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# Join the Glossies in the Mist network

and help save the glossy black-cockatoo



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# Glossy black-cockatoo

## *Calyptorhynchus lathami*

### Vulnerable in NSW

Do you live in the Southern Highlands or Tablelands between Morton National Park and the Southern Blue Mountains?

Do you have *Allocasuarina* growing on your property?

Do you have trees with hollows on your block?

Glossy black-cockatoos could be feeding and nesting on your property.

Glossy black-cockatoos are the smallest of the five black cockatoos in Australia. These cockatoos have:

- a bulbous bill
- a short crest
- are sometimes more brownish than glossy black
- a prominent red tail panel
- female birds have yellow patches around their head and neck.

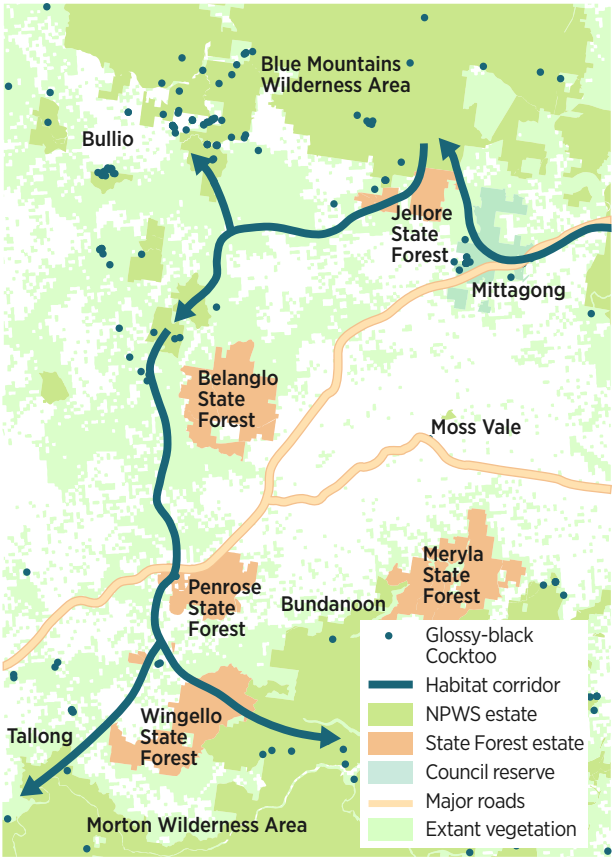


Glossy black-cockatoos are social birds and live in groups of 2-10 birds.  
Photo: C Dove

Glossy black-cockatoos are notoriously quiet and regularly return to feed on particularly favoured stands of black she-oaks (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) or weeping she-oak (*A. verticillata*).

## What is the Great Western Wildlife Corridor?

Located between Bullio and Bungonia, the Great Western Wildlife Corridor is the only linked patch of vegetation between the Southern Blue Mountains and Morton National Park. Glossy black-cockatoos require corridors of native vegetation with appropriate nesting and feeding habitat to survive. However, the Great Western Wildlife Corridor is being increasingly divided into smaller lots and cleared for new housing and infrastructure.



**Chewed she-oak cones are a clear indication of favoured feed trees.**  
Photo: S Tedder/DPIE



## What is the Glossies in the Mist project about?

Glossy black-cockatoos are declining in numbers due to the clearing of hollow-bearing trees and *Allocasuarina* species, their most important food source.

The Glossies in the Mist project aims to identify key feeding trees and map nesting hollows to help secure foraging and breeding habitat for the glossy black-cockatoo within the Great Western Wildlife Corridor.

This project relies on private landowners reporting glossy black-cockatoo sightings. We also need your help to map stands of *Allocasuarina* and assess feeding and hollow-bearing trees on your properties.

Project Partners in this project include the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Wingecarribee Shire Council, Friends of the Glossies, Australian Plant Society, Forestry Corp NSW, Local Land Services and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

## How you can help

To help secure the glossy black-cockatoo population in the Great Western Wildlife Corridor, we need to map and protect favoured feed and hollow trees, as well as monitor nesting success. Because a large portion of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor is privately owned, we need your help.

Sign up for a landholder training session to:

- discover how to identify and report sightings of glossy black-cockatoos
- learn more about their breeding behaviour
- receive tips to search, field assess and report on favoured feeding and hollow-bearing trees.

We are also looking for landholders who are interested in conserving remnants of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor on their land.

Landholders participating in the Glossies in the Mist project will receive locally-sourced *Allocasuarina* tube stock, to improve foraging habitat for glossy black-cockatoos.

To report sightings of glossy black-cockatoos and participate in upcoming landholder training sessions, go to: [environment.nsw.gov.au/GlossiesInTheMist](https://environment.nsw.gov.au/GlossiesInTheMist)



**Glossy black-cockatoo**  
**(*Calyptorhynchus***  
***lathamii*) Photo:**  
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## Find out more

**Contact the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on (02) 4224 4150 to:**

- **Join the project and protect glossy black-cockatoo habitat by reporting favoured feed trees and hollow-bearing nest trees on your property.**
- **Access funding for fencing, revegetation and weeding.**

**Contact Wingecarribee Shire Council on (02) 4868 0888 to:**

- **Receive on-ground support from local natural resource management experts.**
- **Join the Land for Wildlife Network.**

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