

# SPLENDID FAIRY WREN



**Scientific Name**  
*Malurus splendens*

## Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

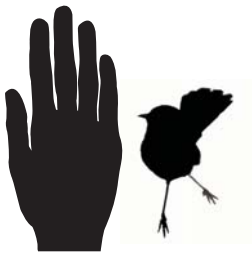
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

**Least Concern**

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**Body Length:** 11.5–13.5 cm

**Incubation:** 13–16 days

**Number of eggs:** 2–4



Distribution ■

**Distribution:** South-western, Central and Inland Eastern Australia

**Habitat:** Heathy woodland, mulga and mallee forests.

## Description

Male and female Splendid Fairy Wrens have different coloured feathers. Males are mostly blue with a black band across their back and head. Females are a brown, fawny colour with a blue tail.

## Diet

Splendid Fairy Wrens are **carnivores** and eat a variety of insects.

## In the wild

Breeding takes place mainly from September to January. When looking for a mate, the male Splendid Fairy Wren turns an iridescent blue. There are three different varieties of Splendid Fairy Wren that live in three areas of Australia. Where the varieties meet, they breed with each other.

## At Perth Zoo

Splendid Fairy Wrens can be seen in the **Numbats Under Threat** exhibit in the **Australian Bushwalk**. See if you can spot when the male is looking for a mate.

