

A Guide To ... Eclectus Parrots

Revised Edition

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Australian Birdkeeper has published its latest book in the “**A Guide to ...**” series. The 160-page publication is very well written and laid out with colour plates. Two passionate bird lovers and keepers Dr Rob Marshall and Ian Ward wrote this soft covered book. This book doesn't just cover the parrot itself, it also covers the breeding and the pet quality of the Eclectus as these parrots are kept more commonly as pets than breeding birds. This book covers all the different sub-species which people are left out on knowing about with some other books. It outlines very carefully the differences between each sub-species, which helps the person study the bird in deciding what they are looking at. It is not just the sub-species in general but they tell you where they are from and what parts of the country. The authors have covered the breeding aspects and feeding of this bird, which I think, is excellent for the aviculturist in helping them to set up a breeding situation. The thing I like most about the book is that it covers precisely the incubation and hand rearing. Another thing that isn't spoken much about the Eclectus Parrot is that there are colour mutations out there and I think that's one thing that should be spoken a little bit more about. I think it is an excellent book and would recommend it to anyone starting out with the Eclectus Parrots. I would like to thank ABK for this Review copy of this publication - it is a very interesting read.