

# WHO'S THAT PRETTY PEST?



***Rainbow lorikeets and ring-necked parakeets are unwanted pest birds.***

They can damage crops and spread diseases to native birds. **Help stop the spread of these pests in the Bay of Plenty.**

***Keep watch, call it in!***

If you see an escaped parakeet, note its colour patterns and use this card to identify it.

**If it is a ring-necked parakeet or a rainbow lorikeet; note the location, take a photograph, and report it to Bay of Plenty Regional Council.**

**JOINING FORCES AGAINST PESTS**



**REPORT PESTS TO:**

- P 0800 STOP PESTS (0800 786 773)**
- E STOP.PESTS@boprc.govt.nz**

**[www.boprc.govt.nz/pestanimals](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/pestanimals)**

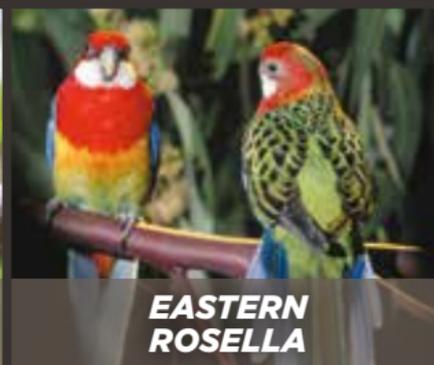
# How to identify a parakeet or lorikeet



**RING-NECKED PARAKEET**



**RAINBOW LORIKEET**



**EASTERN ROSELLA**



**YELLOW CROWNED PARAKEET**

<b>Pest status</b>	Unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act.	Unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act.	Unprotected organism. Widespread throughout the Bay of Plenty.	Protected native species. Not a pest.
<b>Size</b> <i>Length (beak to the tip of the tail) and weight.</i>	40 cm / 140 grams	28 cm / 120 grams	30 cm / 90-120 grams	25 cm / 40 -50 grams
<b>Common call</b>	Loud screeching “kee-ak... kee-ak”. Shrill “ak-ak-ak” when alarmed.	Continuous loud screeching and chattering.	Most frequently heard calls are the “pee-ping” contact call, a metallic “pink pink pink pink”, and the noisy chatter.	Continuous chattering “chicker-chicker-chicker”.
<b>Distinguishing features</b>	Mostly pale green with a bright red beak. Males have a black and pink striped band around the neck.	Blue head with a bright red beak. Multi-coloured breast, belly and underwing feathers.	Red head with white cheeks and a grey beak. Yellow belly. Black markings on green/yellow back.	Green head with a yellow and red crown and a grey beak. Green body.

For further information, photographs and recorded calls see [www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz](http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz)