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**What do parrots look like?
What do parrots eat?
Where do parrots live?**

What is a parrot?



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ABOUT PARROTS is an instructive yet entertaining first glimpse into the world of nature for young children. In this easy-to-read, informative follow-up to the other critically acclaimed books in her ABOUT... series, author and teacher Cathryn Sill explains what parrots are, how and where they live, and what they do.

With the help of beautifully detailed paintings from noted wildlife illustrator John Sill, this book explains the basic characteristics that all parrots share, while offering a closer look into many different kinds of parrots—from the Rosy-faced Lovebirds of southwestern Africa to the rare Blue Lorikeets of the Polynesian Islands. An afterword provides further detail that will inspire young readers to learn more about these colorful birds.

ABOUT PARROTS will accurately answer the first questions of young naturalists and charm readers with the wonder and diversity of these fascinating birds.

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To the One who created parrots

—*Genesis* 1:21



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Parrots are birds with big heads and thick, curved bills.

PLATE I
Palm Cockatoo



They have sturdy legs and strong feet.
Each foot has two toes in front and two in back.

PLATE 2
Blue Lorikeet

