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Major Mitchell's Cockatoo (*Cacatua leadbeateri*)

Description: The Major Mitchell cockatoo is approximately the size of its close relative the Galah. It is easily identified by its pink and white feathers and its red, yellow and white crest.

These birds mate during spring and produce up to two eggs a year. After six months the chicks are weaned and are ready to leave the nest. A long lived bird, some pairs of Major Mitchell's have been successfully raising chicks for almost forty years.

Like most other cockatoos, the Major Mitchell has a diet consisting of mainly seeds, grains, fruits, tubers and some insects.

Conservation Status: **Specially protected**

Conservation: These birds nest in large old trees which unfortunately have disappeared over much of its former habitat. The birds and their eggs are considered to be valuable and as a result, are targeted by poachers. These type of activities have the potential to cause significant declines in the numbers and distribution of this species.



Photo—Birds Australia

If you have seen a Major Mitchell's Cockatoo or would like more information, please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation. Merredin: 9041 2488 Northam 9622 8940

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