

# Red Tailed Black Cockatoo

*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*  
(meaning 'hidden' and 'large bill')

The Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo is a **large, noisy, beautiful bird** which **mates for life** and can live for up to **50 years**.



They feed on seeding marri, jarrah, blackbutt, karri, sheoak, snottygobble, ornamental eucalypts and introduced cape lilac.

The Red-tailed Black Cockatoo species are found in Western Australia. It **used to be common**, but is now rare because of the destruction of its habitat and it is listed as '**vulnerable**'.

## Facts

- Known to the Noongar people as 'Karrak' (which is their cry)
- Large birds averaging about 63 cms in length
- Males have glossy black feathers & bright orange-red band tail
- Females are lighter with yellow speckles & light orange tail
- Breed in tree hollows March - December
- Incubation period 29–31 days & clutch contains 1 (rarely 2)
- Hatchlings covered in sparse yellow down

## At Kanyana

Kanyana has two red tailed black cockatoos:

**Henry:** He was given to Kanyana In 2002, when he was 9 years old. An elderly man found Henry as a baby and cared for him. He would give Henry pieces of toast and biscuits every morning and then place him on a tree branch for the day. The elderly man brought Henry to Kanyana when he was no longer physically able to care for him. Henry never learned to look for food and is completely imprinted on humans.

**Raffie:** This charismatic bird was donated to Kanyana in 2015 when his owners' neighbours complained about all the noise he was making.



You can **meet our cockatoos** on our **day tours** as well as personalised **Meet & Greet**s, and on Kanyana's annual open day in early May, **Discover Kanyana**.

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