



# Eastern Rosella



**SPECIES NAME:** *Platycerus eximius*  
**COMMON NAME:** Eastern Rosella

<b>Animal type</b>	Bird – Parrot
<b>Size</b>	30cm
<b>Distinctive features</b>	Vibrant but distinctive combination of red, yellow, lime green, blue, black and white feathers. The Eastern Rosella's song varies depending on whether it is feeding on the ground or in the trees.
<b>Habitat</b>	Woodland, farmland and urban areas.
<b>Feeding</b>	Feeds mainly on seeds, but also on fruits, buds, flowers, nectar and insects. Often seen feeding on the ground, amongst grasses.
<b>Breeding</b>	August to February. This bird nests in hollows of Eucalypts.
<b>Habit</b>	Diurnal – mainly active during the day.
<b>Distribution</b>	Found throughout south-eastern Australia, from Queensland to Victoria and south-eastern South Australia. Also found in eastern Tasmania.
<b>Status</b>	Common
<b>Threats to survival</b>	Loss of natural tree hollows. Predation by cats and foxes.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP THE EASTERN ROSELLA

Avoid removing mature trees from your garden. Install a habitat box to simulate natural tree hollows. Plant your garden with native plants and leave seed heads on native grasses. Keep a permanent source of fresh water in your yard. Also ensure pets are indoors at night and put at least two bells on your cat's collar.



**Bird**



**Diurnal**