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**Rainbow Lorikeet** (*Trichoglossus haematodes*)  
These colourful Australian parrots have a varied diet. They eat berries, seeds, leaf buds, insects, and larvae, but its favorite foods are pollen, nectar, and fruit. The bird crushes flowers or fruit in its beak and then laps up the juices with its tongue, which has a brushlike tip. When feeding from flowers, the rainbow lorikeet transmits pollen from one flower to the next. In doing so, it helps to pollinate shrubs and trees such as coconut palms and eucalyptus trees.