

Double-eyed Fig-Parrots, Cairns FN Qld

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Some observations of a nest-site of Double-eyed Fig-Parrots at Parramatta State School in Cairns showed a female and two different males near the juvenile occupant. A peculiar upper mandible formation on one of the males made for easy differentiation of the males.

Here is the juvenile in the nest hollow. It's darkening bill shows that it is close to adulthood and is likely a female *ssp macleayana* (Macleay's Fig-Parrot).



Although limited observation showed that the female adult was more involved in providing food, this pic shows Male 1 there, feeding the juvenile.

Note that this male has a normal upper mandible.



Here the juvenile is being fed by the female with Male 2 nearby. Male 2 has a huge hook to the upper mandible, so is easily identifiable as a different bird. We do not know whether Male 2 is dependent on the female for food or whether it can sustain itself or whether it is involved in raising the juvenile. It certainly appears to be healthy and in fully adult plumage.



Finally, Figure 5 shows a close-up of Male 2.



References

Wiki (2019): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double-eyed_fig_parrot accessed 3 November 2019