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SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO

Family Cacatuidae

Species *Cacatua galerita*

Common name Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

Status Introduced from cage-bird escapes although it may have been added to over the years by windblown stragglers from Australia from where it originates

Abundance Common in selected areas

Size 500 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm, Kaka 450 mm)

Habitat Found in native forest remnants, exotic plantations and especially in eucalypt trees.

Worldwide range In Australia it is extremely common being found in eastern and northern states. It is also found in Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia. In New Zealand it has never built up large populations but numbers are growing in some localities.

