



Sun Parakeet (*Aratinga solstitialis*)

Size: Body length, approx. 30 cm; tail, 13.2 - 15 cm **Weight:** 100 - 123 g **Habitat:** Open savanna, savanna woodlands, forested valleys and seasonally flooded forests **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,500 - 4,000



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Beauty and brains. The sun parakeet certainly has both, with eye-catching plumage and a high brain-to-body ratio. It puts this brainpower to good use in complex social interactions and vocalizations, as well as in climbing and other feats of dexterity that require precision and concentration. A prodigious consumer of fruits, this parakeet plays an important role as a seed

dispenser. But it is in jeopardy as numbers have fallen dramatically due to habitat loss, trapping for the pet trade, and hunting for feathers and collections.

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