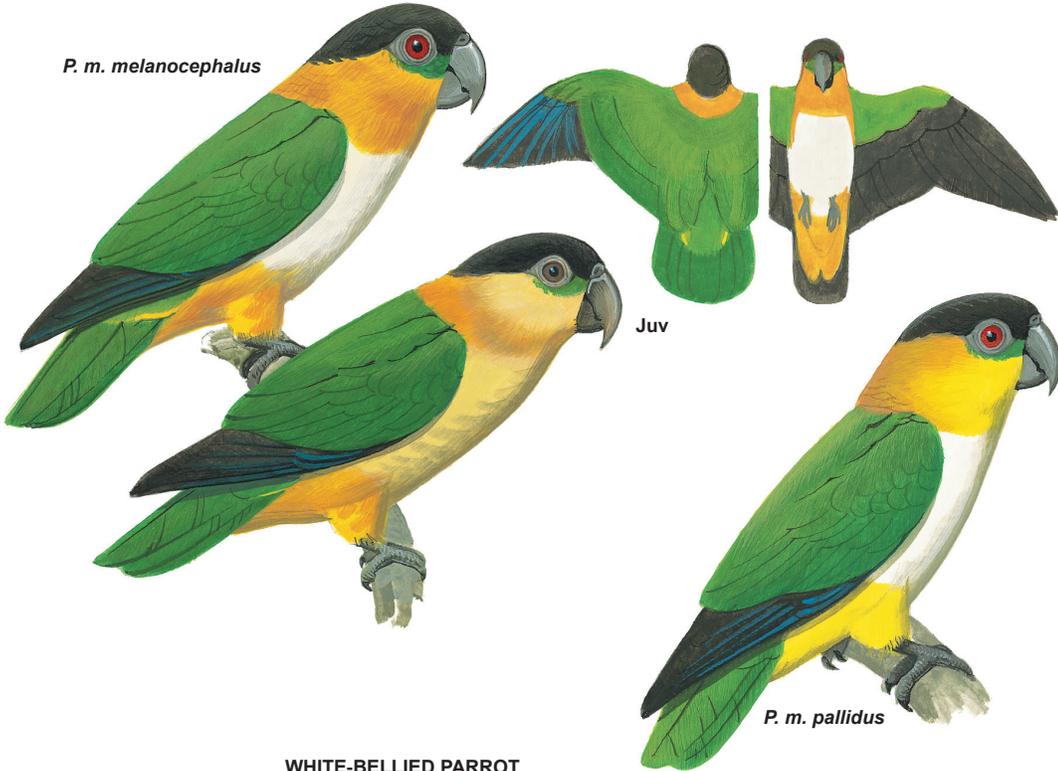
#### *Pionites leucogaster* 23cm

Unmistakable; only white-bellied parrot in range, and differentiated from allopatric *P. melanocephalus* by orange crown and pale bill; screeching calls similar to *P. melanocephalus*. **DISTRIBUTION** southern Amazonia, south of Amazon River; up to 800m; common.

**SUBSPECIES** three well-marked subspecies, but with much intergradation. 1. *P. l. leucogaster* flanks and thighs green; undertail-coverts yellow; tail green. *Range* northern Brazil, from northwestern Maranhão and eastern Pará to northwestern Mato Grosso and west to lower Rio Madeira, northeastern Amazonas. 2. *P. l. xanthurus* thighs, flanks, undertail-coverts, and entire tail yellow. *Range* northern Brazil, from Rio Madeira catchment in Amazonas and northern Rondônia west to Rio Juruá, western Amazonas. 3. *P. l. xanthomerius* thighs and flanks yellow, but tail green. *Range* western Amazonas, northern Brazil, and eastern Peru, east of Río Ucayali, to northern Bolivia. **LOCALITIES** Amazonia National Park, Pará, and Cristalino Jungle Lodge, Cristalino State Park, northern Mato Grosso, northern Brazil. Manú Biosphere Reserve, Madre de Dios, southeastern Peru. Los Ferros Lodge, Noel Kempff Mercado National Park, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

BLACK-CAPPED PARROT

*P. m. melanocephalus*



WHITE-BELLIED PARROT

*P. l. leucogaster*

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