

Tanimbar corella, Goffin's cockatoo

Shiro-bitai Muji-Oumu (it means Plain coloured Parrot with White forehead)

Scientific name Cacatua goffiniana

Classification Psittaciformes, Cacatuidae

Distribution Yamdena, Larat and Selaru, all islands in the Tanimbar Islands in Indonesia. It has been introduced to the Kai Islands, Indonesia, Puerto Rico and Singapore.

Feeding Habits In the wild, they eat fruits and seeds. When eating hard seeds or nuts, using their strong beak and tongue to dexterously break and remove the inedible hard shell and eat the contents.

Characteristics It inhabits from the mangrove forests in waterside to lowland forests. The Japanese common name, “Shiro-bitai Muji-Oumu” (means Plain coloured Parrot with White forehead) is delivered from the plumage which is pure white with no pattern.

Behavior and ecology Usually, they behave with a large herd, but a male and a female form a pair to lay eggs and raise chick in their breeding season. It has usually closed crest, but when it gets angry or excited, the crest is opened. In recent years, it has been pointed out that the population may decrease rapidly due to the disappearance of forests and overhunting.

