

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Scientific name : *Pycnonotus jocosus*



English name : Red-whiskered Bulbul

Family : Pycnonotidae

Origin : India, Andaman Islands, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, northern Malay Peninsula, Laos, Cambodia, China, and South Africa.

Distribution : Found below 2,000 meters elevation, widely distributed in the rural forested areas, urban parks, and areas with trees throughout Hong Kong.

Body Length : 18-20 cm

Body Characteristics : Distinctive upright black crest on the head. Head and crest are black, with a red patch below the eye, white cheeks, and brown body with a white belly. Adults have a black crest and red cheek patches, with an orange-red vent. Juveniles lack the red cheek patches.

Features : Present throughout the year

Diet : Omnivorous, feeding primarily on fruits and insects. Feeds nestlings with soft-bodied insects initially, then moves on to feeding them drupes and berries.