

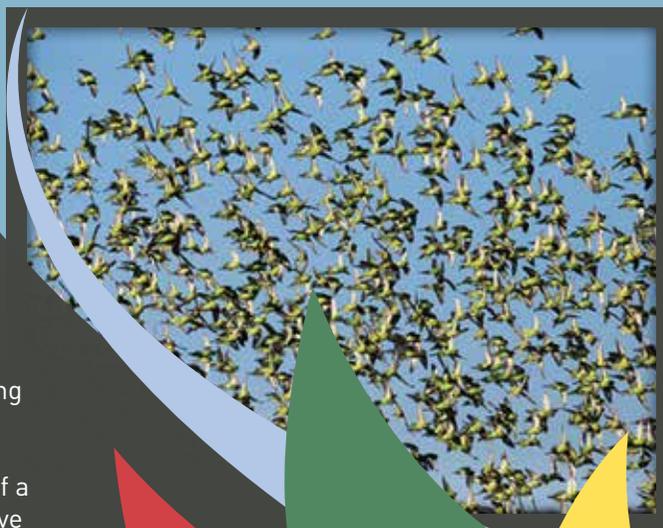


What does the law state?

Rose-ringed parakeets are listed as Category 2 – captive birds require a permit. Feral or escaped birds revert to Category 1b.

“Any person undertaking rose-ringed parakeet breeding registered with the relevant industry Association is exempted from requiring a permit for all restricted activities, provided such Association is in possession of a valid permit in terms of the Act or the Alien and Invasive Species Regulation, 2014 for any restricted activity relating to rose-ringed parakeet breeding and provided such person complies with all permit conditions in the relevant Association’s permit.”

“The above exemption does not apply to restricted activity ‘a’ in Notice 1: ‘Importing into the Republic, including introducing from the sea, any specimen of a listed invasive species’ and any person engaging in this activity must apply for a permit from the Issuing Authority.”



Invasive species compliance

Rose-ringed parakeets and the law



Rose-ring parakeet

(*Psittacula krameri*)

Why are feral rose-ring parakeets a problem?

- Roosting flocks make a noise in urban areas
- Damage fruit and food crops
- Spread alien invasive plants through seed dispersal
- Compete against indigenous birds for food
- Compete against indigenous birds for nesting cavities
- Could spread avian diseases to indigenous birds
- Category 1a species are not welcome in South Africa



Identification

- Medium-sized bird measuring on average 400 mm
- Outstretched wing-span (single wing) is 150-170 mm
- They are sexually dimorphic - the male has a distinctive red and black neck-ring which is non-distinct or absent in immature birds and adult females
- Plumage vivid green in colour, but captives in various shades of yellow and blue
- Underside lemon-yellow
- Bright red to orange beak

How to apply for a permit

If you would like to keep or breed rose-ringed parakeets, contact the Parakeet Association of Southern Africa (PASA) for advice and assistance.

Website: <http://www.aviculturesa.co.za>

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Controlling invasive species

Invasive species are controlled under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act no. 10 of 2004) Alien and Invasive Species (AIS) Regulations.

The National List includes 567 invasive species in four categories.

1a

Category 1a

- These species are not welcome in South Africa
- Control and remove species in the country
- Species may not be owned, gifted or kept
- Trade in these species is strictly prohibited

1b

Category 1b

- Species must be controlled
- Trade in these species is prohibited
- Submit control plans for long-term management

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Category 2

- Species require a permit issued by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
- Species must remain in permitted demarcated land
- Unpermitted Category 2 species revert to Category 1b

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Category 3

- Breeding and trade in these species is prohibited
- Species may remain in prescribed areas or provinces.

For more information

www.dffe.gov.za | www.invasives.org.za

Call Centre: 086 111 2468

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Permits: AIScompliance@environment.gov.za

Environmental Crimes Hotline: 0800 205 005



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