

BIRD field guide

White-cheeked Honeyeater Phylidonyris nigra

When to look: April to November

Long downwardcurved bill

Dark brown eyes

Mainly black head with large white cheek patch

Similar species:

The New Holland Honeyeater is similar in size, shape and appearance, but can be distinguished by its white eye. Other different traits of the New Holland Honeyeater include a smaller white cheek patch and an eybrow starting from behind the eye (as opposed to the base of the beak).

Other black and white honeyeaters are smaller, including the Crescent, Tawny-crowned and Whitefronted Honeyeaters. Body is mainly black and white with large bright yellow tail and wing panels

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