

TAXON SUMMARY

Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush (eastern)

1	Family	Eupetidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Cinlosoma castaneothorax castaneothorax</i> Gould, 1849
3	Common name	Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush (eastern)
4	Conservation status	Least Concern

5 Reasons for listing

This species has possibly declined in New South Wales, but not to an extent that it can be classed as Near Threatened.

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	40,000 km ²	medium
trend	stable	medium
Area of occupancy	5,000 km ²	low
trend	stable	medium
No. of breeding birds	20,000	low
trend	stable	medium
No. of sub-populations	1	low
Generation time	5 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

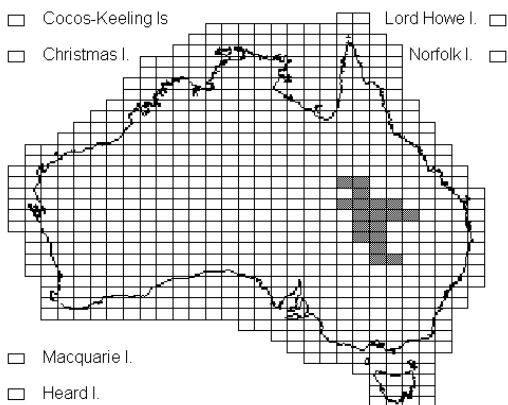
C. c. marginatum (central and western inland Australia; Schodde and Mason, 1999) is Least Concern, as is the species.

7 Past range and abundance

Northern central New South Wales and southern central Queensland (Blakers *et al.*, 1984, Schodde and Mason, 1999). May once have occurred further east in Queensland (Smith *et al.*, 1995).

8 Present range and abundance

Possibly declined in New South Wales, but still broadly distributed through former habitat (Blakers *et al.*, 1984, Emison *et al.*, 1987, Smith *et al.*, 1995).



9 Ecology

Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush live in acacia scrub, particularly mulga *Acacia aneura*, on stony ground, and feed on the ground on insects and seeds (Ford, 1983, Blakers *et al.*, 1984, Schodde and Mason, 1999). They

make a cupped nest on the ground, and lay 2 eggs (Beruldsen, 1980).

10 Threats

No threats are imminent. Although the subspecies may have disappeared from eastern part of range as a result of past clearing, it appears to persist despite grazing by sheep and cattle, and has co-existed with foxes and feral cats for over 100 years.

11 Recommended actions

11.1 Undertake long-term monitoring, probably through analysis of Birds Australia Bird Atlas records.

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