



Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo

ENDANGERED

IDENTIFICATION SHEET



ADULT FEMALE

Differs from adult male by: plumage generally duller, brown-black, slightly paler on underbody. Feathers of head, foreneck, sides of neck and inner forewing-coverts of upperwing liberally spotted with pale yellow. Underbody and leading underwing-coverts barred pale orange-yellow. Large panels in tail vary from yellow grading to pale orange-yellow towards tip, to pale yellow with little or no orange; in all, panels irregularly and narrowly barred black and, sometimes, have fine black speckling. Bill, off-white.

JUVENILE

Like female, duller with darker upper bill.



ADULT MALE

Black except for broad panels of bright red in tail, conspicuous when taking off or alighting but otherwise normally visible only from below. Bill, dark grey. Iris, dark brown. Eye ring, dark grey. Legs and feet, brown-grey.

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