



## FAQs for the Great Glossy Count

### What is the Great Glossy Count?

The Great Glossy Count is a citizen science event that will take place across the distribution of the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, and Victoria. The South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo is at risk of population decline after losing many of its feed trees in the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020. Data collected during the Great Glossy Count will support vital bushfire recovery and conservation work by informing habitat management for these birds.

### How can I learn more about identifying Glossies and their feed trees?

- Field guide for South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo: <https://bit.ly/SEGBCfieldguide>.
- Video on how to identify Glossies and their feed trees: <https://bit.ly/IDglossies>.

### Can I still take part if I am not in a bushfire-affected area?

Yes, you can still take part.

### Where do I go on the day of the Count?

The Great Glossy Count team will allocate a data collection site to you based on the information you provided in your registration form. You will receive your allocated site by email before 23 March.

### Can I choose my own location to look for Glossies?

Yes. Many volunteers have a favourite location where they like to observe Glossy Black-Cockatoos. Some volunteers like to record sightings on their own properties. If you have a preferred location, advise us at [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au) before 20 March.

### What should I bring on the day of the Count?

Refer to our 'How to participate in the Great Glossy Count' guide.

### What should I do when I get to my data collection site?

Refer to our 'How to participate in the Great Glossy Count' guide.

### Can I bring a friend?

Absolutely. If you have not already specified in your registration form, email us at [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au) before 20 March with the details of the people you'd like to participate with and we will allocate you to the same site.

### What if I have questions about my allocated site?

If you have questions about your site, please contact:

- **Queensland and Northern NSW**  
Sarah | [sightings@glossyblack.org.au](mailto:sightings@glossyblack.org.au) | 0438 837 367
- **Greater NSW, ACT, and Victoria**  
Andrew | [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au) | 0414 460 937

## **I can't participate on the day of the Count, can I participate on another day?**

Data collected outside of 26 March will not be included in the Great Glossy Count dataset. Data collected on other days is still valuable. You can record Glossy Black-Cockatoo sightings and feed tree data on the Birdata mobile app or at [birdata.birdlife.org.au](http://birdata.birdlife.org.au) at any time, using the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo program.

## **How long do I need to spend collecting data for the count?**

We recommend you spend at least one hour collecting data at your allocated site, covering as much area of your site as you can. However, you can collect data at your site for as long as you would like.

## **What time should I collect data on the day of the count?**

You can collect data at any time during daylight hours. Some volunteers like to go in the morning and afternoon when the birds are most active, and some like to collect data at multiple sites.

Make sure to record your start and finish times in Birdata (or on your printed data collection sheet to enter into Birdata later). Refer to the 'How to participate in the Great Glossy Count' guide for information on how to do this.

## **How do I record Glossy sightings or feed tree observations?**

You will need to use the Birdata app or web portal to record your bird or feed tree observations ([birdata.birdlife.org.au](http://birdata.birdlife.org.au)). To use Birdata while in the field, download the app to your mobile device before the day and register as a user ([support.birdlife.org.au/sign-up](http://support.birdlife.org.au/sign-up)). If you cannot register as a new user, use the following details to log in:

username – **email address you used to register for the count;** and  
password – **ggc2022**

## **Where can I find more information on how to use Birdata?**

Resources on how to use Birdata are available here:

- Written guide: [bit.ly/birdataGUIDE](http://bit.ly/birdataGUIDE)
- Video (web portal): [bit.ly/birdataWEB](http://bit.ly/birdataWEB)
- Video: (mobile app): [bit.ly/BirdataApp](http://bit.ly/BirdataApp)

## **What should I do if I see a Glossy Black-Cockatoo?**

Record your data in the Birdata app (preferred), or onto a printed data collection sheet. Take a photo or video if you can; this may help confirm identification details later. Use the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo field guide to help you estimate the sex and age of the bird. Do not purposefully disturb Glossy Black-Cockatoos to get a good photo or identification.

## **What if I don't see any Glossy Black-Cockatoos?**

If you don't see any Glossy Black-Cockatoos, but you have observed feed trees, record the feed tree data. If you see neither Glossy Black-Cockatoos nor feed trees, record this information. The absence of Glossies and their feed trees is important data. Refer to the 'How to participate in the Great Glossy Count' guide for more information.

## **What should I do if I'm not sure whether a bird is a Glossy Black-Cockatoo?**

- Where possible, take a photo or video of any birds you see. Birdata allows you to upload photos, so the Great Glossy Count team can help you verify the sighting.
- Refer to the field guide ([bit.ly/SEGBCfieldguide](http://bit.ly/SEGBCfieldguide)) and video ([bit.ly/IDglossies](http://bit.ly/IDglossies)) to do your best to identify the bird.
- Contact one of our support team to chat through what you saw and heard.

## What if I think the same individual bird has re-appeared in my site?

Record your observation as per usual, but make a note in the “Comments” section that you believe it is the same bird as seen previously. Where possible, take a photo or video of any birds you see. Birddata allows you to upload photos, so the Great Glossy Count team can help you verify the sighting and whether it is the same bird.

## What happens if I don't have an internet connection at my site?

You can use and record data in the Birddata mobile app without an internet connection. Data will be uploaded once your internet connection is re-established. If your map doesn't load properly (i.e., shows up as white), don't panic – your GPS location is still being tracked. You can click your location and check the grid cell name to confirm you are still in the correct grid cell. If you cannot use Birddata on your device, you can use a printed data collection sheet ([bit.ly/GGCdatasheet](http://bit.ly/GGCdatasheet)). If you use a data collection sheet on the day, you will need to enter your data into Birddata later ([birddata.birdlife.org.au](http://birddata.birdlife.org.au)) for it to be included in the Great Glossy Count dataset.

## Key resources

- South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Field Guide: [bit.ly/SEGBCfieldguide](http://bit.ly/SEGBCfieldguide)
- How to ID Glossies and their feed trees video: [bit.ly/IDglossies](http://bit.ly/IDglossies)
- Birddata website portal and mobile app download: [birddata.birdlife.org.au](http://birddata.birdlife.org.au)
- Register for a Birddata account: [support.birdlife.org.au/sign-up](http://support.birdlife.org.au/sign-up)
- How to use Birddata – written guide: [bit.ly/birddataGUIDE](http://bit.ly/birddataGUIDE)
- How to use Birddata mobile app – video: [bit.ly/BirddataApp](http://bit.ly/BirddataApp)
- How to use Birddata web – video: [bit.ly/birddataWEB](http://bit.ly/birddataWEB)
- Data sheet: [bit.ly/GGCdatasheet](http://bit.ly/GGCdatasheet)

## Where to go for more information

Email: [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au)

Phone: Samantha Morris 0421 709 519

## Contacts on the day – 26 March 2022

If you need support on the day, please contact your region coordinator:

- *Queensland and Northern NSW*  
Samantha or Elli | [birdingday@glossyblack.org.au](mailto:birdingday@glossyblack.org.au) | 0421 709 519
- *Greater NSW and ACT*  
Andrew | [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au) | 0414 460 937
- *Victoria*  
Laura | [GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:GreatGlossyCount@birdlife.org.au) | 0436 465 552

## Glossy ID support

Our Glossy Black-Cockatoo experts may be out in the field themselves during the Great Glossy Count. If you do need support identifying a bird, you can try the people below. If they don't answer, leave a message for them to call you back or try another person on the list.

- Marama Hopkins 02 6670 2787
- Liz Gould 0400 748 157
- Eric Anderson 0427 127 417
- Mike Barth 0448 066 348