

TAXON SUMMARY

Tawny-crowned Honeyeater (north-west Tasmania)

1	Family	Meliphagidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Phylidonyris melanops chelidonia</i> (Schodde & Mason, 1999)
3	Common name	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater (north-west Tasmania)
4	Conservation status	Least Concern

5 Reasons for listing

This subspecies is facing no obvious threats and, although it occupies a small area of habitat, it probably has a population of over 3,000 mature individuals (so not Near Threatened: d).

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	300 km ²	low
trend	stable	medium
Area of occupancy	120 km ²	low
trend	stable	medium
No. of breeding birds	12,000	low
trend	stable	medium
No. of sub-populations	1	medium
Generation time	5 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

P. m. melanops (eastern Tasmania, Bass Strait Is and southern mainland Australia) is Least Concern, as is the species.

7 Past range and abundance

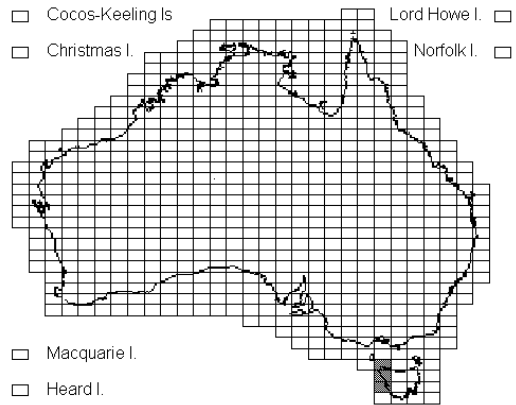
Endemic to western and north-western Tasmania (Schodde and Mason, 1999).

8 Present range and abundance

As above, patchily distributed, but common where found (N. Mooney, P. Brown).

9 Ecology

The north-west Tasmania subspecies of Tawny-crowned Honeyeater is confined to near-coastal heath (P. Brown, N. Mooney). It is principally a nectar-feeder (Blakers *et al.*, 1984), and lays 2 eggs in a suspended cup nest (Beruldsen, 1980).



10 Threats

There are no obvious threats to this subspecies. The habitat has no agricultural or mineral potential and is generally too wet and windy for tourist development.

11 Recommended actions

- 11.1 Monitor numbers, comparing of records from Birds Australia Bird Atlas with those from earlier surveys. During visits attempt to obtain approximate estimates of population size for different heaths.

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