

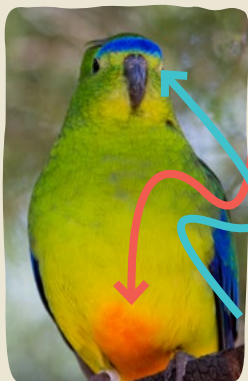
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ORANGE-BELLIED PARROT (OBP) FUN FACTS

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The OBP is one of only two migratory parrots in the world. Meaning they LIVE HALF OF THE YEAR IN SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA and then during winter fly to the SOUTH-EAST COAST OF MAINLAND AUSTRALIA. *That is a long flight!*



As the name suggests the OBP has a **BRIGHT ORANGE PATCH** on their belly and there is a **DEEP BLUE BAND** between their eyes.

All the OBPs in the world would weigh less than **one Emperor Penguin**

 **OBPs MOSTLY EAT** *tiny seeds*



Mostly OBPs now breed in **NEST BOXES** that are provided by the **TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT**

They are not much **BIGGER** than a



Budgerigar

- The only location where they breed is known as **MELALEUCA**, which is **IN A REMOTE WILDERNESS AREA** that can only be reached by **PLANE OR BOAT**

MAJOR THREATS

The OBP is one of the world's rarest birds – there are **less than 50** in the wild and is **critically endangered**.

One of the major threats is the **lack of females** in the wild.

A recent outbreak of **beak and feather disease** has also affected numbers.

Other threats include **habitat loss** and the **increase of predators**.

FIGHTING EXTINCTION



There is a captive breeding program for the OBP that has over 400 birds, spread across five institutions, **INCLUDING** Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo.



Each year captive bred OBPs are released into the wild to help prevent extinction of this species.

AT-HOME ACTIVITY

See how many different species of birds you can find in your backyard, see if you can get a photo of them too!

