

Am I your Bush Bud?

Gang-gang Cockatoo

About me:

The Gang-gang is a small dark grey cockatoo. Adult males have a distinctive bright red curled crest on their head and adult females have a dark grey head and yellow-orange barring on the chest. Beloved across the Canberra community as the Territory's faunal emblem, Gang-gangs can be seen at all times of the year, nesting during spring and early summer in hollow-bearing tree.

A favoured food of Canberra's Gang-gangs are the buds and gumnuts of the Southern Blue Gum, a common planting of inner Canberra's parks and avenues. Some Gang-gang populations across Australia have suffered a 70% decline in the last two decades, but Canberra's population appears to be steady, with around 150 individuals. They are a cheery visitor to our gardens and can be encouraged by planting eucalypts, wattles, and cypress-pines.



Threats:

Once widespread across south-eastern Australia, Gang-gang populations are in steep decline. In March 2022 they were listed as endangered under national environment laws. The main threat is habitat loss. It is also suspected that as a cool climate bird, Gang-gangs are especially vulnerable to climate change.

Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Gang Gang Cockatoo!

