



Amazing Animals Fact sheets

Native Parrots

Around 300 species of the parrot family have been recorded throughout the world, extending from the tropics to the subtropical and colder parts of the Southern Hemisphere. 56 species are found in Australia, and only five of these are found elsewhere in the world. The parrot family includes cockatoos, lorikeets, rosellas, ringnecks and budgerigars.



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

Habitat

The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo inhabits a variety of habitat types, but prefers eucalypt woodland and pine plantations. They are found in south-eastern Australia, from Eyre Peninsula, South Australia to south and central eastern Queensland.

Diet

Their favoured food items are seeds from native trees and pinecones, but they will also eat insects and feed on the seeds of ground plants.

Breeding

The breeding season is long but varies depending on range. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a large tree hollow, lined with wood chips. The female incubates the eggs, while the male supplies her with food. Only one chick usually survives, and stay's in the care of its parents for approximately six months.

Australia Zoo Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo profiles

Lueka

Lueka is a Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo. He is a wild-born bird who was donated to Australia Zoo by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos can be found on the Sunshine Coast, so when you are visiting this beautiful area, keep an eye out for these guys in the sky. Lueka is one of the 'Australian Native' stars who appears in the daily Crocoseum show. He is fantastic at carving up the sky with his acrobatics and is one of the craziest and most hyperactive birds that we have in the 'Bird Show'.

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