

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: MOLUCCAN COCKATOO

Also known as SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO

Names / Sex / Age:

Peaches F 10

Previous Home: Private home.

Native to: Chain of islands in Indonesia

Weight: Two to three pounds.

Life Expectancy: Over 70 years.

Status: Critically endangered

Diet: Seeds, nuts, berries, fruit, insects. At Black Pine the same, plus commercially prepared large parrot maintenance pellets.

Facts:

- Like all cockatoos, this bird has a crest of feathers on its head it can raise and lower. In this species, the crest is a vibrant salmon color.
- When the crest is raised it looks a little like a horn, while when lowered the feathers blend in with it's head and neck.
- The tips of the flight feathers on this bird's wings are yellow
- This is the largest of the white cockatoos
- This intelligent bird requires constant stimulation in captivity to thrive.
- Chewing is a favorite activity, so housing can be a challenge.

Personal History:

Peaches was a much beloved house pet that was ultimately displaced when family members could not agree on keeping the bird and, therefore, couldn't keep the peace. She is a very nice bird as long as she is the center of attention.

Peaches gained notoriety in 2007 when, during a loud exchange between construction workers at the park, she let loose with some choice words. When the story was shared with a member of the local media Peaches became front-page news. The story of the "cursing cockatoo" made it's way onto the national news wires and eventually overseas. A Google search for "Peaches cursing cockatoo" will reveal the hundreds of news organizations who ran the story, bringing some attention to Black Pine, but little else!