



# BROLGA

## Description

The Brolga is a long legged bird with a silvery-grey body. The undersides of the wingtips are black or dark brown and part of the head and neck are scarlet. The Brolga stands up to 140 cm tall. Females are slightly smaller than the males.

## Diet

Brolgas are **omnivores** and eat sedge tubers, insects and aquatic invertebrates.

## In the wild

Breeding pairs bond for life. They engage in dramatic displays involving leaps, head shaking and loud trumpeting. These dances may help to strengthen the bond between males and females outside the breeding season. When the young hatch, they are taken care of by both partners and remain with their parents for a year or more.

## Threats

Habitat destruction due to the filling in of swamps and wetlands is a threat to their survival.

## At Perth Zoo

Brolgas can be seen inside the **Australian Wetlands** with many other water birds.

### Scientific Name

*Grus rubicunda*

### Other Names

Australian Crane

### Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

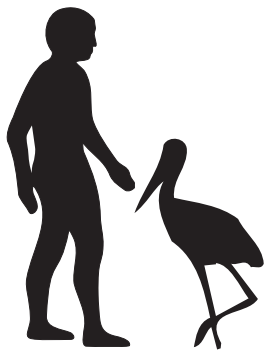
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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**Body Length:** 95–135 cm

**Incubation:** 28–30 days

**Number of eggs:** 2



Distribution ■

**Distribution:** Northern and Eastern Australia

**Habitat:** Swamplands

## Did you know?

An Aboriginal legend says the Brolga was once a famous dancer named Buralga.

