

Dusky Parrot:

The Dusky Parrot (*Pionus fuscus*) or Dusky Pionus is a species of bird in the Psittacidae family, the true parrots. It is found in the Guianas, and regions of the eastern Amazon Basin in Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname and Venezuela; also a northern border region of Colombia. Its natural habitat is subtropical or tropical moist lowland forests. They are not known for talking like other parrots; instead they can say from 10-20 words. The Dusky Parrot has a medium-wide white eye ring, and a splay of cream-white feathers on its upper neck; also short blue tail feathers, reddish at the base. Overall, the Dusky Parrot is a medium greyish-black bird.

Range:

The Dusky Parrot's range is northern South America, and is centered on the Guiana countries, the Guiana Shield, and the north-eastern Amazon Basin. It is mostly limited on the west in central-eastern Venezuela by avoiding the Orinoco River itself, but living on its eastern side, from near the Caribbean coast to about 1000 km upstream. To the west a small disjunctive group lives west of Lake Maracaibo on the Colombia-Venezuela border. Other limits to Dusky Parrot's range is northwest Maranhão state Brazil, Baía de São Marcos; also in the southeast Amazon Basin, the confluence of the northern flowing Araguaia-Tocantins River. South of Guyana in the western Guianas, the range limit of the Dusky Parrot is in central Roraima state Brazil; the bird is found east of the south flowing Branco River in its lower reaches; the upper reaches are in the contiguous range going into Guyana and Venezuela.



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