

# Baudin's Cockatoo

*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*



**Conservation status:** **Endangered (WC Act)**  
**Vulnerable (EPBC Act)**

**Range:** Humid and sub-humid forests of south west WA.

**Habitat:** Jarrah, Marri and Karri forests.

**Diet:** Seeds of *Eucalyptus*, *Corymbia*, *Banksia*, *Hakea* and fruiting apples and pears. Also nectar buds and flowers. They are fond of beetle larvae they find by stripping the bark from dead trees.

**Lifespan:** 25 - 50 years in the wild.

**Males:** Black bill, pink eye ring and dusky white ear patch. Juvenile males resemble adult females until about three years old.

**Females:** Greyish white bill, grey eye ring and yellowish white ear patch.

- Threats:**
- Loss of habitat from forest clearing and fires.
  - Nest site competition from feral European honey bees.
  - In the past large numbers were shot by orchardists and while shooting is illegal, sadly it still occurs today.
  - Vehicle strikes.

Named in honour of eighteenth century French explorer and naturalist Nicolas Baudin, this species of white-tailed black cockatoo can be distinguished from the similar looking Carnaby's Cockatoo by their narrower and longer upper bill, and by their calls. Their flock calls can be described as a short 'whicher whicher' and 'bunyip bunyip' while their breeding call is a repeated low 'arr' followed by a high-pitched whistle.

Baudin's Cockatoos live mainly in flocks of up to 300 individuals with occasional, larger congregations of up to 1200 at their nightly roosting sites.

Their very low rate of reproduction (an average of 0.6 chicks per year) is unable to replace the large numbers still shot illegally by some orchardists. This has led to a sad and continual decline in their total population over the last 50 years.

### How can I help?

- The Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre is working hard to protect our threatened black cockatoos by rehabilitating injured birds for release back into the wild, revegetating degraded areas for new cockatoo habitat and educating the community. We are mostly volunteers and you can support our work by volunteering or making a donation via our website - [www.blackcockatoorecovery.com](http://www.blackcockatoorecovery.com)
- Contact Kaarakin (9390 2288) if you find an injured or sick black cockatoo in need of care.
- Lend your support to the protection of all remaining Baudin's Cockatoo habitat and, if your yard is big enough, plant a local tree like Marri (*Corymbia calophylla*). Alternatively you can plant smaller native species such as Banksias, Hakeas and Grevilleas in urban backyards.
- Report shooting or poaching to the Department of Parks and Wildlife (1800 449 453).
- If you're an orchardist, contact the Department of Agriculture and Food for information on appropriate ways to protect your crops such as netting and 'sound guns'.



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