

RECOVERY OUTLINE

Golden Whistler (Lord Howe Island)

1	Family	Pachycephalidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis contempta</i> Hartert, 1898
3	Common name	Golden Whistler (Lord Howe 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	18 km ²	high
trend	stable	high
Area of occupancy	12 km ²	high
trend	stable	high
No. of breeding birds	2,000	low
trend	stable	high
No. of sub-populations	1	high
Generation time	5 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

There are about 70 other subspecies in Australia and on south-west Pacific islands. *P. p. xanthoprocta* (Norfolk I.) is Critically Endangered. All other Australian subspecies, *P. p. queenslandica* (Wet tropics), *P. p. pectoralis* (central Queensland to northern New South Wales), *P. p. youngi* (south-eastern mainland Australia), *P. p. glaucura* (Tasmania) and *P. p. fuliginosa* (mallee regions; Schodde and Mason, 1999) are Least Concern, as is the species.

7 Past range and abundance

Endemic to Lord Howe I.

8 Present range and abundance

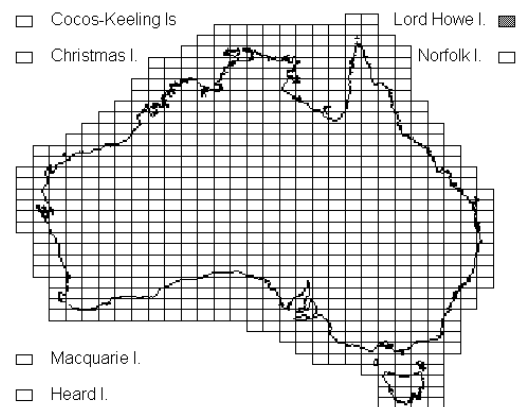
Throughout forested parts of Lord Howe I. (Hutton, 1991).

9 Ecology

The Golden Whistler lives in forests throughout Lord Howe I., and nests high in the trees away from most predators (Hutton, 1991).

10 Threats

Golden Whistlers have survived the introduction of cats, rats, pigs and goats to Lord Howe I. The restricted area of occupancy, however, makes the subspecies susceptible to catastrophe, such as the introduction of another predator.



11 Information required

None.

12 Recovery objectives

12.1 Maintain population.

13 Actions completed or under way

None.

14 Management actions required

14.1 Monitor presence in different parts of island during routine management.

15 Organisations responsible for conservation

New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service.

16 Other organisations involved

None.

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

Staff resources required 2001-2005 None

Financial resources required 2001-2005

Action	Conservation agencies	Other funding sources	Total
None	\$0	\$0	\$0,000
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18 Bibliography

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