

## ESTIMATED POPULATIONS OF NATURALIZED PARROT SPECIES IN CALIFORNIA

SPECIES		Mabb and Garrett (2002)	Garrett: 2007 estimate
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	970	1050
Blue-crowned Parakeet	<i>Aratinga acuticaudata</i>	87-97	50
Mitred Parakeet	<i>Aratinga mitrata</i>	1039	1000
Red-masked Parakeet	<i>Aratinga erythrogenys</i>	285-345	300
Black-hooded Parakeet	<i>Nandayus nenday</i>	199-204	300
White-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris versicolurus</i>	61	50
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>	640	800
White-fronted Parrot	<i>Amazona albifrons</i>	6	10
Red-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona viridigenalis</i>	2625+	3000
Lilac-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona finschi</i>	508-558	500
Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	12	40
Yellow-headed Parrot	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>	31	25
Blue-fronted Parrot	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	5	20
		<b>TOTAL 6468-6593+</b>	<b>TOTAL 7145</b>

There have been no population estimates of California's naturalized wild parrot species since a report by Karen T. Mabb and Kimball L. Garrett in 2002 at the North American Ornithological Conference in New Orleans. At the request of *Birding*, Garrett has updated the estimates to 2007 levels. He explains that the new estimates are based on additional information and, in some cases, real population increases or decreases. However, he emphasizes that these new numbers are based primarily on educated guesses. "It will take another concerted region-by-region effort to develop better estimates," Garrett says. In the meantime, the California Parrot Project is enlisting the public's help in monitoring parrots' numbers and distribution.