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The *Zoned Parrakeet* is of the size of the Tabuan, and is grass-green, with the head and long wing-feathers black, the belly marked across the middle by a broad pale-yellow zone or band, and the nape of the neck by a half collar of the same colour.

The *Undulated Parrakeet* is a highly elegant bird: its size is small, measuring scarcely nine inches in total length; its colour above is pale yellowish green, with very numerous, linear, brown undulations; beneath pale green; the tail sharply lengthened, the two middle feathers blue, the rest green, each obliquely crossed towards the base by a jonquil-yellowish band.

The *Turquoise Parrakeet* is smaller, scarcely exceeding seven inches in length; the upper part of the head, neck, and back grass green, the wings turquoise blue; the under parts orange-yellow; the front, to some distance round the bill, blue; the two middle tail-feather green, the rest jonquil-yellow, the inside of each marked by a longitudinal jet black patch; the shape of the tail is similar to that of the Pennantian.

The *Crested Parrakeet* measures twelve inches in length, and is of an olive-brown colour, paler beneath, with the crown of the head yellow, and decorated with a slender crest of six feathers, two of which measure near three inches in length; on the wing is an oblique white bar, and the tail is long and cuneiform; behind each eye is a small red spot. It inhabits New Holland.

Among the Kingfisher tribe the most remarkable is the *Great Brown Kingfisher*. This bird, which is about the size of a Crow, and measures eighteen inches in length, is of a brown colour above, with a slight gloss of pale blue, or blueish white on the wings and lower part of the back; the under parts are whitish, shaded by undulating transverse brown lines and specks; the tail is rather long, even, or slightly rounded, of a brown colour, barred with black; the feathers on the head are very full, of a narrow lengthened form, and so disposed as to constitute a thick crest; the bill and legs are brown. This, which is the largest species of Kingfisher yet known, like the rest of its tribe, frequents watery places, feeding on fish, and when disturbed, utters a loud, hoarse, interrupted, cry; from which circumstance it is said to be called by the settlers in New Holland by the title of the Laughing Jackass. It varies occasionally in colour, the wings in some being strongly tinged with blueish green.

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