

# Wings 'n' Things

## Quick guide fact sheet

### Eclectus Parrot

#### eclectus roratus

- **General info.** If you want a stunningly beautiful companion with good talking ability, understands its diet requirements and can give it the time it deserves, this one is for you,
- ....Eclectus Parrots are found in tropical forests and low-lying plains from the Moluccan islands, Sunda, Tanimbar, Aru, Kai islands, Papua New Guinea and its surrounding islands also they are found in the Cape York peninsula in Australia. There are 10 sub-species varying in colour, this is mostly noticeable in the hens, the cocks being quite difficult in some sub-species to tell apart. The most commonly found varieties in Britain are the Grand Eclectus from Ceram, the Solomon Island Eclectus, the Vosmaeri Eclectus and the Red sided Eclectus from New Guinea. They are not generally regarded as endangered in the wild but all island birds are vulnerable. They are no longer imported into the E.U. due to the ban on wild caught birds being imported so the only young birds available should be aviary bred stock..
- **Adult size.** .....35cms ( 14in).
- **Sexing.** ....The sexes are dramatically different so much so they were once thought of as separate species. The males are mostly green while the females are a spectacular mix of red, blue and violet
- **Talking ability.** Eclectus can be regarded as moderate to good talkers and mimics of whistles and household sounds.
- **Life span.** ....Eclectus can live for 30 to 40 years possibly more.
- **Diet.**.... Eclectus parrots need a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diet each day. This is essential to THE Eclectus, due to them having a longer than normal digestive tract. As a supplement a good parrot seed mixture and species specific pelleted diets and fresh water daily. Vitamin and mineral supplements.
- **Pros for choosing a Eclectus Parrot.**
  - Eclectus are extremely intelligent,
  - Become devoted to their keepers,
  - Extremely beautifully coloured.
  - Moderate to good talking ability,
  - Exceptionally entertaining,
  - Playful, mischievous disposition,
  - Good family pet.
- **Cons for choosing a Eclectus Parrot.**
  - Can be messy eaters due to their large fruit intake,
  - Females can be temperamental,
  - Can be prone to plucking. (If bored, stressed or un-stimulated.)
- **Wings 'n' Things** Produce our own care sheet for the Eclectus Parrot, please ask.

