

Regent Parrot

Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides (South Eastern Form)



At a glance

What is it?

Regent Parrots are colourful birds, with yellow bodies, black-blue wings and deep red or pink beaks. The Regent Parrot's distinctive call is often heard long before the birds appear.

Where do I find it?

Regent Parrots live along the Murray and lower Darling Rivers, nesting in hollows of Red Gums. They feed on the seeds, nectar and buds found in Mallee bushland. They travel through corridors of remnant vegetation to protect themselves from birds of prey during flight.

Regent Parrots breed between August and December, during which time the females incubate three to six eggs for about 21 days.

Quirky fact:

The call of the Regent Parrot is a loud and harsh 'carrak, carrak'. The Regent Parrot also has soft twittering contact calls.