

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Breeding Range Surveys September–December

Western Australia is the only place in the world where you can see a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo. They were once numerous across the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions, but the species' population has declined since the 1950s, and some local populations have become extinct. They have probably declined in your local area.

BirdLife Australia is asking people across the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions to report any sightings of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos* between September and the end of December.

This will help us understand how the species' range has changed, and importantly, identify key breeding and feeding sites where we can direct our on-ground recovery efforts. We'd also like to hear if they used to be present in your local area, but no longer occur there.

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey form overleaf or go to BirdLife Australia's website:
<http://birdlife.org.au/documents/CBC-survey-form.pdf>

Any information you provide will make a significant contribution towards the species' survival and will be confidential.

How to fill out the survey form:

- Fill out a separate form for each location where you see Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo, e.g. on your farm, someone else's farm, national park or shire reserve, a road verge, town site, private property in town.
- Even if you only have a little information (e.g. you have only seen them flying over), please report your sighting; this is still valuable information.
- For observers who can make ongoing observations throughout the breeding season, a separate form can be downloaded from BirdLife Australia's website:
<http://birdlife.org.au/documents/SWBC-repeat-observation-form.pdf>
- Please send completed survey forms to: Carnaby's Project Coordinator, BirdLife Australia, 167 Perry Lakes Drive, Floreat, WA 6014 or email: carnabys@birdlife.org.au

*Please be aware that a similar species, Baudin's Black-Cockatoo, also occurs in the South West. The main difference to Carnaby's is that Baudin's have a longer, more slender bill. They can be easily confused, but they usually occur in different areas during the breeding season. We would still like information on this species, so please send us the form if you see Baudin's.

*If possible, please note whether the flocks contained a high proportion of males (identified by black bill, pink eye-ring and a small, dull cheek patch).

For more information about the Carnaby's Breeding Range survey, contact the Carnaby's Project Coordinator from BirdLife Australia on (08) 9287 2251 or carnabys@birdlife.org.au

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____ Mobile number: _____

Postal address: _____

Date of sighting: ____ / ____ / ____

Time of sighting: (e.g. 11:00 AM) : _____ AM/PM

Latitude or Easting: _____

Longitude or Northing: _____

Place name of sighting:

(Please give property location number, farm name, road name, reserve name, etc.)

Distance & direction from nearest town: (e.g. 20 kms east of Katanning)

Number of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos: (Please enter number of cockatoos seen)

Behaviour: (What were the cockatoos doing?)

☐ Nesting ☐ Feeding ☐ Perched on tree or fence ☐ Looking into/chewing/entering tree hollow

☐ Drinking ☐ Roosting overnight ☐ Other: _____

Habitat: (If cockatoos were feeding or perched, where were they?)

☐ Shrubland ☐ Paddock ☐ Woodland/forest ☐ Roadside vegetation ☐ Other: _____

Habitat: (If cockatoos were in or near hollows, what kind of tree were they in?)

☐ Wandoo (White Gum) ☐ Marri (Red Gum) ☐ Salmon Gum ☐ Don't know ☐ Other: _____

How certain are you that you recorded a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo?

☐ 100% certain ☐ Probable ☐ Possible

If you saw a flock of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos, were they mostly male birds?

(You could only tell this if you observed the cockatoos closely. Males differ from females in having a black bill, a pink eye-ring and a comparatively smaller and duller check patch)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If you used to see Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo but they have disappeared from your farm or Shire, please provide us with the details: (e.g. When did you see the cockatoos?; How many were there?; When did they disappear?)

Additional Comments: _____

