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**Eastern Rosella** *Platycercus eximus* (Shaw 1792)  
1910 Dunedin, Otago

Rosellas were first seen in the Leith Valley, Dunedin between 1910 and 1913 (Hamel 1970). They apparently escaped when a farmer's aviary on Mount Cargill was destroyed in a gale. Another account suggests that they were released off Otago Heads when they were refused entry. Possibly both circumstances are true. Northland and Auckland birds escaped or were released from 1920 onwards. Hutt Valley birds were released in the 1960's. Two subspecies have been released in New Zealand.

