

Volunteers needed in New Caledonia for Crow Honeyeater Project

Title BirdLife Pacific in New Caledonia is seeking two volunteers to assist with surveying fieldwork seeking the Critically Endangered Crow Honeyeater. The positions are due to start September 15, 2010 and volunteers would ideally be available for 1-3 months. The Crow Honeyeater (*Gymnomyza aubryana*) is one of the most threatened bird species of the New Caledonia. It is classified as Critically Endangered by BirdLife on behalf of the IUCN Red List. The aim of this project is to obtain information on which to base the conservation plan for Crow Honeyeaters. A species action plan will be developed for 2011 and the fieldwork undertaken here is the first step of it. There is very little information about the spatial distribution and density of Crow Honeyeaters and data collection will be based in the last IBA (Important Bird Area) where this species is known to occur. Point counts and playback will be used to assess the distribution and population size of the species. Moreover, this project will be an opportunity to collect data on other species that are considered very rare or extinct.

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