

TAXON SUMMARY

Western Bowerbird (North West Cape)

1	Family	Ptilonorhynchidae
2	Scientific name	<i>Chlamydera guttata carteri</i> Mathews, 1920
3	Common name	Western Bowerbird (North West Cape)
4	Conservation status	Near Threatened: d

5 Reasons for listing

The population of this subspecies probably contains no more than 2,000 mature individuals (Near Threatened: d).

	Estimate	Reliability
Extent of occurrence	1,000 km ²	low
trend	stable	high
Area of occupancy	500 km ²	low
trend	stable	high
No. of breeding birds	2,000	low
trend	stable	low
No. of sub-populations	1	high
Generation time	10 years	low

6 Intraspecific taxa

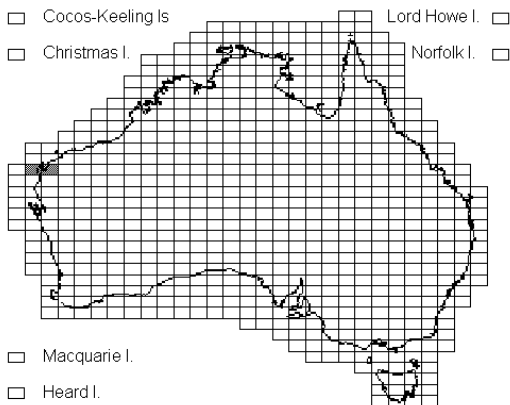
C. g. guttata (Pilbara to Murchison, Western Australia, central Australia) is Least Concern.

7 Past range and abundance

North West Cape peninsula, Western Australia (Frith and Frith, 1997, Schodde and Mason, 1999). Apparently isolated from *C. g. guttata* in Pilbara (Frith and Frith, 1997).

8 Present range and abundance

As above.



9 Ecology

This subspecies of Western Bowerbird lives primarily in gullies of rocky country, where it feeds on the figs of abundant *Ficus platypoda* and *F. virens* (Keighery and Gibson, 1993, Frith and Frith, 1997). It probably builds an open cup nest and has a clutch size of 2-3 eggs (Forshaw and Cooper, 1977).

10 Threats

Despite its inherently small population size and restricted distribution, this subspecies faces no obvious threats, except, perhaps, from nest predation by Black Rats *Rattus rattus*, which are present on Cape Range (A. A. Burbidge).

11 Recommended actions

11.1 Monitor population on visits to area and consider impacts in any development proposals.

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