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Pezoporus occidentalis — Night Parrot

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For information to assist regulatory considerations, refer to **Policy Statements and Guidelines, the Conservation Advice, the Listing Advice and/or the Recovery Plan.**

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EPBC Legal Status and Documents

EPBC Act Listing Status	Listed as Endangered as <i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>
Approved Conservation Advice	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2016). <i>Conservation Advice</i> <i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i> <i>night parrot</i> . Canberra: Department of the Environment. Available from: http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/59350-conservation-advice-15072016.pdf . In effect under the EPBC Act from 15-Jul-2016.
Listing Advice	Listing assessment information may be available in the approved Conservation Advice
Recovery Plan Decision	Recovery Plan not required, included on the Not Commenced List (1/11/2009).
Adopted/Made Recovery Plans	There is no adopted or made Recovery Plan for this species
Adopted/Made Threat Abatement Plans	<p>Department of the Environment (2015). <i>Threat abatement plan for predation by feral cats</i>. Canberra, ACT: Commonwealth of Australia. Available from: http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tap/threat-abatement-plan-feral-cats. In effect under the EPBC Act from 23-Jul-2015.</p> <p>Department of the Environment and Energy (2016). <i>Threat abatement plan for competition and land degradation by rabbits</i>. Canberra, ACT: Commonwealth of Australia. Available from: http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tap/competition-and-land-degradation-rabbits-2016. In effect under the EPBC Act from 07-Jan-2017.</p> <p>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) (2008). <i>Threat abatement plan for predation by the European red fox</i>. DEWHA, Canberra. Available from: http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tap/predation-european-red-fox. In effect under the EPBC Act from 01-Oct-2008.</p>

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Other Commonwealth Documents

Policy Statements and Guidelines	Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Birds. EPBC Act survey guidelines 6.2 (Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), 2010) [Admin Guideline].
Information Sheets	Threatened Species Strategy Action Plan 2015-16 - 20 birds by 2020 (Department of the Environment, 2015) [Information Sheet].
Federal Register of Legislative Instruments	<p>Migratory: List of Migratory Species (13/07/2000) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2000b) [Legislative Instrument] as <i>Geopsittacus occidentalis</i></p> <p>Migratory: List of Migratory Species - Amendment to the list of migratory species under</p>

[section 209 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 \(26/11/2013\)](#) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2013af) [Legislative Instrument] as *Geopsittacus occidentalis*

Threat: [Threat Abatement Plan for competition and land degradation by rabbits \(2016\)](#) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) [Legislative Instrument] as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

Threatened: [Declaration under s178, s181, and s183 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 - List of threatened species, List of threatened ecological communities and List of threatening processes](#) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2000) [Legislative Instrument] as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

State Government Documents and Websites

NSW: [Night Parrot - profile](#) (Office of Environment & Heritage, 2014n) [Internet].

NT: [Threatened Species of the Northern Territory - Night Parrot *Pezoporus occidentalis*](#) (Pavey, C., 2006v) [Information Sheet].

QLD: [Night parrot](#) (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP), 2011n) [Database].

WA: [Night Parrot \(*Pezoporus occidentalis*\) Interim Recovery Plan for Western Australia 1996 to 1998](#) (Blyth, J., 1996) [State Recovery Plan].

Non-government Documents and Websites

[Priority Threat Management of Pilbara Species of Conservation Significance](#) (Carwardine, J., S. Nicol, S. Van Leeuwen, B. Walters, J. Firn, A. Reeson, T.G. Martin & I. Chades, 2014).

[Night Parrot \(*Pezoporus occidentalis*\) Research Plan. Developed to satisfy Condition 10 of EPBC Referral 2010/5696 Expansion of Cloudbreak iron ore mine](#) (Fortescue Metal Group, 2014).

[The Action Plan for Australian Birds 2010](#) (Garnett, S., J. Szabo & G. Dutson, 2011).

State Listing Status

NSW: **Listed as Extinct** (Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (New South Wales): April 2018 list) as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

NT: **Listed as Critically Endangered** (Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 2000 (Northern Territory): 2012 list) as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

QLD: **Listed as Endangered** (Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Queensland): September 2017 list) as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

SA: **Listed as Endangered** (National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (South Australia): June 2011 list) as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

WA: **Listed as Critically Endangered** (Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 (Western Australia): January 2018 list) as *Pezoporus occidentalis*

Non-statutory Listing Status

IUCN: **Listed as Endangered** (Global Status: IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: 2017.1 list)

VIC: **Listed as Regionally Extinct** (Advisory List of Threatened Vertebrate Fauna in Victoria: 2013 list)

NGO: **Listed as Endangered** (The Action Plan for Australian Birds 2010)

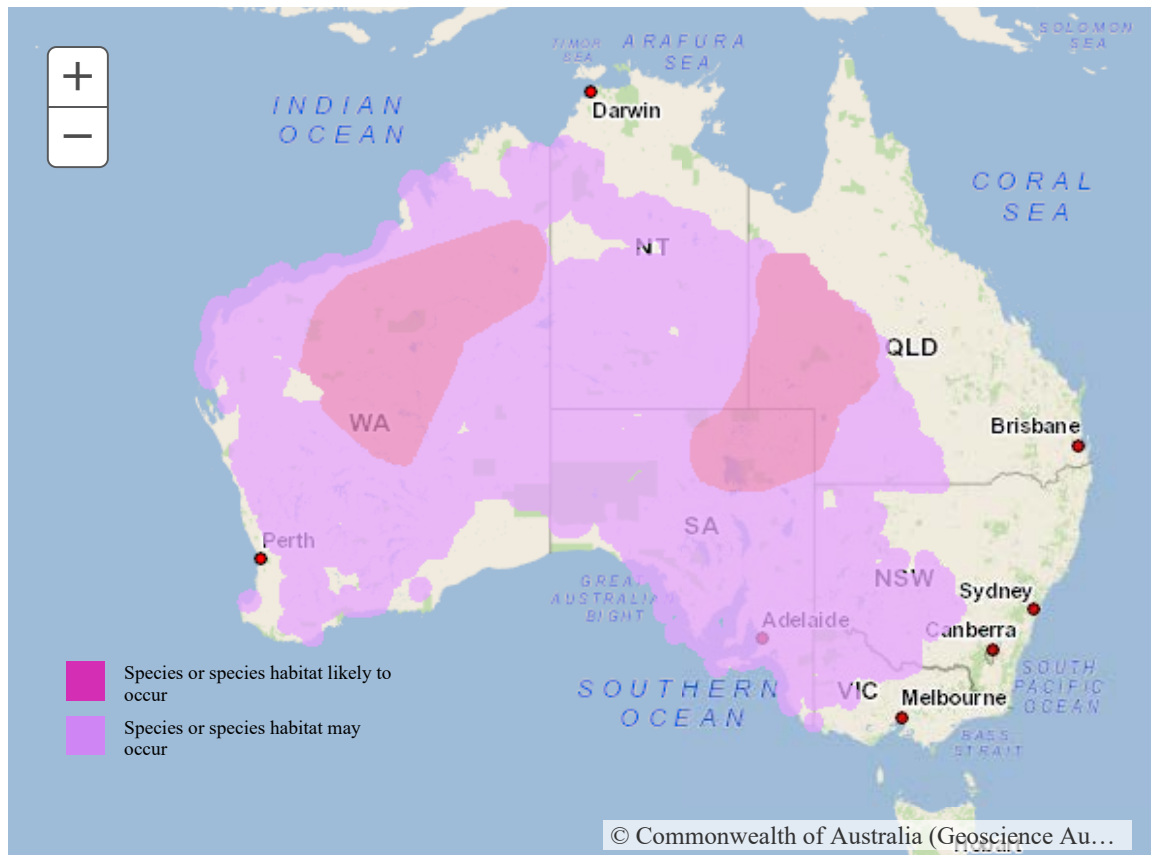
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Naming

Scientific name	<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i> [59350]
Family	Psittacidae:Psittaciformes:Aves:Chordata:Animalia
Species author	Gould,1861
Infraspecies author	
Reference	
Other names	<i>Geopsittacus occidentalis</i> [743]

Distribution Map

Distribution map



The distribution shown is generalised from the Departments Species of National Environmental Significance dataset. This is an indicative distribution map of the present distribution of the species based on best available knowledge. Some species information is withheld in line with sensitive species policies. See [map caveat](#) for more information.

Illustrations

Illustrations [Google Images](#)

http://www.amonline.net.au/birds/research/night_parrot.htm

<http://home.it.net.au/~austecol/nparrot.html>

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Threatened Species Strategy

The night parrot is one of 20 birds that the Australian Government has prioritised resource allocation to support the species recovery effort. This species is a priority for investment primarily because of its conservation status, uniqueness, importance to the people of Australia and the partnership support from Bush Heritage Australia. Priority actions which may support the species include the permanent protection of known habitat, comprehensive surveys for the species, fire management and feral predator control.

The [Threatened Species Strategy webpage](#) includes information on other projects that may be supporting the species.

The [Developing a grooming trap for feral cats](#) partnership project aims to benefit the night parrot by reducing the impact that cats are having on the species.

About the night parrot

The night parrot is a highly elusive nocturnal ground dwelling parrot found in the arid and semi-arid zones of Australia; it is one of only three ground-dwelling parrots in Australia.

The night parrot was thought to be extinct but in 2013 it was rediscovered in Queensland (Pullen Pullen Reserve). Subsequently, the species has been found in Goneaway National Park and Diamantina National Park in Queensland (Palaszczuk & Miles 2017)

and near Broome in Western Australia (Jones 2017).

Where to find information

For the most current information relating to the species and to assist with regulatory considerations, refer to its [Conservation Advice](#).

Further information on recent sightings and night parrot ecology is available on the Night Parrot Recovery Team web site: <https://nightparrot.com.au/>.

Research has been undertaken by Garnett et al. (2016), Murphy et al. (2017) and Olsen et al. (2016).

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