



Red-tailed black cockatoo



Who am I?

I might be the smallest of Australia's five sub-species of red-tailed black cockatoo, but I'm hard to miss with my loud, distinctive squawk and gorgeous sunset-coloured tail.

Adult males and females are easy to tell apart, as males have glossy black feathers and bright red tail panels, while the duller brown-black feathers of females are speckled with yellow dots and the orange-yellow tails have a striped pattern, called barring.

We pair for life and make nests in the hollows of old or dead gum trees. I'm a bit of a picky eater and stick to a diet of seeds from just three tree species – brown and desert stringybark and

Scientific name

*Calyptorhynchus banksii
graptogyne*

Conservation status

Endangered

Average life span

25 to 50 years

Range/distribution

South-west Victoria and
south-east South Australia

Habitat

Tree hollows in eucalypt forests

Classification

Arboreal bird

buloke, and this means I don't have a traditional migration path, I follow the food. Sadly, there are only around 1,000 of us left in Victoria, and the loss of these important trees is putting us at risk.

How can you help me?

I rely on native trees and their seeds for nesting and feeding, so it's important to leave these trees alone. If your family uses firewood to heat your home, make sure it's from a legal, sustainable source to help protect our habitat.

**HOLLOW TREES,
LEAVE THEM PLEASE**

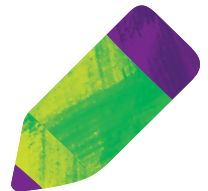
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Can you find and circle all the words hidden in the letters below?

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T P L U M A G E E J
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ENDANGERED
COCKATOO
FEATHERS
HABITAT
NESTING
PLUMAGE
SEEDS
PROTECT
HOLLOW
FOREST
CREST
BEAK



Is this true or false? Circle your answer.

Female red-tailed black cockatoos have bright red tail panels.

True or **False**

Hint! The answer is on the first page.



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