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# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?

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## YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO

- i** I'm a **Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo** (*Zanda funerea*), a large cockatoo up to 55cm-65cm in length.
- 🌲** I can live in a variety of habitat types, but I prefer to live in eucalypt woodlands. With my recent ability to exploit introduced pine trees as food, I am increasingly found in pine plantations and stands of pine trees in urban areas.
- 🔍** I'm easily identified by my mostly black colour, which makes my yellow cheek patches and yellow tail panels stand out. I have a bulky grey bill, and either grey (female) or red (male) eye rings. I also have a short black head crest which is usually flattened, but you may see it raised on occasion!

- 👉** I prefer to hang out with lots of my friends - we like to fly and forage in large flocks. Our flight is distinctive, appearing as slow, leisurely wing beats. We preferentially eat seeds of native trees and pinecones, though I also eat some insects. I have a long breeding season from October to February, during which time my mate and I will nest in a large tree hollow lined with wood chips and raise one chick.
- 🔊** You may hear us flying overhead or chattering to each other as we feed - our call is a distinctive, drawn-out "kee-ow" or "whee-la".

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The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo  
is **Vulnerable\***

\*at the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges (AMLR) regional level  
and the South Australian state level