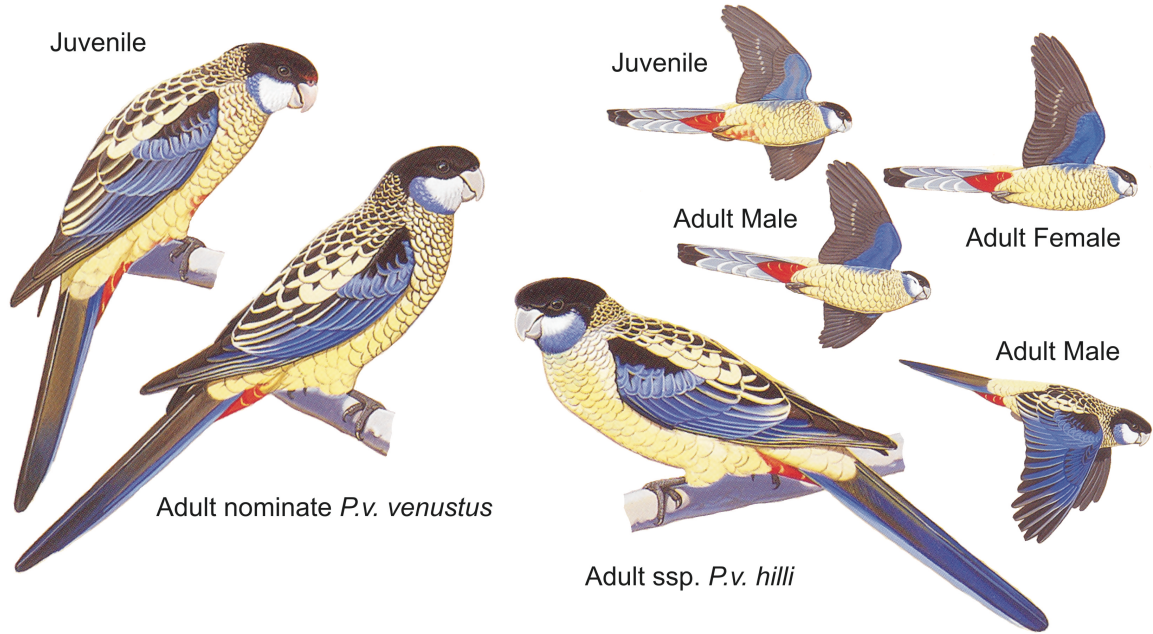


Northern Rosella *Platycercus venustus* Species No.: 287 Band size: (Trial)



Morphometrics:

Nominate *P.v. venustus* n. NT east to far n-w Qld; ssp. *P.v. hilli* Kimberley Div, WA to w. NT.

	<i>P.v. venustus</i>		<i>P.v. hilli</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	138 – 157 mm	137 – 153 mm	148 – 157 mm	141 – 151 mm
Tail:	135 – 162 mm	138 – 155 mm	149 – 154 mm	135 – 156 mm
Bill:	15.3 – 17.7 mm	14.1 – 16.8 mm	17.0 – 18.5 mm	13.8 – 17.3 mm
Bill width:	10.6 – 12.7 mm	10.0 – 12.7 mm	11.9 – 12.9 mm	10.8 – 12.1 mm
Weight:	85 – 100 g	77 – 100 g	92 – 111 g	84 – 100 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	pearl grey;	bluish-white with grey tip
Cere:	dark grey;	yellow;
Iris:	brown or dark-brown;	dark brown or black-brown;

Juveniles (see illustrations) moult to an adult female-like immature plumage within 6 months of fledging, but retain juvenile wing coverts, primaries and rectrices;
 Juveniles and immatures often have scattered orange-rufous, orange-red or peach-red feathers on the belly;
 Adult plumage is attained early in their second year in a moult coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+);
 Adult females do not always retain an underwing bar.

Sexing :

Adult males and females can be difficult to separate if an underwing bar is not retained by females, however many females might be positively sexed by smaller measurements than many males;
 Incubation is by the female alone.