

Track Hollow Gang gang Story 2021/22 Breeding Season

Key Observations

14 Oct 2021 – One GG egg in the hollow. This GG pair was ID'd as one that tried last season
26 Oct – (Pole camera) Broken egg shells possibly possum predation
16 Nov – (pole camera) two eggs in hollow laid approximately 10 Nov. Different GG pair than first egg
21 Dec – (pole camera) egg/s have hatched. Nestlings look to be about 1 week old
18 Jan - first sighting of chick at edge of hollow
27 Jan (am) – chick Fledged.
28 Jan – pole camera showed nothing left in the hollow
30 Jan – Larissa took photo of recently fledged female chick being fed near track hollow.

Time from start of incubation to chick (female) fledging - 78 days ie 11 weeks 2 days.

Time from first sighting at hollow to fledging – 9 days.

Fledging not witnessed.

Summary (without photos)

9 Oct 2021 Photo LisaH CNM Female on the hollow

14 Oct 1241pm GG egg in the hollow. Larissa had witnessed a lot of interest in this hollow prior to this photo.

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Comparison of photos show that the last seasons female and the first female this season (that laid an egg), probably the same bird.

The successful pair appear to be a different pair.

16 Nov 1137hrs two new eggs in the hollow Eggs probably been there about a week. Judging by reports from Larissa of activity at the Hollow. So estimated eggs laid about 10 Nov. Note this is a different pair of parents. The female has no rose colour on her left cheek. The female with the rose colour on her left cheek has been seen at Larissa hollow. Where incubation behaviour is happening. Need to see if I have a photo of the latest female here.

26 Nov 1124hrs female at hollow.

1 Dec 0736hrs – Minister Sussan Ley visited and the male came out to see what was happening when everyone was talking.

21 Dec 1125hrs (not sure if 1 or 2chicks). Look to be about a week old. If only one, I wonder what happened to the other egg

31 Dec 2030hrs female is going into the hollow for the night

18 Jan 1518hrs first sighting of chick at edge of hollow. She is waiting to be fed .

22 Jan 1927hrs Male GG is very agitated by the sugar glider which is high in the hollow tree. Making loud squawking noises and showing typical behaviour when trying to defend or scare a predator away. The female GG looked on while the male was showing most of the aggression towards the glider. This aggressive behaviour went on for at least an hour. Then both parents went down near the hollow. The female went into the hollow and gave a short feed to the chick. The pair of GGs then flew off not too far and returned 10mins later. We waited (Larissa and I were both there) until the female was in the hollow looking out and seemed settled for the night before leaving

22 Jan 1936hrs – gliders eyes appear to be shut. It is nocturnal and should not be out this time of day

22 Jan 2021hrs mum settled for the night to protect the hollow

23 Jan 1048hrs mum is coming in for a feed. Larissa had been watching the hollow since 1000hrs and said the parents had been calling to the chick and it had poked its head out of the hollow. They are starting the process of getting it ready to fledge. No sign of wing stretching or clawing cleaning at this stage so probably fledging 3 to 5 days away say 26th or 27th Jan. Only one chick seen at the hollow at this stage. Wonder what happened to the other egg

23 Jan 1049hrs mum starts feeding at entrance and then disappears into the hollow. Mum finished feeding and came to entrance at 1052hrs.

25 Jan 0959hrs chick chewing edge of hollow and stretching wings

25 Jan 0959hrs chick quite high in hollow

25 Jan 1000hrs Dad is just above the chick is waiting for a feed.

25 Jan 1008hrs mum enjoying some mulberries in the mulberry tree near hollow.

1010hrs he seems to reach across the chick. Maybe he is preening its feathers. Next he seems to feed the chick in the hollow which takes about 40secs.

25 Jan 1015hrs He joins his partner in the mulberry tree for a feed of mulberries. They both spend another 15mins enjoying the mulberries

25 Jan 1830hrs nothing at the hollow as I walked past. So I go across to Downy.

25 Jan 1923hrs Still nothing at Downy as I come back.

2000hrs Jen goes to the hollow and sees both the parents and chick. The chick at times has half its body out of the hollow. Eventually mum seems to settle into the hollow. No calling back and forth so it is probably not quite ready to fledge yet.

26 Jan 0950hrs the pair are on a nearby tree preening each other. It is very noisy with builders nearby so I leave and walk across to Downy where mum emerges from the hollow after feeding and the pair fly off. Nothing at Track hollow on the way back 30 mins later.

26 Jan 1409hrs Dad feeding daughter visible

26 Jan 1424hrs chick quite high in hollow

26 Jan 1425hrs Stretching wings in the hollow maybe not enough room outside

26 Jan 1945hrs – chick was just visible for about 20mins. Parents around but not feeding

27 Jan 1247hrs I watched the male at the hollow for about 5mins. It then went into the hollow. I did not hear any feeding at this hollow was usually very quiet. The chick did not show at all. I left about 5 mins after the male went into the hollow and nothing had happened. The site was noisy due to nearby construction workers. Usually the chick would show before the male went into the hollow to feed, so it had probably fledged in the morning.

Lets say Fledged 27 Jan am. Jen reported no sign of the chick that evening, and bit of strange GG behaviour.

28 Jan 0754hrs I poled the hollow and nothing there. Notice the chipped bark on the base of hollow is still quite large.

30 Jan 2022 Photo Larissa CNM – male feeding recently fledged chick near Track hollow



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Photo taken by Larissa of the first pair at Track hollow this year. Around early October 2021



5 Jan 2021 1117hrs female at track hollow when inspecting the hollow with Chris. Is this the same bird? Both have the rose spot in similar location.



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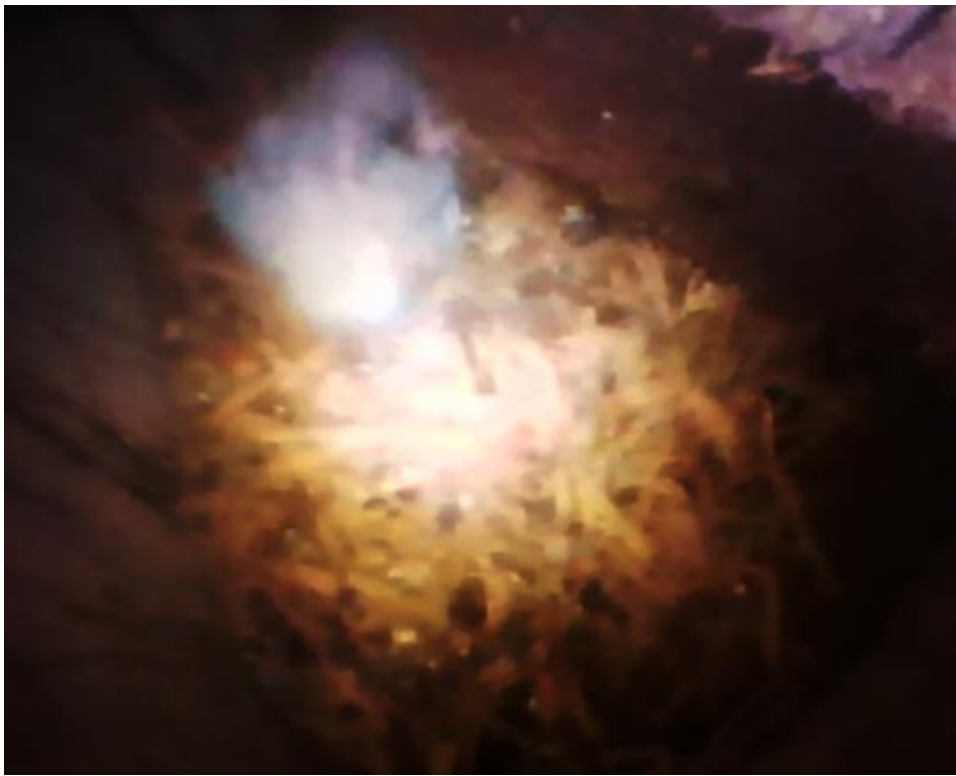
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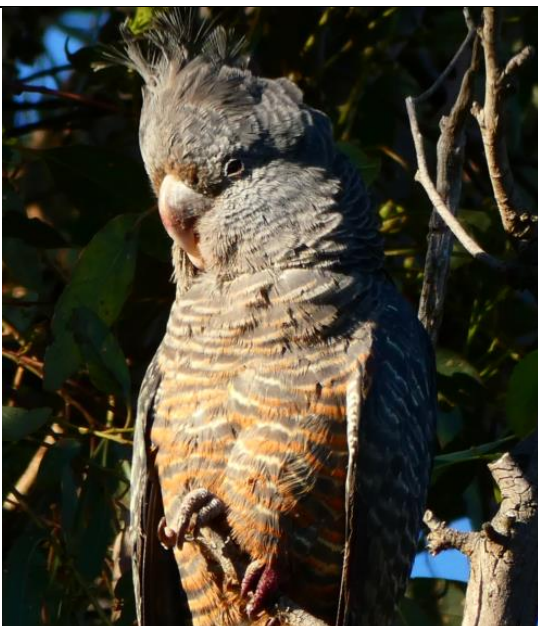
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18Jan 1521hrs male comes in to feed young daughter.



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22 Jan 2022 1916hrs shows no rose spot on cheek. This is a different female from last season and the start of this season. Beak and claws are stained from mulberries from nearby tree



22 Jan 1920hrs shows male with mulberry stained beak and claws.



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23Jan 1053hrs the male went in and fed the chick in the hollow. The male was back out at 1054hrs. Feeding lasted just over a minute.



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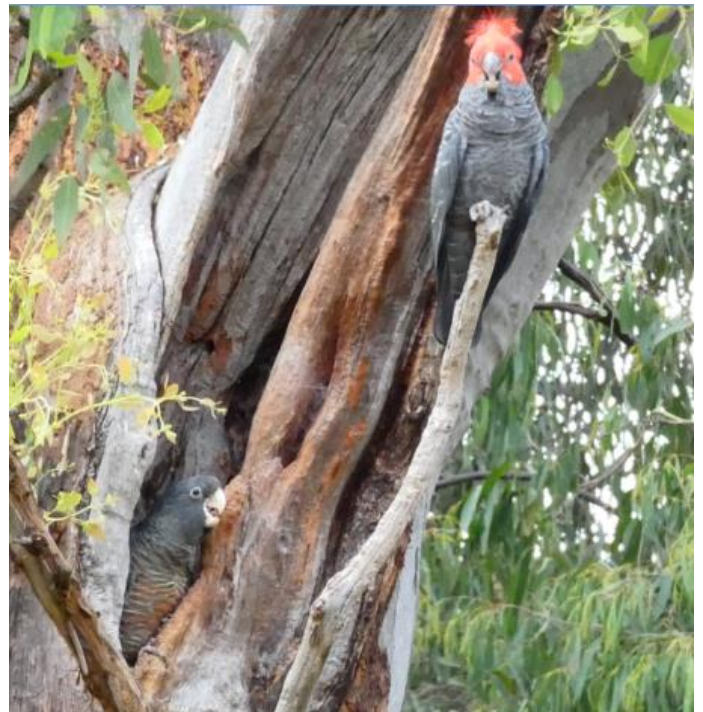


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Below Notes on CNM from Larissa

Seeing these three warmed my heart - two parents and a young female, three days post fledging. (We believe she flew the nest on Thursday morning). We'd noticed the gentle chatting of gang gangs in the area close to the hollow a couple of days after fledging. This afternoon I walked under a tree close-ish to the hollow, and heard a soft discussion above. The parents flew to another tree, leaving their young one on a relatively thin branch. She spread her wings often as she sought to balance. The male flew back to her, landed on a branch nearby, then quickly moved to her and fed, before flying to his previous nearby tree. The adults then flew off, leaving the young one to hone her perching skills. I did not wait for their return.

We can confidently state that the chick had a successful fledging.