

TAXON SUMMARY

Dusky Robin (King Island)

1	Family	Petroicidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Melanodryas vittata kingi</i> (Mathews, 1914)
3	Common name	Dusky Robin (King Island)
4	Conservation status	Least Concern

5 Reasons for listing

Although this subspecies is confined to one island, it occupies about 700 km² (so not Vulnerable: D2) and its stable population contains about 18,000 individuals (so not Near Threatened: d).

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	800 km ²	high
trend	stable	high
Area of occupancy	700 km ²	medium
trend	stable	high
No. of breeding birds	18,000	low
trend	stable	high
No. of sub-populations	1	high
Generation time	5 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

M. v. vittata (Tasmania and Flinders I.) is Least Concern.

7 Past range and abundance
King I., Tas. (Schodde and Mason, 1999).

8 Present range and abundance
Throughout King I. (Green and McGarvie, 1971).

9 Ecology

The King I. subspecies of Dusky Robin lives in a wide range of open and semi-wooded habitats (Green and McGarvie, 1971).

10 Threats

The Dusky Robin has thrived since most forest on the island has been cleared, and is described as being plentiful and widespread (Green and McGarvie, 1971).

11 Recommended actions

None.

12 Bibliography

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