



South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo Nest Incentive Scheme, Terms and Conditions of Payment 2020-21

Only a certain number of nests reported each year can be rewarded.

Once the maximum number of rewards for each year is reached, payments will be subject to further funding availability.

1. This incentive is for the period September 1st 2020 to June 30th 2021.
2. There is to be NO interference or physical disturbance of South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo (SERTBC) nest trees. **Disturbed birds may abandon their nest – if they abandon before verified there can be no payment.**
3. All reports will be considered and if thought to be a possible SERTBC nest, will be investigated by trained staff to determine the presence of nesting SERTBC's.
4. All new SERTBC nests found to be active will be eligible for payment.
5. A nest may be considered to be active if normal nesting behaviour is observed. That is; that a male flies to the nest in the evening, or a female leaves the nest hollow and joins the male and that she returns to the nest and settles for the night.
6. The once off payment for each new nest site is \$500.00. A nest is considered 'new' if it is unknown to the SERTBC Recovery Team and not recorded in the SERTBC nest database.
7. Initial reports are to be phoned in 1800 262 062 and if the description given by phone is thought likely to be a SERTBC nest, we will visit your site usually within seven days to verify nesting. This will usually involve observations at dusk.
8. The location of all 'known' nest sites of SERTBC's are recorded in a confidential database managed by the SERTBC Recovery Team and will not be made available to the public.
9. In all cases, the Recovery Team have final say on whether the nest is eligible under this scheme.
10. All nest sites identified will be permanently marked.
11. If the nest is reported on private land only the landholder is entitled to the payment.
12. If a nest is reported on public land any member of the public is entitled to the payment. Note that staff from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Vic), Department of Environment and Water (SA), BirdLife Australia and members of the Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team are not eligible to claim for trees located on public land.
13. In the event that two persons report the same nest on public land only the first person to report it to the SERTBC Project Coordinator 1800 262 062 will be eligible to receive the payment.
14. If there are any signs of disturbance or interference of SERTBC Nest sites, eligibility may be revoked.
15. **NB: It is an offence to disturb or interfere with SERTBC nests and harsh penalties apply under state and federal law.**
16. Landholders who are eligible for payment must complete a 'new' nest report form and sign a declaration granting staff access to the nest site for monitoring purposes. This will normally just be a couple of visits in the first year to confirm nesting and place a predator proof collar on the tree, and once a year to maintain the collar. We will always contact the landholder prior to entering the property.