

# WORLD CASSOWARY DAY

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## CAN YOU HELP MAKE THE CASSOWARY FAMOUS?

### CASSOWARIES ARE GLOBALLY IMPORTANT

The Southern Cassowary (*Casuarius casuarius*) is a large, flightless bird with impressive colouring and strong, dinosaur-like feet.

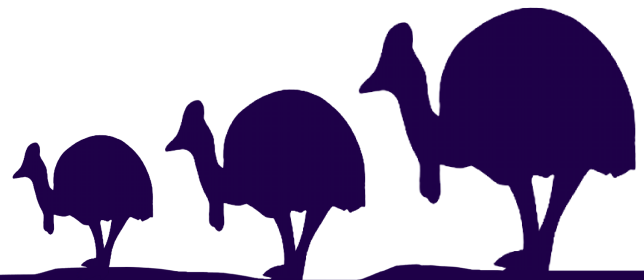
While the Southern Cassowary is found in Papua New Guinea and surrounding islands, one subspecies – *Casuarius casuarius johnsonii* – lives in Australia, mostly in the dense, tropical World Heritage listed Wet Tropics rainforests which include the world's oldest continuously surviving rainforests. Cassowary numbers in Australia plummeted until World Heritage listing of the rainforests in 1988. Current population estimates for cassowaries in Australia are just 4000 and habitat loss, car strikes and dog attacks continue to threaten the species.

Not only are cassowaries critical to the survival of the rainforest because they spread the seeds of the unique rainforest trees, but by protecting their home, we protect the homes of many other unique and endangered animals including Tree Kangaroos, Spectacled Flying Foxes and Mahogany Gliders (not to mention the extremely ancient plant families found nowhere else on Earth!!!)

Still this place, and these magnificent creatures, remain unknown to those not familiar with this unique part of the world. To protect Cassowaries and their World Heritage home, we need the whole world to know about them, so on September 26 - World Cassowary Day - can you help make the magnificent Cassowary famous?

It is easy and free!

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