

# *Malurus Elegans*



# Description

***Malurus elegans*** is a species of bird in the family Maluridae . This bird is less mobile and is endemic to the south-west region of Western Australia . They are highly sexually dimorphic, with males having brightly colored breeding season plumage, with iridescent blue-silver crowns, ears and back, red, contrasting shoulders. Black throat, gray-brown tail and wings, pale underside. Out-of-season males, females and juveniles have predominantly grayish-brown plumage, although males may have isolated black and blue plumage. No separate subspecies are recognized. Similar in appearance and closely related to *malurus lamberti* and *malurus pulcherrimus* , this bird is considered a separate species because no intermediate form has been recorded where ranges overlap. Although this bird is locally common, there is evidence of a decline in numbers.