

## RECOVERY OUTLINE

# Grey Fantail (Norfolk Island)

1	Family	Dicruridae
2	Scientific name	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa pelzelni</i> G. R. Gray, 1862
3	Common name	Grey Fantail (Norfolk Island)
4	Conservation status	Vulnerable: D2

### 5 Reasons for listing

This subspecies has a small area of occupancy (Vulnerable: D2), so is conceivably susceptible to catastrophe.

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence:	36 km <sup>2</sup>	high
trend:	stable	high
Area of occupancy:	36 km <sup>2</sup>	medium
trend:	stable	high
No. of breeding birds:	4,000	low
trend:	stable	high
No. of sub-populations:	1	high
Generation time:	4 years	low

### 6 Intraspecific taxa

*R. f. keasti* (northern and central, near-coastal Queensland), *R. f. alisteri* (south-eastern Australia), *R. f. albiscapa* (Tasmania), *R. f. preissi* (south-western Australia), and *R. f. albicauda* (central Australia and inland Western Australia) are all Least Concern (Schodde and Mason, 1999). *R. f. cervina*, once found on Lord Howe I., is now Extinct.

### 7 Past range and abundance

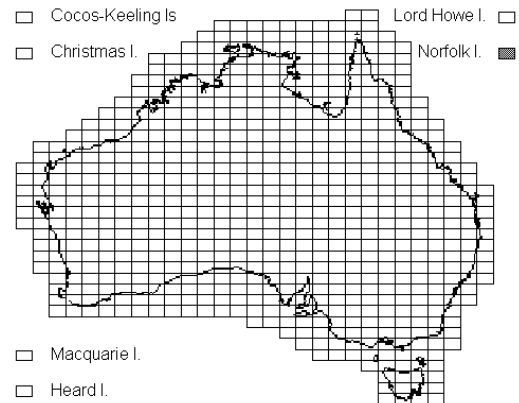
Endemic to Norfolk I. (Schodde and Mason, 1999).

### 8 Present range and abundance

Present over almost entire island (Schodde *et al.*, 1983) although their ability to co-exist with people and their changes to their environment, and their high visibility, may make them seem more numerous than they are (M. Christian).

### 9 Ecology

Grey Fantails nest and feed on insects where tree or shrub growth remains on the island, laying 2 eggs in cup nests (Schodde *et al.*, 1983) that are not prone to rat predation.



### 10 Threats

Although clearing has removed some habitat, and cats probably kill some individuals, the principal threat is the introduction of a new predator or some other catastrophe.

### 11 Information required

None.

### 12 Recovery objectives

12.1 Maintain viable population on Norfolk I.

### 13 Actions completed or under way

None.

### 14 Management actions required

14.1 Monitor through analysis of bird-watchers' records.

### 15 Organisations responsible for conservation

Environment Australia, Norfolk Island Administration.

### 16 Other organisations involved

Norfolk Island Fauna and Flora Society, Norfolk Island Conservation Society.

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## 17 Staff and financial resources required for recovery to be carried out

Staff resources required 2001-2005

None

Financial resources required 2001-2005

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<i>Action</i>	<i>Conservation agencies</i>	<i>Other funding sources</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Monitoring<sup>1</sup></i>	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
<i>Total</i>	\$0	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Cost divided among all threatened taxa on Norfolk I.

## 18 Bibliography

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