

**CARNABY'S COCKATOO
AND
WESTERN LONG-BILLED CORELLA
(SOUTHERN SUBSPECIES)
RECOVERY PLAN (PREPARATION)**

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Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* and Western Long-billed Corella (southern subspecies) *Cacatua pastinator pastinator* (hereafter termed Muir's Corella) are listed as threatened pursuant to the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and ranked as Endangered by the WA Threatened Species Scientific Committee. Both species are included in 'Part 1 - Species that are endangered' of 'Schedule 1 Listed Species' of the Commonwealth *Endangered Species Protection Act 1992*.

In 1998, the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) applied for funding from the Natural Heritage Trust to prepare draft Recovery Plans for both species. This application was successful.

CALM set up two recovery teams to oversee the preparation of the recovery plans. Membership is as follows:

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo:

Dr Andrew Burbidge (CALM Threatened Species and Communities Unit, Chair)
Mr Michael Brooker (Birds Australia)
Dr Belinda Cale
Mrs Alison Doley (farmer, Kalannie)
Mr Neil Hamilton (Perth Zoo)
Mr Ron Johnstone (WA Museum)
Dr Peter Mawson (CALM Wildlife Branch)
Mr Kingsley Miller (CALM Wildlife Protection)
Dr Denis Saunders (CSIRO Wildlife and Ecology)
Staff in CALM's Mid-West, Wheatbelt and Swan Regions were also involved.

Muir's Corella:

Dr Andrew Burbidge (CALM Threatened Species and Communities Unit, Chair)
Mr Peter Keppel (CALM Southern Forest Region)
Mr Ron Johnstone (WA Museum)
Dr Peter Mawson (CALM Wildlife Branch)
Ms Marion Massam (Agriculture WA)
Mr Clive Nealon (Birds Australia)

CALM contracted Dr Belinda Cale to work half-time during 1999 to collate background information on both species and to draft the plans in association with the recovery teams. Drs Burbidge and Mawson supervised Dr Cale.

Dr Cale worked closely with recovery team members in drafting the recovery plans. In addition to specific consultations with each member, both recovery teams met twice during 1999 to review drafts of the recovery plans and discussion strategies.

Copies of the current drafts of the recovery plans are attached. These are provided to Environment Australia for information, not for adoption under the ESP Act. Final drafts will be submitted for adoption once formal CALM and WA Minister for the Environment approvals have been obtained.