



Carnaby's Cockatoo

Fast Facts



Other Names: Short-billed White-tailed Black Cockatoo

Scientific Name: *Calyptorhynchus latirostris*

Conservation Status: Endangered

Extinct Threatened Least Concern



Body Length: 53–58 cm

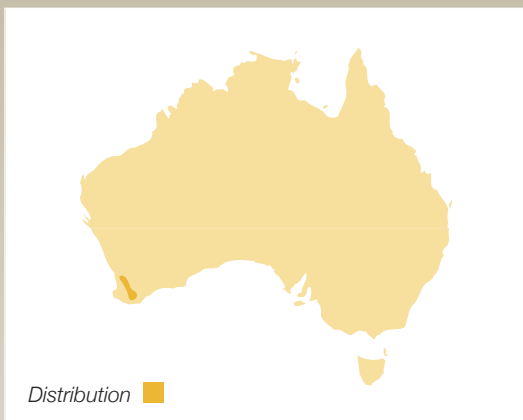
Weight: 520–790 g

Incubation: 28 days

Number of eggs: 1–2

Habitat: Woodland, scrub

Distribution: South-west Western Australia



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Description

Carnaby's Cockatoos are mostly brownish-black with dusky white-tipped feathers. They have white ear covers, a white band towards the tip of the tail and a black bill. Females have yellowish-white ear covers and greyish bills. The Carnaby's Cockatoo's upper bill is broader and shorter than that of the Baudin's Cockatoo.

Diet

Carnaby's Cockatoos eat the seeds of Banksia, Dryandra, Hakea, Eucalyptus, Grevillea and Pine trees.

In the wild

Carnaby's Cockatoos travel in large flocks of up to 2,000.

Threats

Carnaby's Cockatoos have a very low rate of reproduction which means the population cannot quickly replace the large number of birds shot by farmers.

Habitat destruction is also a major threat as cutting down trees destroys the cockatoos' nesting sites. Carnaby's Cockatoos come into competition with introduced bees, galahs and corellas for nesting sites.

Carnaby's Cockatoos are also highly sought after as pets on the black market. Many chicks are taken from nests and trees are cut down to get at the eggs and babies inside the nesting hollows.

It is illegal to shoot or poach Black Cockatoos.

At Perth Zoo

Perth Zoo's veterinary hospital cares for sick and injured cockatoos brought in from the wild. They are provided with emergency treatment, surgery and other medical care as required. Once they are well enough, they are given to rehabilitators who care for them until they are ready to be returned to the wild.

If you would like to help cockatoos and other native wildlife, plant a fauna-friendly garden to provide them with food and homes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Carnaby's Cockatoos make a 'wee-loo' sound when calling.