



KYC

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Know Your Campus

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About the initiative

The New Forest - the IFS training campus - an area which houses the FRI and its sister institutions including the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) is also home to a rich biodiversity. These flora and fauna become a part of our neighbourhood while we are at the campus. The campus is also adorned with heritage buildings, museums, nurseries and a beautiful landscape. This initiative is aimed at making us more familiar with our neighbourhood.

The KYC (Know your Campus) initiative started by the IFS 2019 batch in this lockdown period shall come out with a campus related topic each day.

Parakeets



The FRI Campus has four types of parakeets -



Alexandrine Parakeet
(*Psittacula eupatria*)



Roseringed Parakeet
(*Psittacula krameri*)

*Plumheaded
Parakeet
(Psittacula
cyanocephala)*

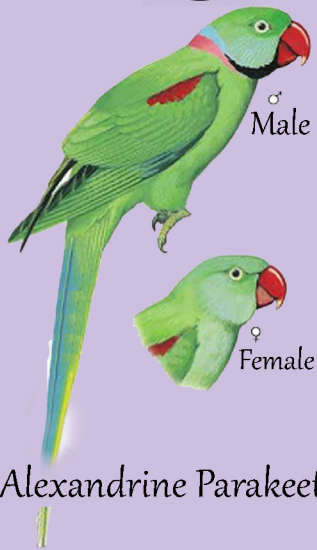


*Himalayan
Slatyheaded.
Parakeet
(Psittacula
himalayana)*

Alexandrine parakeet

Prominent red patch on shoulder

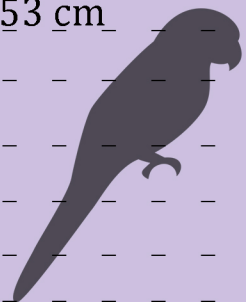
Massive bill



Alexandrine Parakeet

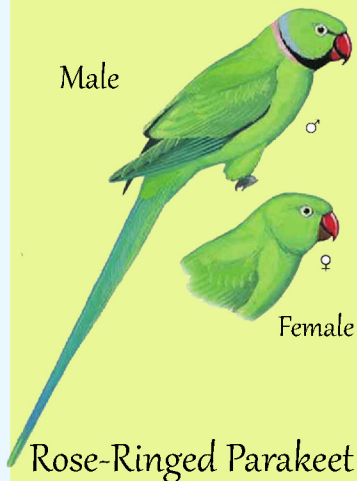


53 cm



Roseringed Parakeet

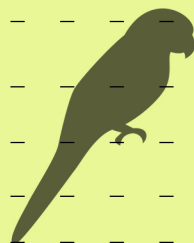
Males have a pink collar.
No red patch on shoulder



Rose-Ringed Parakeet

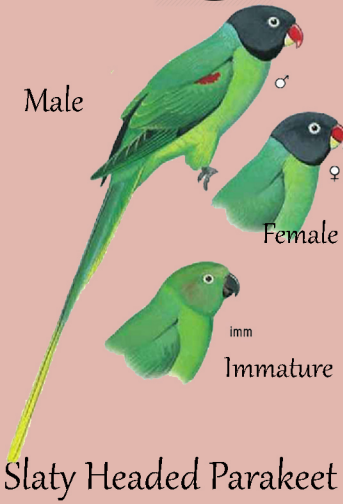


42cm



Himalayan Slatyheaded Parakeet

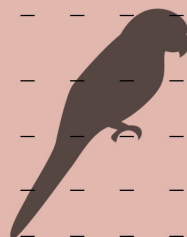
Dark bluish slaty head.
Black ring around the neck. Males have red patch on shoulder



Slaty Headed Parakeet



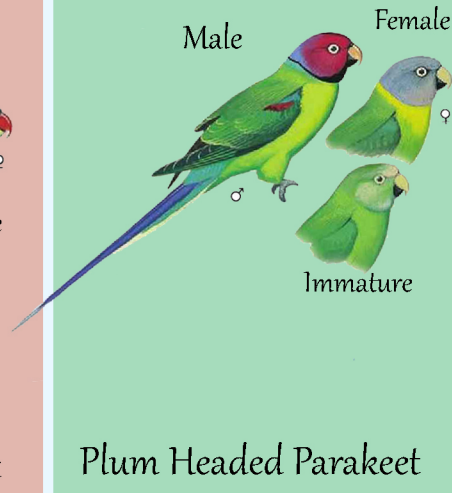
41cm



Plumheaded Parakeet

Red head in males. Bluish head in females.
Maroon shoulder patch in males and yellow collar in females.

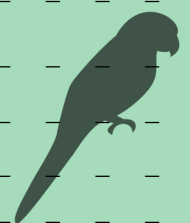
Yellow beak



Plum Headed Parakeet



36cm



Did you know?

Parrot is the generic term which can refer to any bird which belongs to the order psittaciformes.

Parakeet is a slender bodied parrot with long tail. So all parakeets are parrots but all parrots are not parakeets.

The only Parrot(not parakeet) found in India is the small cute; Vernal hanging



Parakeet



Other Parrot species

Ecological Role

Seed dispersal

Controls parasites on trees

Drops fruits while eating which become food for insects and small animals

Parakeets thus become ecosystem connectors and shape the ecosystems by strengthening the inter linkages.

Human - Parrot Relations

Pets



Used by astrologists



Illegal trade and cruel handling

At what cost are we pursuing our selfish interests?



Think out of the Cage!



Owing to their amazing adaptability the parakeets are found in almost all ecosystems - from evergreen forests to scrublands and mangroves We even find them in metro cities happily swinging on overhead cables

It's high time that we go beyond seeing parakeets as the domestic caged talkers and start eyeing them as wondrous creatures who are not only attractive but brilliantly versatile and ecologically important.

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