

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Breeding Range Survey

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 now 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/projects/carnabys-black-cockatoo-recovery/breeding-range-survey>

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/projects/carnabys-black-cockatoo-recovery/breeding-range-survey>
- Please send completed survey forms to: Jess Lee, 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 — they can be easily confused, but they usually occur in different areas during the breeding season. If you are not sure whether you have seen a Carnaby's or a Baudin's, please complete a survey form and send it in to us.

*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 Jess Lee from BirdLife Australia on (08) 9287 2204 or carnabys@birdlife.org.au

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

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?)

- Flying over 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: _____
