

Bird of the fortnight

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Chestnut-breasted Mannikin (Lonchura castaneothorax)



Photo by Glenn Newton



Description

The Chestnut-breasted Mannikin is a small finch with strong silvery bill

Other Names

Barley bird, Bullfinch

Size

10 cm

Environment

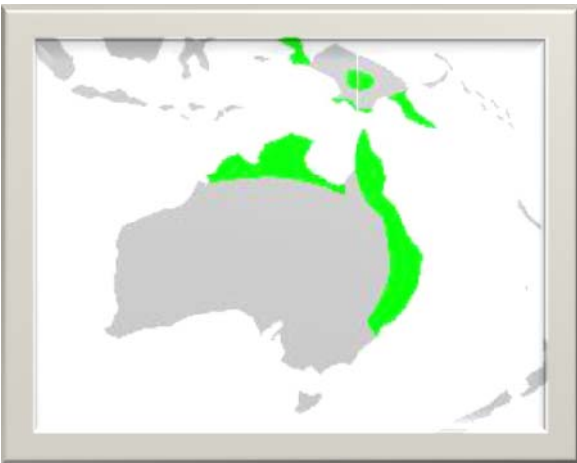
grasslands, pastures, wastelands, roadsides

Food

Mainly seeds, also insects

Breeding

cup made of twigs, grass, lined with soft plant material & fur. 4-6 blue-white spotted eggs.



Locally can be found in quite large numbers in grassland around the airport and the cemetery road in Karumba. Often in the company of star finches, double bar finches and Zebra finches.