

# Avon's most wanted

## Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*)

**Description:** This large majestic bird is typified by a large white patch on its cheek, distinctive call and white bands on its tail. It can be distinguished from its close relative; Baudin's Black Cockatoo by its bill shape. The Carnaby's Black Cockatoo has a smaller curved bill, whereas Baudin's has a larger bill.

These birds pair for life and produce only one or two eggs per year. Chicks will fledge at about ten months but will be dependant on its parents for several months afterwards. They eat a variety of seeds and fruits. These birds may live up to 50 years.

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo is unfortunately targeted by poachers who steel their eggs and hatchlings to sell to collectors in Australia and overseas.

**Conservation Status:** **Endangered**

**Conservation:** A lack of quality nesting sites has resulted in the significant decline of this species. Recovery projects involving groups such as Birds Australia, the Water Corporation and the WA Museum, as well as DEC, have resulted in a higher awareness and creation of the habitat required for nesting.



Photo—Birds Australia

If you have seen Carnaby's Black Cockatoo or would like more information, please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation.  
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