

TAXON SUMMARY

Western Yellow Robin (wheatbelt)

1	Family	Petroicidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Eopsaltria griseogularis rosinae</i> (Mathews, 1912)
3	Common name	Western Yellow Robin (wheatbelt)
4	Conservation status	Least Concern

5 Reasons for listing

Although the subspecies is continuing to disappear from fragments, less than half of its habitat has been cleared (so not Near Threatened: a or c).

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	600,000 km ²	medium
trend	stable	medium
Area of occupancy	20,000 km ²	low
trend	decreasing	high
No. of breeding birds	100,000	low
trend	decreasing	medium
No. of sub-populations	2	high
Largest sub-population	90,000	low
Generation time	5 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

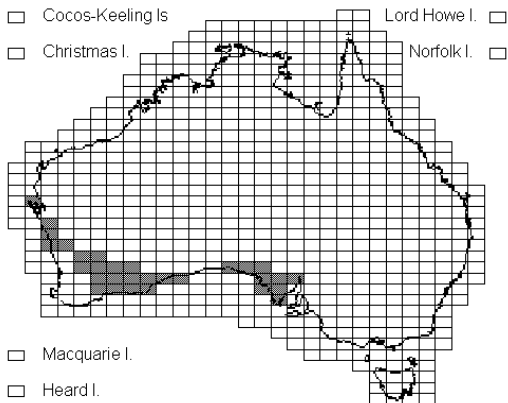
E. g. griseogularis (south-west forests with annual average rainfall of less than 800 mm) is Least Concern, as is the species.

7 Past range and abundance

South-west Western Australia and Eyre Peninsula, S. A. (Schodde and Mason, 1999) coincides with the zone of 200-500 mm annual average rainfall. Intergrades with *E. g. griseogularis* in south-western Australia within zone of 500-800 mm annual average rainfall (Schodde and Mason, 1999).

8 Present range and abundance

As above, but with a much reduced area of occupancy.



9 Ecology

Western Yellow Robins live in eucalypt woodland, mallee and acacia shrublands, and lay 2 eggs in a cupped nest (Beruldsen, 1980, Blakers *et al.*, 1984).

10 Threats

Much of the subspecies' habitat has been destroyed by clearance for agriculture (Masters and Milhinch, 1974, Blakers *et al.*, 1984, Saunders and Curry, 1990, Saunders and Ingram, 1995, Schodde and Mason, 1999). The subspecies continues to be lost from remaining fragments (Saunders and Ingram, 1995).

11 Recommended actions

- 11.1 Cease clearance of habitat.
- 11.2 Rehabilitate habitat fragments.
- 11.3 Determine characteristics of fragments that continue to support the subspecies.
- 11.4 Monitor population regularly, particularly in relation to habitat rehabilitation.

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