



Baudin's Black-cockatoo

Name	Scientific	<i>Calyptorhynchus baudinii</i>
	Common	Baudin's Black-cockatoo. White-tailed Black Cockatoo
Description		Baudin's Black-cockatoo measures between 50-60 cm in length and is brownish-black in colour. They have white feathers on the top and underside of their tails, as well as a small patch of white near the ears. They have a strong, powerful curved bill which they use to get the seed out of a range of fruits. If you get close enough to see, male birds have a red ring of skin around the eye. On the females it is grey.
What it feeds on		Nectar from gum trees and seeds of marri, banksia, hakea, pine cones and fruiting apples and pears. They also strip bark from dead trees in search of beetle larvae (grubs).
Where it feeds		In the tops of large trees and shrubs.
Breeding		Baudin's Black-cockatoo is restricted to breeding in the forested areas of karri, marri and jarrah. One or two eggs are laid and brooded by the female. The male feeds her at the nest. Eggs hatch after 28 days and the young leave the nest when about 11 weeks old.
Threats to species		Clearing of forests, especially old trees with large hollows which the birds require for nesting. <u>Feral</u> bees take over many of the available nesting hollows.
Did you know?		Baudin's Black-cockatoo can live between 25-50 years?



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