



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

19 May

On the lookout for Coxen's Fig Parrot

This week – May 19 - *Raphael O'Flynn and Ilana Kelly from Noosa and District Landcare* will explain their approach in looking for the elusive and endangered bird – **Coxens Fig Parrot**. Working with Ian Gynther from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and through generous funding from a number of sources including the June Canavan Foundation, Noosa and District Landcare have purchased a number of bio acoustic recorders which will capture bird song of the area. This data is then analysed via a software program for the particular signature of Coxen's Fig Parrot. Many thanks go to the locals of the district with their undeniable enthusiasm and passion for all things environmental, in particular this special parrot.



An oil on canvas artist's impression of the Coxen's Fig Parrot painted by Sally Elmer.

It's fast, it's small, a master of camouflage, and critically endangered.

Coxen's Fig Parrots, *Cyclopsitta coxeni* are small parrots with a stout build. These predominantly green parrots have disproportionately large heads and bills. The head has distinctive red and blue markings with a prominent blue forehead in adults.

This fig parrot is officially reported to be one of the most critically endangered birds in Australia. Some speculate that fewer than 100 of them are remaining in the wild. An area in the Noosa hinterland has proven to be a hot spot over the decades for sightings of this elusive little bird.

Join the audience on **Friday May 19** at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville to learn more about the conservation of the Coxen's Fig Parrot. The forum starts at 10.30am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Ilana checking on equipment used in search of the Coxen's Fig Parrot