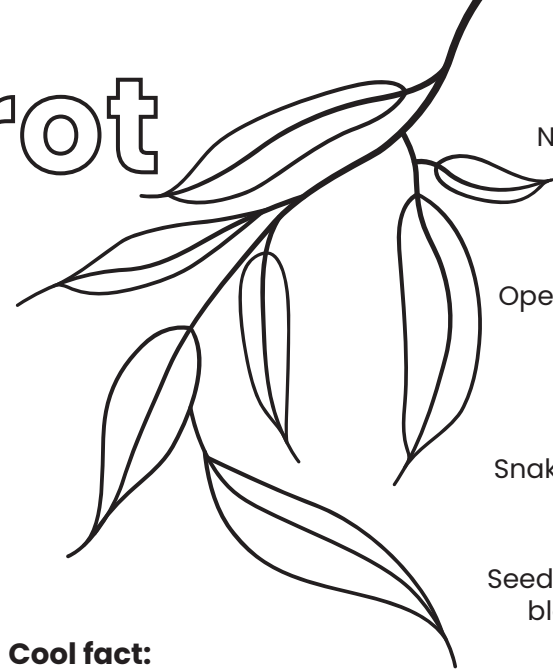


Red-winged parrot

(*Aprosmictus erythropterus*)

Can you spot the male and female red-winged parrots at Alexandra Park Zoo? Look for red eyes, a black patch and big red shoulder patches on the male, and a dark eye, no black patch and a smaller red shoulder patches on the female. Colour in a male Red-winged Parrot below using the key.



Origin:
Northern/eastern
Australia,
New Guinea



Habitat:
Open dry woodland,
grasslands and
savannas



Predators:
Snakes, birds of prey



Diet:
Seeds, nectar, pollen,
blossoms, insects,
larvae



Natural defenses:
Strong beak, claws



Reproduction:
Breed once a year
during July – January,
3 – 6 white eggs laid in
a hollow



Threats:
Loss of hollow trees,
habitat destruction,
illegally taken from the
wild for pet trade



Life expectancy:
15 – 20 years in
captivity



Did you know?

These parrots normally call while in flight and make a 'ching-ching' sound. If alarmed they make a shrieking 'ching-ching-chink' sound.

Size range:

They are medium sized parrots about as long as this sheet of paper (30 – 33cm).

Cool fact:

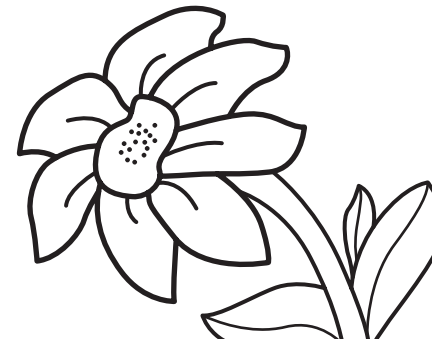
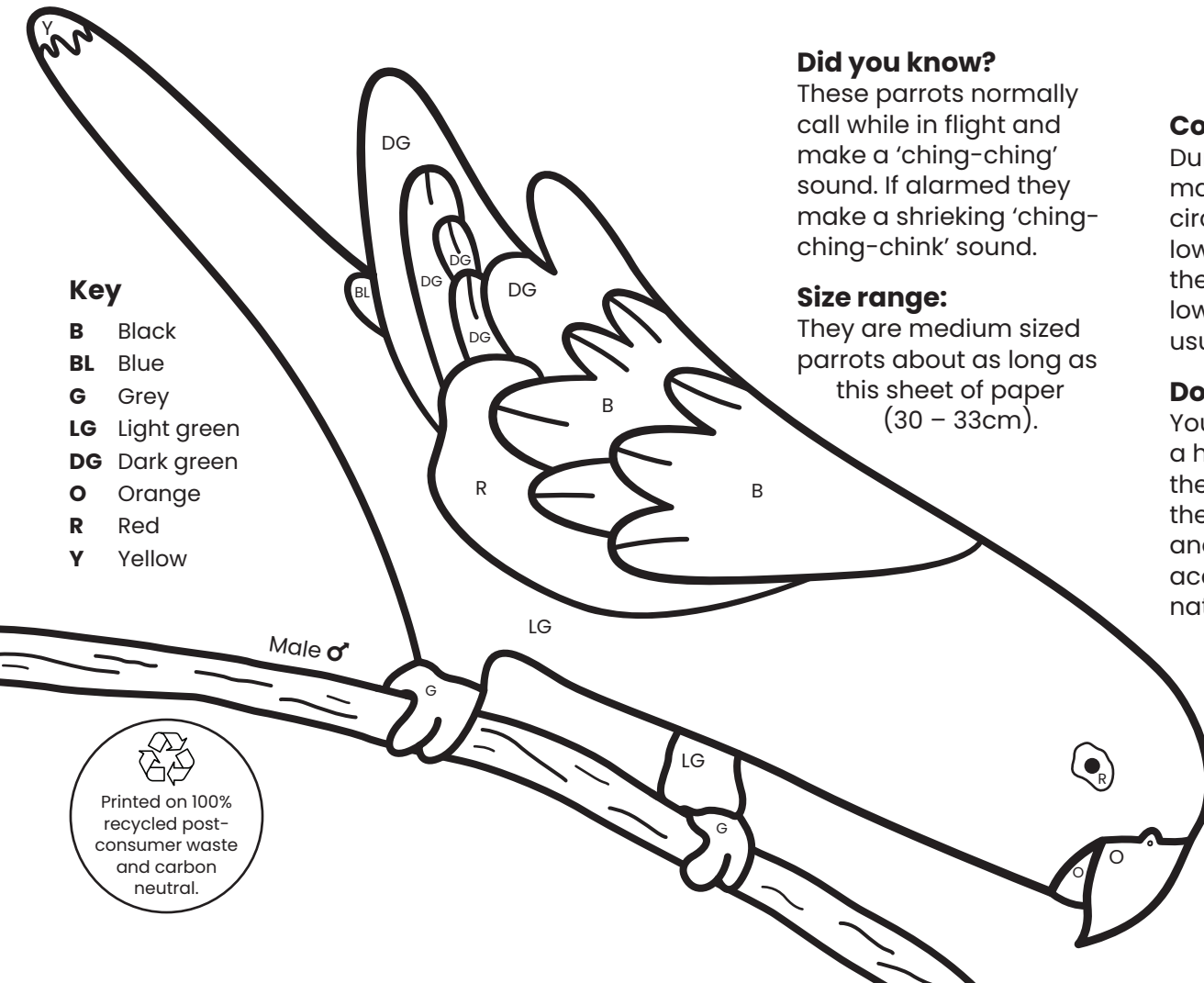
During courtship, the male Red-winged Parrot circles the female then lowers his wings to show the blue patch on his lower back which is usually hidden.

Don't forget:

You can help provide a home and food for these parrots by planting their favourite trees and shrubs: eucalypts, acacias, grevilleas and native grasses.

Key

- B** Black
- BL** Blue
- G** Grey
- LG** Light green
- DG** Dark green
- O** Orange
- R** Red
- Y** Yellow



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