



Western ground parrot—Understanding the habits of a rare and secretive bird (WA)

Funding

\$40,000

Project

This project funds the purchase of a state-of-the-art CCTV system at Perth Zoo to gain insights into the behaviour of this shy and secretive bird. It supports the Zoo's new captive breeding programme for the critically endangered western ground parrot (*Pezoporus flaviventris*).

Western ground parrots occur in Fitzgerald River National Park and Cape Arid National Park, and nearby parts of Nuytsland Nature Reserve, in Western Australia. They occur in long unburnt locations (5 to 40 years or more), diverse vegetation and near-coastal dry heath.

As predominantly ground-dwelling birds, they are very susceptible to predation by foxes and feral cats, and inappropriate fire. Between 110 and 140 of these birds are believed to remain in the wild.

By purchasing and installing new high definition digital CCTV cameras, keepers will be better able to unlock the secrets of western ground parrot behaviour and refine animal husbandry techniques to maximise the chance of successful breeding.



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