






# Kangaroo Island Glossy Black-Cockatoo Observation and Photography Guidelines

The endangered SA Glossy Black-Cockatoo is only found on Kangaroo Island. Glossies are susceptible to disturbance, especially during the breeding season (January–September) when it is critical they are not interrupted during feeding bouts or incubation.



## When observing or photographing Glossies, please follow these rules:

-  Keep your distance! Stay at least 30m from Glossies that are feeding; 50 m if they are drinking or occupying a nest hollow.
-  Do not pursue glossies that fly away from you. They probably left because you were perceived as a threat!
-  Minimise disturbance: Talk softly, turn off phones, mute camera sounds, and do not deliberately attract the glossies' attention. Minimise visits to areas with Glossies and limit group size to six people.
-  Use powerful zoom lenses to take close-up photos. This will minimise disturbance to the birds. Do not use flash photography.
-  Be aware of SA legislation: It is an offence to harass protected species (Section 68; *SA National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*). Do not enter private land without permission.