

mini CONSERVATION HERO



HELMETED HONEYEATER FUN FACTS



The crest on top of their head looks a bit like a helmet – which is how they got their name!

FEMALES HAVE AN AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF AROUND **4 YEARS** AND MALES AROUND **5 YEARS**.

Close
COVER

THE HELMETED HONEYEATERS REQUIRE lots of bushes close together for **SUCCESSFUL NESTING**.

Sweet
tooth

They are **BLACK, YELLOW** and **OLIVE-BROWN** in colour.



A newborn bird is about the size OF A **JELLY BEAN**.

About **25%** of the Helmeted Honeyeater's diet IS **NECTAR FROM FLOWERS**.

MAJOR THREATS

Loss of habitat is the primary threat to the Helmeted Honeyeater. They need to **live close to water**, so drought and bushfires endanger their existence.

Helmeted Honeyeaters are **critically endangered**, with **fewer than 200** left in the wild.



FIGHTING EXTINCTION

Zoos Victoria began a recovery program for the Helmeted Honeyeater in 1989. We are committed to the captive breeding of the birds to increase their numbers in the wild.

Many people have been helping the Helmeted Honeyeater since the 1950s. A place called Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve was created by the Victorian Government in 1965 to protect the honeyeater.

The captive-breeding program at Healesville Sanctuary began in 1989. More than 400 chicks have been bred in captivity, and more than 280 of those chicks were released to the wild.

More than one million trees have been planted since 2014 to create habitat for the Helmeted Honeyeater.

AT-HOME ACTIVITY

Place a shallow water dish in your front or back yard to provide water to your local birds.



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