

Two Peoples Bay

1 Description

Two Peoples Bay to Mt Manypeaks, south-west Western Australia. Annual average rainfall of about 500 mm. The vegetation is Jarrah forest, mallee, heath, and sedge-lined swamps. Parts of the area have been cleared for agriculture. The Noisy Scrub-bird, Western Bristlebird and Western Whipbird (western heath) were Endangered, and the scrub-bird was previously thought to be extinct, but effective conservation management has improved the status of all three taxa. Several core taxa in the Western Wheatbelt region also visit the area but would not be the focus of coordinated conservation management.

2 IBRA Regions

Temperate slopes and plains (Jarrah Forest).

3 Core taxa

Endangered

Ground Parrot (western)

Vulnerable

Australasian Bittern

Western Bristlebird

Noisy Scrub-bird

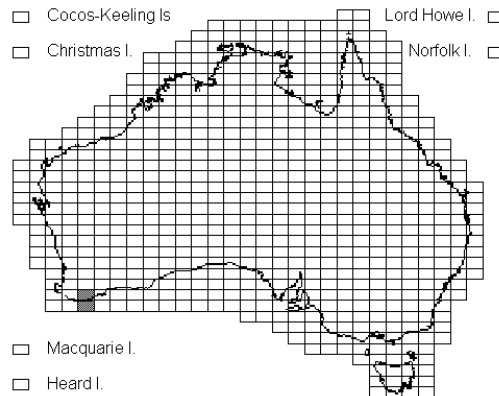
Western Whipbird (western heath)

4 Conservation issues

The primary threat is extensive wildfire that could possibly burn most of the habitat, although fire suppression is practised vigorously. Clearance has removed and fragmented some habitat, but most habitat is now protected, including swamps that are habitat for the Australasian Bittern. A South Coast Threatened Bird Recovery Team has been established and either Recovery Plans or research plans have been prepared for all core terrestrial taxa.

5 Recommended management

- 5.1 Improve ecological knowledge required for management of core taxa.
- 5.2 Monitor size and trends in populations of core taxa.
- 5.3 Review status of core taxa immediately after any fire.
- 5.4 Maintain a mosaic of fire ages through preventing and suppressing wildfire.
- 5.5 Improve fire suppression capabilities at remote sites.



6 Organisations responsible for conservation

Western Australian Department of Conservation.

7 Other organisations involved

City of Albany, Alcoa Australia, bird-watching societies, South Coast Threatened Birds Recovery Team, World Wide Fund for Nature (Australia).

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