Purple-crowned Lorikeet

**Description**
The Purple-crowned Lorikeet has predominantly light blue and green feathers, with patches of yellow, dark blue and red with a dark purple area on top of the head. The beak is small and black.

**Diet**
Purple-crowned Lorikeets are omnivores. Their diet consists of pollen, nectar, blossoms and fruits as well as insects.

**In the wild**
These very vocal birds make a high-pitched zit-zit or tsit sound continuously when they fly, as well as twittering while they eat.

**Threats**
Destruction of habitat, which includes loss of their nesting sites and food sources is a threat to the Purple-crowned Lorikeet. They also face competition for nesting and feeding sites from the introduced and more aggressive Rainbow Lorikeet.

**At Perth Zoo**
Purple-crowned Lorikeets can be found in the Birds of the South-west aviary.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
The purple crown that gives this bird its name doesn’t appear until the lorikeet has fully matured. Young Purple-crowned Lorikeets are not as vibrant in colour as the adults.