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| Last chance to see Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoo before they disappear |

Get out and see them while you still can. A once well loved sight around the suburbs of Perth, the Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoo could go extinct within 15 years should the Government’s proposed ‘Green Growth Plan’ go ahead as scheduled.

Local birder and BirdLife Western Australia member XXX invited his/her State MP XXX out to meet the charismatic species before they disappear from the landscape entirely.

Carnaby’s are set lose more than 50 per cent of their known habitat in the Perth–Peel region under the current draft of the plan.

Last week BirdLife Australia has called an emergency community meeting to discuss the future of Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoo in Perth after it was revealed that, contrary to expert advice, the WA Government intends to proceed with critical habitat clearance as planned.

 “Should clearing proceed, it is expected that the population of Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoos around Perth will decline by half,” XXX said. “For a species that is already listed as Endangered, this is completely unacceptable.”

“The plan should outline strategies for protecting Perth’s iconic Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoo population, not significantly increasing its risk of extinction.”

BirdLife Australia recently conducted its annual Great Cocky Count, where a record number of over 1000 people volunteered their time to monitor around 420 Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoo roosts across the Perth–Peel Coastal Plain.

The discovery of a ‘megaroost’ in the pine plantations north of Wanneroo highlights the importance of this habitat to the Endangered native birds. This is the precise habitat scheduled to be cleared under the government’s proposed ‘Green Growth Plan’.

“The fate of the entire population of Carnaby’s Black-Cockatoos around Perth is now in the balance,” said XXX.

BirdLife is calling on members of the public to participate in the public consultation process accepting comments on the plan until May 13.

To find out more, including how you can get involved, go to: [www.actforbirds.org/resources](http://www.actforbirds.org/resources)

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