

Swift Parrot *Lathamus discolor*

When to look:

Sept to Jan is breeding season, nesting season is Sept to Nov, migratory birds are in southeastern Australia from Feb to Mar and Sept to Oct

Blue colouring on crown, wings, and cheek

Red patches around bill, throat, and wing

Females have duller coloration with a creamy bar under wing

Similar species:

Musk Lorikeet has a green patch under its wings instead of the red of the Swift Parrot.

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet has scaly, yellow markings over its underbody while Swift Parrots have uniform yellow-green breast and belly.

The Swift Parrots' distinctive flight call, streamlined body, and long pointed tail enable it to be readily identified.

Its long pointed tail is red and purple

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