

# **CONSERVATION CORNER**

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## **Glossy Black Cockatoos - Upward trend in population**

From early September to mid October 2001, a minimum of 249 glossies was recorded on Kangaroo Island, At this time of the year, the birds form into flocks of 20 to 30, or occasionally more, at scattered locations across the island.

However there are always elusive birds remaining in small family groups rather than joining the larger flocks. This was particularly the case in 2001 when a wet spring resulted in more widespread watering sires than is usual.

Allowing for likely movements of birds between areas and the probability that some birds were overlooked, Lynn Pedlar's estimate of the KI Glossy Black Cockatoo population for the 2001 census is 260-270 birds.

This represents a slight increase on recent counts, although further annual censuses are required to confirm this upward trend.

Once again the census identified a high proportion (around twenty per cent) of young birds in the population. As these birds mature and breed we should see a more pronounced increase in the population.