



## Species Fact Sheet



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### Moluccan Cockatoo

*Cacatua moluccaensis*

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**Habitat:** Dense forests

**Range:** Southern Moluccan Islands and the Indonesian Islands

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal-active during the day

**Size:** Approximately 19-20 inches tall, weighs about 2 pounds

**Social Structure:** Live in loose flocks.  
Male and female parents are both responsible for the care of the young.

**Distinguishing Features:** Large white bird with a crest of feathers on their head that is salmon-pink and can be raised and lowered.  
Light yellow on the wings and tail.  
Blue ring circles their eye, males have black eyes while females have brown eyes.  
Known for their ear piercing yells.

**Diet:** Seeds, nuts, fruit, berries and occasionally insects

**Life Span:** 65 or more years

### **Did you know?**

***There is a white powder covering the cockatoos feathers that allow them to be waterproof.***