

Am I your BUSH Bud?

Glossy Black-cockatoo

About me:

Glossy Black-cockatoos, affectionately known as “glossies” (male) or “flossies” (female), are specialist feeders, dieting exclusively on the seeds of casuarina cones. They are typically quiet and inconspicuous when feeding, only seldom making a “trumpet call”. These birds are increasingly rare, sightings in the ACT are few and far between, but tend to ramp up during winter as the birds enter their breeding season.

Glossy Black-cockatoos are highly selective about the trees and cones that they choose to feed on. In addition to being picky eaters they are also messy, leaving behind a carpet of disc-shaped fragments known as “chewings” at the base of their favourite trees. Large trees with hollows provide important nesting habitat for Glossy Black-cockatoos.



Threats:

Glossy Black-cockatoos are threatened by bushfires, droughts, land-clearing, urban development and inappropriate planned fires. A major threat to the survival of the Glossy Black-cockatoo is habitat loss – the clearing of casuarina trees in woodland areas, and the loss of mature eucalypts containing nest-hollows.

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 Glossy Black Cockatoo!

