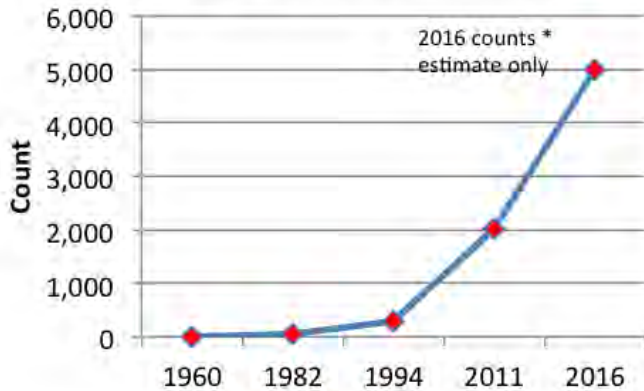


Rose Ringed Parakeets on Kauai

Rose Ringed Parakeets (RRP) are posing a significant threat to our community, economy, and environment.

They have successfully invaded Kauai farm lands, residential communities, and natural areas.

Rose-Ringed Parakeet Population



The first noted release of pet RRP on Kauai occurred in the 1960's. In 1982, the population had grown to 50 birds. By 1994, the population had exceeded 150 birds. **The population of RRP on Kauai continues to grow rapidly.** The latest survey from 2011 reported more than 2000 birds are wild on Kauai. Today, there is an estimated 5000 RRP birds spread across the island.

For RRP complaints, concerns, and control advice please contact:

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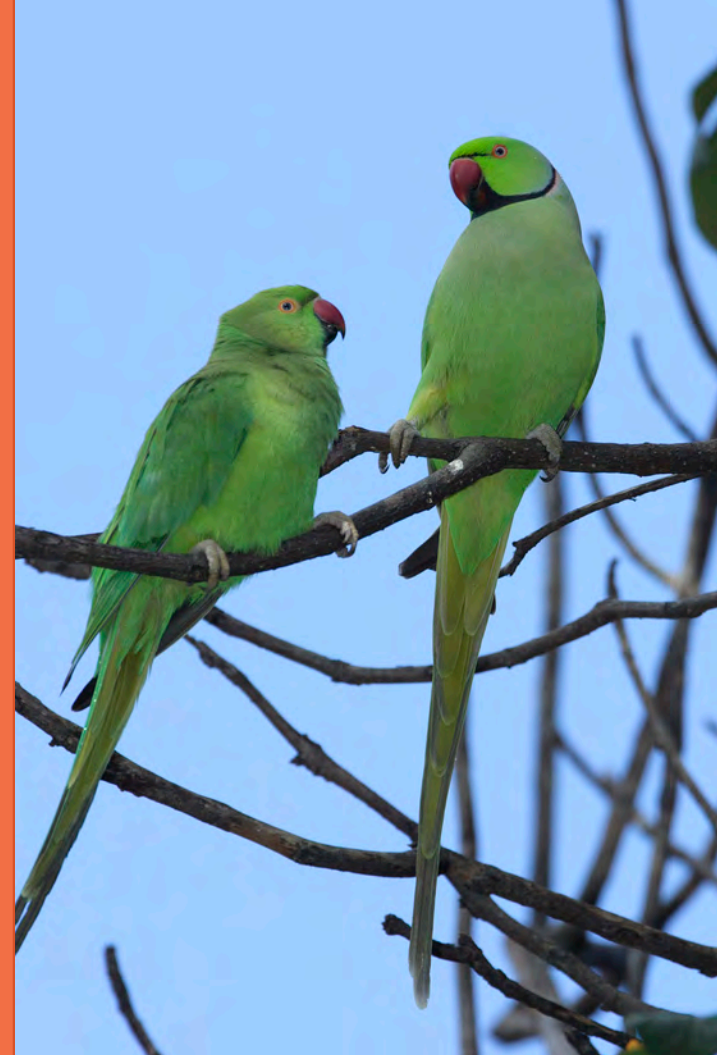
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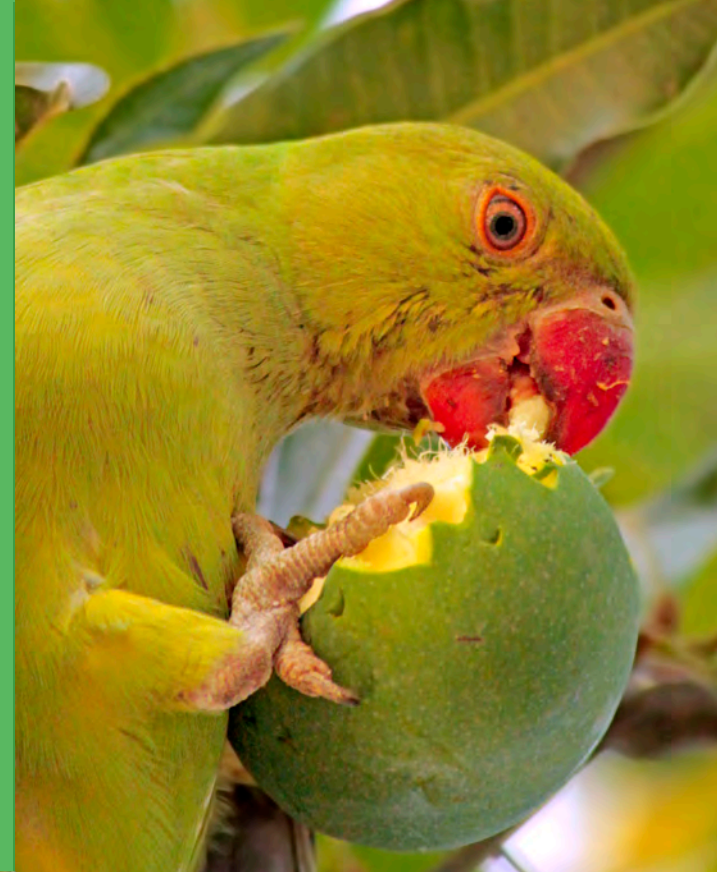
Psittacula krameri

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Invasive Pests in Your Community

- Cause damage to high-value edible crops including commercial orchards, croplands, lychee, longan, rambutan, lilikoi, guava, mango, tomato, long-bean, lettuce, and other crops
- Very loud calls and shrills in residential and commercial areas
- Possible vectors for human diseases and pathogens
- Large amounts of droppings are a health concern and degrade public and private properties



Rose Ringed Parakeets

- Native to Asia, Africa, and India
- Green coloring with a long graduated tail and rounded hooked reddish bill
- Adult males have a red or black neck ring
- Females and juveniles have no ring or a pale shadow of one
- Average 16 inches long (including tail feathers)
- Live up to 30 years
- High reproductive rate in the tropics
- Eat a variety of food including: buds, flowers, fruits, seeds, nuts, and berries



You Can Help

- Please report complaints
- Do not feed the birds
- Do not release any pets
- Deter unwanted birds with
 - Reflective bird tape
 - Noise producers (audio bird calls, etc)
 - Crop and tree netting
- Control with proper permit in rural areas