

Threatened Species of the Central West

Diamond Firetail *Stagonopleura guttata*

The Diamond firetail is found across the Central West region inhabiting open woodland and derived grasslands. A 12cm finch with spectacular and unmistakable black, white and red markings with a black breast band and red rump, they are mostly seen as individuals. They feed exclusively on the ground on native grass and herb seeds, leaves and insects (especially in the breeding season).

Diamond firetails build their nests for roosting and breeding in shrubby understorey or smaller trees. They also rely on sheltered, shrubby areas to nest and hide from predators and aggressor species such as the pied currawong and noisy miner.



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What can you do to help?

- Retain dead timber on the ground in open woodland areas.
- Retain and protect woodlands, open forests and grasslands
- Control weeds in areas of known habitat
- Expand and reconnect smaller fragments of habitat, by fencing and encouraging natural regeneration or through revegetation.

Threats to Diamond Firetails include:

- Clearing of woodland and grassy habitats
- Overgrazing of grasses and forbs
- Raptors, Currawongs and feral cats



Local Land Services