

# Noisy Scrub Bird population plan

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**CALM started to establish the world's third population of the noisy scrub-bird in June and July.**

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Until 1983 there was only one population of the noisy scrub-bird, at Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, east of Albany.

During 1983 and 1985 techniques for capturing, transporting and releasing noisy scrub-birds were developed with the help of the New Zealand Wildlife Service, and a population was established at Mount Many Peaks, near Two Peoples Bay.

These birds appear to have settled into their new home well, although it will be several years before wildlife researchers will know whether the population will become self-supporting.

Now a new population will be established in

Walpole-Nornalup National Park.

Once again the birds will come from Two Peoples Bay, where numbers have been steadily increasing in recent years following the successful implementation of a fire-exclusion policy in the early 1970s.

An investigation of possible release sites along the South Coast by departmental officers revealed that an area in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, known as the Nuyts Wilderness, provided the best habitat for the second reintroduction.

The translocation will take place during June and July and will be carried out by departmental staff, assisted by volunteers.