



# Citron-crested Cockatoo



*Cacatua sulphurea citrinocristata*



Found in Woodland and Cultivation, but not inside forests on the Sumba Island off the North coast of Australia. Has also been introduced to Hong Kong and Singapore.

Considered to be a sub-species of the Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, the Citron-crested Cockatoo numbered only around 2 400 birds in the wild in 1992. This number has almost certainly decreased due to theft for the illegal pet trade and continued habitat destruction.

This bird was made famous in the early 1990's in South Africa by the use of one in the NBS Banking adverts who famously shouted, "Yes, Yes, NBS."

The rapid decline in the numbers of these birds shows again how the illegal trade in wildlife can bring a species to the brink of extinction. Whilst there are certainly more in captivity than there are left in the wild, and they breed relatively easily as well, there are no plans to release these beautiful birds back into the wild due to ongoing habitat destruction, and theft for the illegal pet trade.



**Lifespan:** 50 Years  
**Weight:** 350g  
**Size:** 33 cm  
**Breeding Season:** September - October  
**Incubation Period:** 27 Days  
**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 3  
**Diet:** Seeds, Nuts, Berries, Fruits and Coconuts  
**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, theft for the illegal pet trade.  
**Conservation Status:** Critically Endangered - CITES Appendix I.