

Australian Brolga



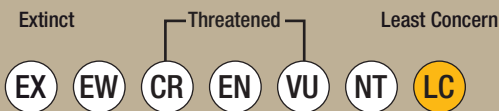
Fast Facts



Other Names: Australian Crane

Scientific Name: *Antigone rubicunda*

Conservation Status: Least Concern



Body Length: 95–135 cm

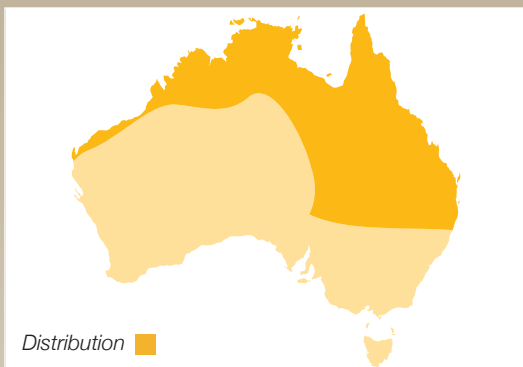
Weight: ? g

Incubation: 28–30 days

Number of eggs: 2

Habitat: Swamplands

Distribution: Northern and Eastern Australia



Description

The Brolga is a long legged bird with a silvery-grey body. The undersides of the wingtips are black or dark brown and part of the head and neck are scarlet. The Brolga stands up to 140 cm tall. Females are slightly smaller than the males.

Diet

Brolgas are omnivores and eat sedge tubers, insects and aquatic invertebrates.

Breeding

Breeding pairs bond for life. They engage in dramatic displays involving leaps, head shaking and loud trumpeting. These dances may help to strengthen the bond between males and females outside the breeding season. When the young hatch, they are taken care of by both partners and remain with their parents for a year or more.

Threats

Habitat destruction due to the filling in of swamps and wetlands is a threat to their survival.

At Perth Zoo

Brolgas can be seen inside the Australian Wetlands with many other water birds.

DID YOU KNOW?

An Aboriginal legend says the Brolga was once a famous dancer named Buralga.