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Joseph M. Forshaw is one of Australia's foremost ornithologists and is recognized internationally as a leading expert on parrots. He is the author of several books, including "Parrots of the World", with William Cooper; "Australian Parrots"; "The Birds of Paradise and Bower Birds"; "Kingfishers and Related Birds"; and "Turacos: A Natural History of the Musophagidae". Frank Knight has been an illustrator for more than twenty-five years, producing illustrations for scientific papers, books, and lectures. His work appears in "A Field Guide to the Birds of Australia"; and in "A Field Guide to the Mammals of Australia".

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