

TAXON SUMMARY

Red-cheeked Parrot (Australian)

1	Family	Psittacidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi maclennani</i> (MacGillivray, 1913)
3	Common name	Red-cheeked Parrot (Australian)
4	Conservation status	Near Threatened: d

5 Reasons for listing
 This subspecies has a small population (Near Threatened: d), but is facing no threats.

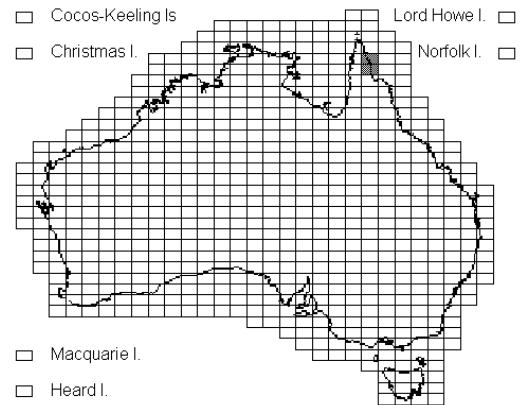
	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	1,900 km ²	high
trend	stable	high
Area of occupancy	500 km ²	low
trend	stable	high
No. of breeding birds	3,000	low
trend	stable	high
No. of sub-populations	1	high
Generation time	3 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa
 There are about 15 other subspecies in New Guinea and islands of eastern Indonesia. Global status of species is Least Concern.

7 Past range and abundance
 McIlwraith Ra. and Iron Ra., Cape York Peninsula, between Pascoe R. and Rocky R., and inland to Peach Ck (Higgins, 1999).

8 Present range and abundance
 As above.

9 Ecology
 In Australia, the Red-cheeked Parrot lives in rainforest and gallery forest (Forshaw, 1981), eating seeds, fruit, blossom and nectar (Higgins, 1999). The female excavates its nest in a rotting tree limb and usually lays three eggs (Forshaw, 1981, Higgins, 1999).



10 Threats

There are no known threats to this subspecies. Fire may affect some nests (Garnett, 1992), but this is unlikely to constitute a major threat since most nests are in rainforest.

11 Recommended actions

11.1 Describe habitat requirements and behavioural ecology, in the event active management becomes necessary.

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