Australian King Parrot - *Alisterus scapularis*

Male King Parrot at Batemans Bay, NSW.

Male (on the left) and female (on the right) King Parrot.

Male and female Australian King Parrot - *Alisterus scapularis* - have distinctly different colour schemes. Males are predominantly scarlet and dark green with red upper beak; females are predominantly green with orange-scarlet underbelly. Size: 42 to 44 centimetres.

Lives in pairs or in small flocks. Very wary in the wild.
Distributed along the east coast from central Victoria to south-east Queensland (version *scapularis*) and along the Queensland coast to Cooktown (version *minor*). Keeps to heavier coastal and mountain forests in breeding season; this includes rainforest, eucalypt forests, palm forest, dense river-edge forest and closely adjoining eucalyptus woodlands.

After nesting King Parrots are found in lowland farmlands, shelter-belts, parks and gardens.

Fairly widespread and sedentary but unevenly distributed within its range.

Female King Parrot feeding on the ground at Munghorn Gap, near Moree, NSW.

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