



# Biosecurity alert: Sulphur-crested cockatoo



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## What to look for and how to report

Sulphur-crested cockatoos are declared pests under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* in **Western Australia's south-west region**, and should be reported if seen.



**REPORT**

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**DO NOT report Corellas**

They are widespread  
and abundant

## Status in Western Australia

They are not native to the south-west, but have been introduced as a result of pet birds escaping captivity.

They compete with native bird species, and cause damage to cereal, oilseed and legume crops, fruit and vegetable crops, and timber. They also eat stock feed, stored grain and hay.

This species can only be kept under permit, and only family pets can be imported.

## What to look for

- Long, sulphur-yellow crest that is forward curving.
- Large white birds.
- Slightly larger than white corellas and galahs.
- 40cm – 51cm long.

## Behaviour

- Noisy and conspicuous birds with loud screeching calls.
- Found in pairs or family groups during the breeding season, and at other times in flocks of other birds.
- When flocks are feeding on the ground, sentinel birds keep watch and will rise into the air and screech loudly if sensing danger.



### Report your observations

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