

Megapodius Reinwardt



Description

Megapodius reinwardt is a species of bird in the family Megapodiidae . This species includes 5 subspecies found on many islands in the Lesser Sunda Islands as well as southern New Guinea and northern Australia . It is a terrestrial bird the size of a domestic chicken and dark in color with strong orange legs and a pointed crest at the back of its head. It uses a wide range of forest and scrub habitats and has colonized many of the small islands within its range. It is abundant in the suburbs of Darwin , where people call it Bush Chook or Bush Turkey.

Overall, the population appears to be stable and the species' conservation status is considered to be of least concern.