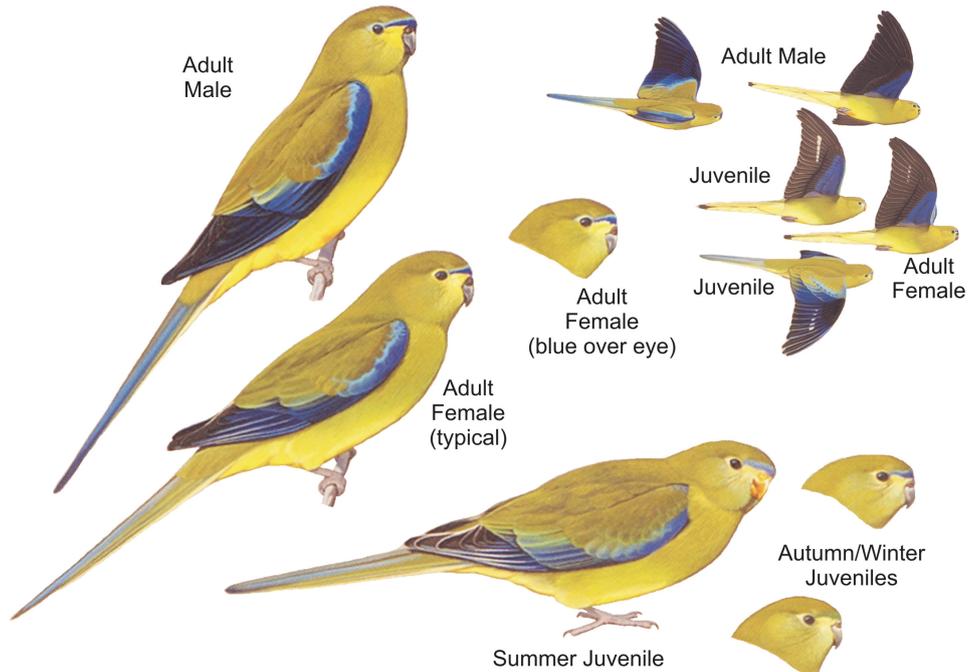


Elegant Parrot *Neophema elegans*

Species No.: 307

Band size: 23



Morphometrics:

	Nominate <i>N.e. elegans</i> (SA. Vic. & NSW)		ssp. <i>N.e. carteri</i> (sw. WA)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	107 – 119 mm	105 – 114 mm	109 – 120 mm	108 – 115 mm
Tail:	122 – 135 mm	114 – 128 mm	118 – 129 mm	113 – 119 mm
Weight:	43.5 – 51 g	47 g (1x specimen)	41 – 52.5 g	41 – 45 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	Upper mandible grey-black, lower mandible pale grey to dull pink;	dull orange or orange-yellow with pale tip to upper mandible;
Cere:	grey-black with rufous or dull pink area around nostrils;	dull orange or greyish buff with dull orange edge to nostrils;
Legs & feet:	grey, tinged pink;	dark orange-buff;
Forehead:	dark violet blue band above & beyond eye, duller in female than in male;	olive-green & sometimes with narrow dull blue band;
Underwing bar:	absent in adult males, may be absent, or inconspicuous in adult females;	conspicuous (see illustrations);

Moult to adult plumage commences at approximately 12 months old. Thus age adults (2+).

Sexing:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Frontal band:	bright two-tone blue band;	dull two-tone blue band;
Lores:	bright yellowish-green;	dull yellowish-green;
Upperparts:	olive to yellow-olive;	greenish-olive;
Breast & flanks:	yellow-olive or bright green & in some centre of breast is yellow;	lime green;
Belly, vent & under-tail coverts;	yellow with round orange patch in centre of belly;	dull greenish-yellow grading to yellow in centre of belly;

Female does all incubation.