

Lest They Embellish a More Voluptuous Region

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I can remember one	Or two	Or more	
Somewhere along Galari	West of the	Great Dividing Range	
Where the explorer	Major Mitchell	Found	Few birds
More enliven	The monotonous hues		Than the pink cockatoo
Proudly displaying its	Red	Yellow	Punk head
Punk attitude	With black	Abandoned eyes	Watching
On the wire	On the brink	Rarely seen	Endangered species
Of the Australian	Semi-arid	Semi-agricultural	Landscape

Few birds more enliven the monotonous hues of the Australian forest than this beautiful species whose pink-coloured wings and flowing crest might have embellished the air of a more voluptuous region.

—Major Mitchell

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