

Declining Woodland Birds

FACT SHEET

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Woodland birds are small and rely on deep leaf litter, fallen branches and shrubs to find food, shelter from predators and to raise their young. Numbers of these birds are declining, especially in southern areas. Many eat insects and do most of their feeding on the ground.

26 SPECIES CONSIDERED TO BE DECLINING WOODLAND BIRDS

(after Watson, 2011; Reid 1999; Robinson and Traill 1996)

Scientific Name	Common Name	What it eats	Where it feeds
<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	Emu	fruit, seeds, arthropods	ground
<i>Eurostopodus argus</i>	Spotted nightjar	arthropods*	ground, air
<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed kite	vertebrates, arthropods	ground, foliage
<i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	Bush stone-curlew	arthropods, vertebrates	ground
<i>Turnix varius</i>	Painted button quail	seeds, arthropods	ground
<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Swift parrot	nectar, arthropods	foliage
<i>Climacteris affinis</i>	White-browed treecreeper	arthropods	bark, ground
<i>Climacteris picumnus</i>	Brown treecreeper	arthropods	bark, ground
<i>Chthonicola sagittata</i>	Speckled warbler	arthropods	ground
<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	Chestnut-rumped thornbill	arthropods	ground
<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	Southern whiteface	arthropods	ground
<i>Anthochaera phyrigia</i>	Regent honeyeater	nectar, arthropods	foliage
<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	Grey-crowned babbler	arthropods	ground
<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	White-browed babbler	arthropods	ground
<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied sittella	arthropods	bark
<i>Falcunculus frontatus</i>	Crested shrike-tit	arthropods	bark, foliage
<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous whistler	arthropods	bark, foliage
<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>	Crested bellbird	arthropods	ground
<i>Artamus superciliosus</i>	White-browed woodswallow	arthropods	air
<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	Dusky woodswallow	arthropods	air
<i>Myisgra inquieta</i>	Restless flycatcher	arthropods	ground, air
<i>Microeca fascinans</i>	Jacky winter	arthropods	ground
<i>Petroica goosenovii</i>	Red-capped robin	arthropods	ground
<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Hooded robin	arthropods	ground
<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Eastern yellow robin	arthropods	ground
<i>Stagonopleura guttata</i>	Diamond firetail	seeds	ground

* **Arthropods** are invertebrates (no backbone) that have an exoskeleton (external skeleton). They can include insects, arachnids (such as spiders, scorpions and ticks) and crustaceans.

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ACTIVITIES

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Two woodland birds that are in decline are the Crested bellbird and the Hooded robin. Research these birds and fill in the details below.



CRESTED BELLBIRD

Scientific name

Where can it be found?

What does it eat?

Conservation status



HOODED ROBIN

Scientific name

Where can it be found?

What does it eat?

Conservation status