

Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*

When to look:
August to March

Grey head with a noticeable thin black crest

Red eyes with pin-red rings around them

Dark grey bill

Wings have black bars and glossy green and purple patches

Grey-brown feathers that become pinker on the underparts

Pink legs and feet

Similar species:

Spinifex Pigeon: smaller (20-24 cm) with cinnamon coloured feathers and a bright red patch on its face.

Topknot Pigeon: larger (40-46 cm) with a shaggy, red-brown crest that is droopy rather than erect like the Crested Pigeon's. Also, it is rarely found on the ground.

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