

Eastern Ground Parrot

Pezoporus wallicus wallicus

Parks Victoria seeks your help in finding evidence of the Eastern Ground Parrot in the Northern Wilderness Area of Wilsons Promontory National Park, Nooramunga Marine & Coastal Park and Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.

Description

The beautifully patterned Eastern Ground Parrot is shy and elusive and is not usually seen unless flushed out from cover. It is bright grass-green with black and yellow markings and a prominent pale yellow wing bar. The tail is long and barred with yellow. The lower forehead of individuals older than 3 or 4 months has a small orange-red band. Sexes are alike.

Size

Grows to about 30 centimetres in length.

Flight pattern

When disturbed, the Eastern Ground Parrot flies swiftly just above the ground before dropping back into the vegetation again.

Habitat

Dense coastal and sub-coastal heathlands, sedgeland and buttongrass plains in eastern and south-eastern Australia. The species is threatened due to land clearing and degradation and survives in Victoria in fragmented populations where pockets of habitat remain undisturbed.

Diet

Fallen seeds taken from the ground from a large range of plant species, which varies seasonally. An individual bird may consume in the order of 8000 seeds per day from as many as 60 plant species. Other plant material and invertebrates may be ingested.

Bird call

The presence of the bird is often only revealed by its characteristic dusk and dawn call, a clear, whistling sequence of notes which rise in pitch before fading. It is silent in flight.

Breeding

From September to December.

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Eastern Ground Parrot survey

Your assistance in completing this survey will support ongoing monitoring of this threatened species in the Northern Wilderness Area of Wilsons Promontory National Park, Nooramunga Marine & Coastal Park (Snake Island) and Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.

It is also important to record if no ground parrots are observed. To limit the spread of Cinnamon Fungus *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, please keep to formed walking tracks at all times.

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Return your survey

Return completed surveys to Jim Whelan, Park Entrance, Wilsons Promontory National Park, Yanakie 3960. We are also interested in photos and other natural history observations you make in these remote areas.

Email jwhelan@parks.vic.gov.au.

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