

## Figbird

*Sphecotheres viridis*



## Adaptation to environment

- Flocks follow fruiting trees – this cooperation helps with finding food as well as defence against predators
- Female's dull colouring helps her to remain camouflaged while she is sitting on a nest of eggs
- Eyes very sensitive to colour variation so they can tell which figs are ripe/unripe/over-ripe.

## Feeding relationships

Where do I live?  Woodland  Swamp

### What do I eat?

- Fruit (figs, lilly pilly)
- Some insects.

### What eats me?

- Pythons, Lace Monitors
- Birds of prey.

- Length: 28 cm • Male: head black, red eye patch, shoulders grey • Female: upper body brown, under-body white striped brown • Young males look like females but, as they mature, their head becomes black & they develop a flesh coloured eye-patch, which eventually becomes bright red. Females will choose to mate with males with the brightest colouring.