






BLUE-WINGED KOOKABURRA

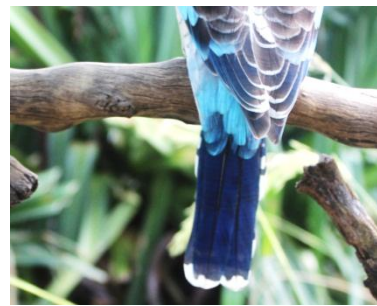
Blue-winged Kookaburra, <i>Dacelo leachii</i>
Length 380-420mm
Weight 250-350grams
Wingspan 650-720mm
Identification It has blue wings and rump with brown shoulders and a creamy barred breast and belly. Birds are sexually dimorphic.
Behaviour Found in family groups of up to 12 individuals. Feeds on a large variety of prey found on or close to the ground including insects, lizards and frogs to small birds, rodents, fish and even crayfish.
Reproduction Nest is high in tree hollows or arboreal termite nests. Both parents help incubate the 3-4 white eggs for 25days followed by previous offspring and parents who feed and raise the chicks for another 36 days when fledged.
Habitat It lives in open savannah, woodland and Melaleuca swamps across northern Australia from Shark Bay in WA to Brisbane.



NT Conservation Status	
Extinct EX	Threatened EW CR EN VU
Least Concern NT LC	
Distribution	
	
Threats	
 Fire	 Vehicles
 Habitat Loss	 Feral Cats



Strong Beak



Male - Blue tail



Female – Brown tail



Nesting Hollows