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Cockatoo Care Explained



Photo: Carnaby's Cockatoo (left) and Baudin's Cockatoo (right). Image by Keith Lightbody.

Do you know your Carnaby's from your Baudin's? Participants at free Cockatoo Training Workshops this month will learn this and more. The events will focus on the identification, habitat needs and food resources across the wider landscape, and will also include examples of backyard 'stepping stones' (such as which types of trees to plant in a residential garden) which land owners can undertake to enhance the survival chances of these magnificent birds.

W.A.'s endemic black cockatoos – Carnaby's Cockatoo, Baudin's Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo – all live and rely on food and shelter in the Peel region. All three are listed as threatened species under state and federal legislation. The training workshops will address actions identified in the Cockatoo Recovery Plan by offering members of the community the chance to make an informed contribution to identifying and managing threats to these birds and monitoring their population and distribution.

The practical workshops examine the importance of creating re-vegetation, protecting and enhancing existing native vegetation and biodiversity to create wildlife corridors in the wider landscape, and will have an emphasis on the threatened Carnaby's Cockatoo (which is the pretty boy on the left hand side in the photo above!).

Recorded Black Cockatoo numbers will contribute to this year's Great Cobby Count on 12 April 2015.

This year marks the seventh annual event, which is organised by Birdlife WA. It is the state's biggest survey for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos where volunteers count at night-time roost sites across the southwest of the state on a single evening. In 2015, the count will also include the Red-tailed Black Cockatoos.

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, which undertakes the natural resource management of over 1.2 million hectares of catchment, is presenting the free cockatoo workshops from 5.30pm – 7.30pm at the Harvey Senior High School on 17 March, the North Dandalup Community Hall on 18 March, the Tuckey Room at Mandurah City Civic Centre on 26th March. This project is supported by Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government and the City of Mandurah. Refreshments and a light supper will be provided. RSVP is essential - please email admin@peel-harvey.org.au enquiries Tel: 6369 8800

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