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**Cockatoos and Parrots**

About 300 species worldwide. 14 breed in New Zealand. Few are endemic to New Zealand, and have not been introduced. Parents are well known for their colourful plumage, often bold in captivity. All have a large head and eye, a short beak and a tail. Most cockatoos are malacocephal, although some also have slotted birds. The bill is strongly curved, sharply pointed, and banded at the base; these represent the same cockatoos. Their feet are rather weak, and often rest on or both.

Cockatoos and Parrots can be seen with their own extensive wings, showing agglomeration of flight. They can be seen with their own extensive wings, showing agglomeration of flight.

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**Cockatoos**

- Species: **Cacatuidae**
- Numbers: Over 300 species worldwide
- Breeding: Single broods
- Habitat: Forests, woodlands, open country
- Diet: Fruits, seeds, nectar, pollen
- Distribution: Worldwide

**Parrots**

- Species: **Psittacidae**
- Numbers: Around 400 species worldwide
- Breeding: Monogamous
- Habitat: Forests, woodlands, savannas
- Diet: Fruits, seeds, nectar, pollen
- Distribution: Worldwide

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**Characteristics**

- **Cockatoos**
  - Large, colorful, often with a white face.
  - Long tail feathers.
  - Strong beak.
  - Curved lower mandible.

- **Parrots**
  - Larger, often with a green or blue plumage.
  - Stronger beak.
  - Straighter lower mandible.

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**Breeding**

- **Cockatoos**
  - Most breed in the early to late summer.
  - Single broods.

- **Parrots**
  - Most breed in the early to late summer.
  - Monogamous pairings.

**Distribution**

- **Cockatoos**
  - Found in Australia, New Guinea, and islands of the southwestern Pacific. Some species also found in Madagascar.

- **Parrots**
  - Found in South America, Central America, and parts of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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**Conservation**

- **Cockatoos**
  - Some species are endangered due to habitat loss and hunting.

- **Parrots**
  - Some species are threatened due to habitat loss and hunting.

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**References**


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