

Our small Papou lory is one half less than the common parrot. A beautiful lively red, colours the head, the neck, and the breast. Towards the occiput there is a double spot of a lustrous blue colour, and a violet black. A yellowish green tinges the wings and back, with the exception of the rump, which is a beautiful blue in the middle, and a shining red on the sides. Towards the sides of the breast are two yellow spots. The belly is blue in the middle, and red on the upper part. The tail is green at its insertion, and yellow at its extremity; its two middle quill feathers are very long. The beak and the feet are reddish. There are three varieties of this species; the first, with the breast purple, and a transversal black stripe bordered with green, on the belly; the second species has the lower part of the back of a blackish blue, with a green or yellow spot between the wings; the thighs and the sides yellow; the third species is distinguished by a green spot on the belly, and an irregular yellow crescent on the breast.