

Fauna fact sheet

Coxen's fig parrot

Scientific Name: *Cyclospitts diopthalma coxenii*

Common Name: Coxen's fig-parrot

Status: EPBC Act (1999): Endangered (NC(W)R 1994): Endangered

Distribution: Coastal to highland areas from Rockhampton to Port Macquarie.

Habitat: Rainforests, especially where there are fig trees. Forages in pairs or small groups.

Description: Very small parrot with short tail. Mostly green with blue forehead, red cheek and blue band under chin.

Habits: Nomadic probably following suitable food sources. Breeds August to January in a dead tree branch or trunk – round hole at entrance.

Comments: Only 100 to 200 birds remaining. Very hard to see amongst foliage. Chewed fig fruit on forest floor show signs of feeding. Not unlike Peach face/Love bird at first glance.



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