

Saving our Species project 2013-14 annual report card Red-lored Whistler

Species attributes

Scientific name:	Pachycephala rufogularis
NSW status:	Critically endangered
Commonwealth status:	Vulnerable
Management stream:	Site-managed



Photographer: Graeme Chapman

Overall project status*

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- All management is being implemented as planned; too early to detect response to management at some sites
- Management at some sites requires review/amendment to ensure that the project is likely to meet its objectives
- Major review of / changes to the project required to ensure long-term objectives are likely to be met

Project summary

Key management sites:	Nombinnie/Round Hill; South western NSW
Action implementation:	3 of 3 actions were implemented as planned for the financial year (includes species population monitoring actions + other project actions fully or partially implemented)
Total expenditure:	\$66,154 (cash and in-kind)
Project partners:	Office of Environment and Heritage



^{*}For SoS priority management sites (may not include all locations where the species occurs in NSW)

Management site 1: Nombinnie/Round Hill

LGA: Carrathool; Cobar

Project partners: Office of Environment and Heritage

Species population monitoring action

Reported trends are based on best available information

Estimated population	Population monitoring conducted	Conducted by	Trend
250	Yes	Office of Environment and Heritage	Unknown

Investment

This includes cash and in-kind contributions

Project participant	Investment
Office of Environment and Heritage	\$66,154

Project actions

The project actions below are those identified as being required in 2013-14 to secure the species in the wild

Threat	Management/monitoring action description	Implemented as planned?
Fire may cause the direct loss of individuals, and inappropriate fire regimes may cause long-term changes to physical features such as floristic structure or leaf litter, which is unfavourable to sustaining a viable population of the species.	Strip burning along all the management trails (approximately 200km; half in Nombinnie, half in Round Hill) over 5 years, to prevent fire from jumping blocks within reserved areas.	Yes
Goats change understorey structure via browsing, reducing habitat suitability.	Mustering around watering points and combined with regular aerial culling. Decommission appropriate watering points within 10 years. Note: mustering is revenue neutral [goats are harvested and sold for \$10/head].	Yes

Site summary

Red-lored Whistlers have been identified in areas where not previously recorded.

LGA: Unincorporated Far West Region; Wentworth	
No actions were implemented at this site during 2013/14.	
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Management site 2: South western NSW