



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?



VULNERABLE*

ELEGANT PARROT



I'm an **Elegant Parrot** (*Neophema elegans*), a medium-sized native parrot that grows to about 22cm long.



I prefer to live in more open habitats, including forests, woodlands, mallee, mulga, and salt marshes.



I am generally an olive-green colour all over, but I have a two-toned blue stripe across my forehead between my eyes, and a similar stripe on the forefront bend of my wing. My belly is a little more yellow, as is my face between my eyes and my bill. The top of my tail is blue-ish.



I tend to be found with one or a few of my friends and you may see us foraging mainly on the ground on grass seeds and herbaceous plants. I can also fly really high, so if disturbed I can easily fly high out of sight.

I can breed from late winter to early summer, when I build a nest high up in a hollow limb of a eucalypt, usually along a water course.



I'm a very quiet bird, but you may hear me calling to my friends whilst flying - a soft, sharp "tsit", or softly twittering to each other whilst foraging.

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*The Elegant Parrot is **Vulnerable** at the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges (AMLR) regional level, and **Rare** at the South Australian state level