

Ducorp's Cockatoo

Cacatua ducorpsii



These almost pure white Cockatoos are found in a variety of habitats only on the Solomon Islands in Indonesia.

They are commonly found in pairs or small groups of up to 8 birds outside breeding season and occasionally larger flocks in areas with abundant food. Like most cockatoos, they gather at dusk on roosting trees; perching on outer branches of tallest trees. In early morning they fly screeching loudly to feeding grounds although are generally shy and cautious; only coming down to ground to feed and drink with a few birds on lookout on surrounding trees. If disturbed they fly off screeching loudly.

They are still common in the wild and have not suffered as much as many of the other cockatoos by the pet trade. This is partly because of their habit of nesting in very tall trees. Duke and Snowy - the pair we have on display were donated to the park like many other birds in our collection.



Lifespan: 50 Years

Weight: 360 g

Size: 30cm

Breeding Season: Jun - Aug

Incubation Period: 27 -28 Days

Number of Chicks: 1 - 3

Diet: Fruits, seeds, blossoms, leaf buds, insects.
Also cultivated paw paws and sweet potatoes.

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction,
trapping for pet trade, persecution by farmers.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened -
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