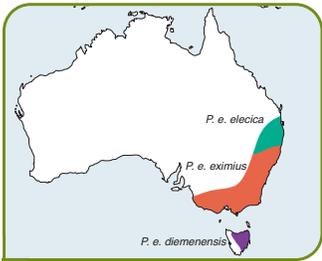


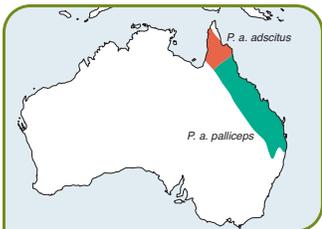
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### EASTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus eximius* 30cm

Unmistakable; midsized white-cheeked rosella with red head; little sexual dimorphism, JUV duller; piping *kwink...kwink*, sharp *chit-chut...chit-chut* in flight. **DISTRIBUTION** southeastern Australia, including Tasmania; up to 1250m; scarce in Tasmania, abundant elsewhere; introduced to New Zealand. **SUBSPECIES** three slightly differentiated subspecies. 1. *P. e. eximius* mantle and upper back black mottled yellowish green; rump pale green. *Range* northeastern New South Wales south to southeastern South Australia; introduced to New Zealand. 2. *P. e. elecica* (Golden-mantled Rosella) rump greenish blue; back black mottled golden yellow (♂) or greenish yellow (♀). *Range* northeastern New South Wales north to southeastern Queensland. 3. *P. e. diemenensis* larger white cheek-patches; head and breast darker red. *Range* eastern Tasmania; near-threatened. **LOCALITIES** easily seen in most of mainland range.

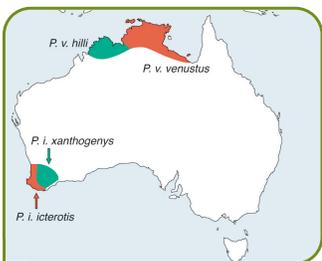


### PALE-HEADED ROSELLA *Platycercus adscitus* 30cm

Unmistakable; midsized rosella with variable pale coloration; sexes alike; JUV duller; calls like *P. eximius*. **DISTRIBUTION** northeastern Australia; up to 700m; uncommon in north, common in south. **SUBSPECIES** two subspecies differentiated mainly by rump color, but broad zone of intergradation. 1. *P. a. adscitus* upper cheeks white, lower cheeks blue; abdomen blue; back black mottled yellow; rump yellow. *Range* restricted to Cape York Peninsula, north Queensland. 2. *P. a. palliceps* much variation; rump greenish blue; back black mottled golden yellow, sometimes suffused blue; breast yellowish white or entire underparts blue extending to lower cheeks. *Range* northeastern Queensland south to northeastern New South Wales. **LOCALITIES** Pilliga Nature Reserve, northern New South Wales. Carnarvon Gorge and Lakefield National Parks, Queensland.

### WESTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus icterotis* 26cm

Smallest rosella and with yellow cheek-patches; strong sexual dimorphism, JUV duller; soft *kwink-kwink*, much quieter than other rosellas. **DISTRIBUTION** southwestern Western Australia (see map below); uncommon. **SUBSPECIES** two subspecies differentiated by rump and tail color. 1. *P. i. icterotis* ♂ red with back black mottled green, sometimes suffused red, and rump and tail green; ♀ dull orange-red variably suffused green, and pale yellow cheek-patches; JUV green with little orange-red on head and underparts. *Range* coastal and subcoastal southwestern Australia. 2. *P. i. xanthogenys* ♂ rump gray-olive, back mottled red and gray, paler yellow cheeks, and tail dull blue tinged olive; ♀ & JUV olive-gray variably suffused orange-red, and tail dull blue. *Range* interior of southwestern Australia; near-threatened. **LOCALITIES** Yanchep, Stirling Range, and D'Entrecasteaux National Parks, Western Australia.



### NORTHERN ROSELLA *Platycercus venustus* 28cm

Midsized pale yellow rosella with black head, and only rosella in range; sexes alike, JUV duller; calls like *P. eximius*. **DISTRIBUTION** northern Australia; locally common, but generally uncommon. **SUBSPECIES** two subspecies separated by intensity of black scalloping. 1. *P. v. venustus* underparts strongly scalloped black; back black mottled pale yellow; cheek-patches white with little blue. *Range* far northwestern Queensland west to Victoria River, western Northern Territory. 2. *P. v. hilli* underparts finely scalloped black; back black, feathers more broadly edged pale yellow; lower cheeks blue. *Range* Kimberley division of Western Australia east to Victoria River, western Northern Territory. **LOCALITIES** Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) and Kakadu National Parks, Northern Territory. Drysdale River National Park, Western Australia.

