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**Forbes' Parakeet** *Cyanoramphus forbesi* Rothschild 1893, Endemic  
1893 Pitt Island, Chatham Islands

H.H. Travers collected the first specimens in 1871. W. Hawkins collected further specimens more than twenty years later, which Rothschild (1893) described as a new species. Recent DNA studies have shown that *C. forbesi* is not closely related to either *C. novaezelandiae* or *C. auriceps*. There are about 750 birds confined to Mangere and Little Mangere (Aikman & Miskelly 2004). Hybridisation with Red-crowned Parakeet is the greatest threat to its survival.