



Summary report

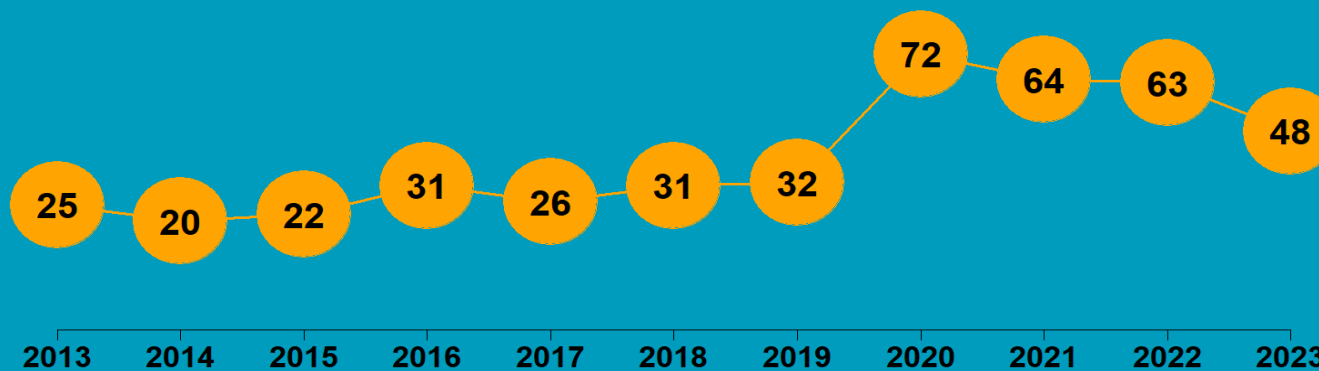
## WEST COAST REGION

# 2023

## State of NZ Garden Birds

Te Āhua o ngā Manu o te Kāri i Aotearoa

### NUMBER OF SURVEYED GARDENS





We have estimated how bird counts have changed over the last 10- and 5-year periods in different regions, districts, and neighbourhoods across New Zealand for 14 common garden visitors – five native and nine introduced birds.

Thanks to all our volunteer bird counters, 45,934 garden surveys have been completed nationwide since 2013. We use specialised statistical tools to account for variation in sampling effort between regions, districts, and suburbs over time. We also account for variation in bird counts depending on whether the surveyed gardens were in a rural or urban setting, and whether birds were fed or not. Finally, we correct for the actual number of gardens in each area.

We then classify these changes according to their direction and size (see diagram below) to help us identify changes of potential concern or interest.

## How have bird counts changed?

### Drawing attention to changes in counts that may be of concern or interest

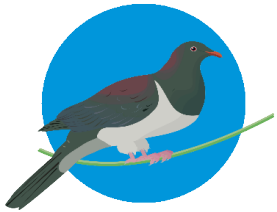


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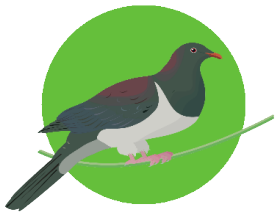
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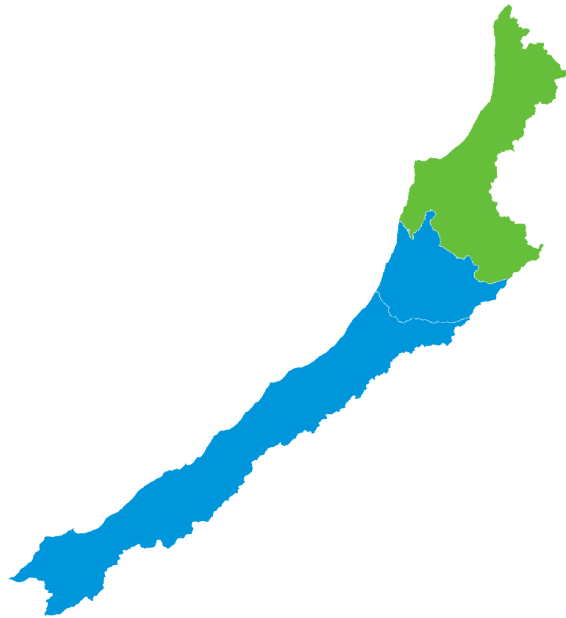
Last 10 years  
2013–23



**MODERATE INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



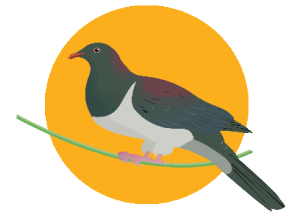
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NATIONALLY**



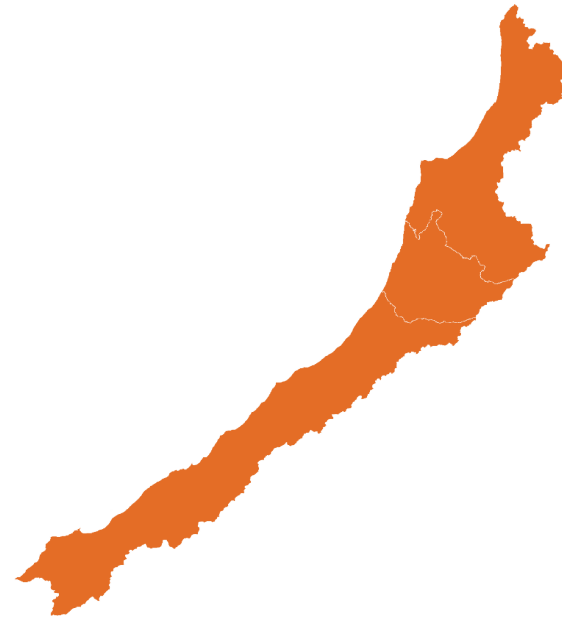
Last 5 years  
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**MODERATE DECLINE  
REGIONALLY**



**SHALLOW DECLINE  
NATIONALLY**



- |                       |                    |
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| ■ Rapid increase      | ■ Shallow decline  |
| ■ Moderate increase   | ■ Moderate decline |
| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
| ■ No or little change |                    |

# WEST COAST | Tūī | Kōkō

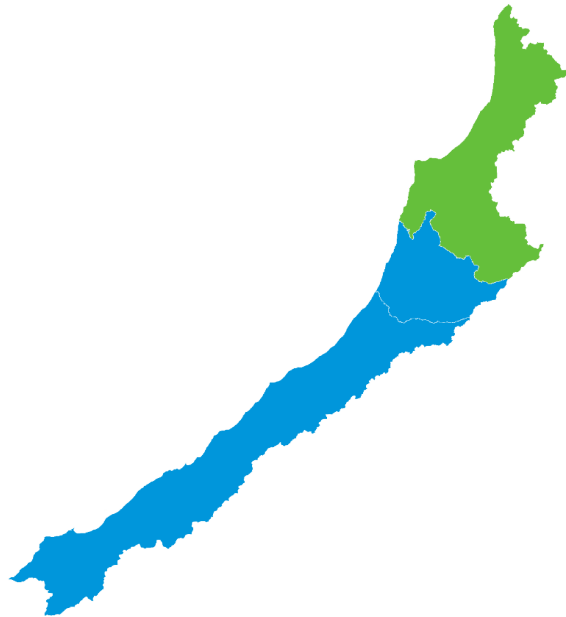
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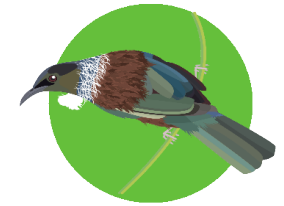


**MODERATE INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**

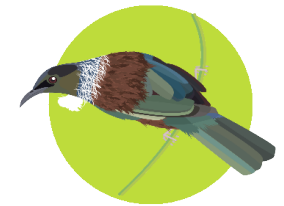
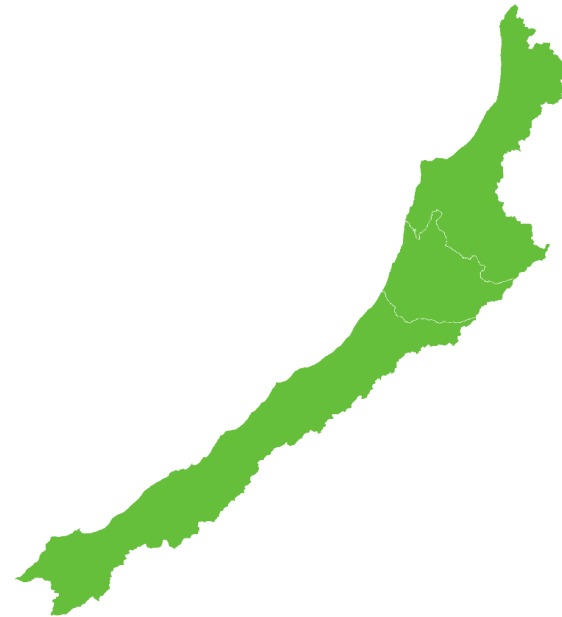


**SHALLOW INCREASE  
NATIONALLY**

Last 5 years  
2018–23



**SHALLOW INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



**LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
NATIONALLY**

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| ■ Rapid increase      | ■ Shallow decline  |
| ■ Moderate increase   | ■ Moderate decline |
| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
| ■ No or little change |                    |

# WEST COAST | Blackbird | Manu pango

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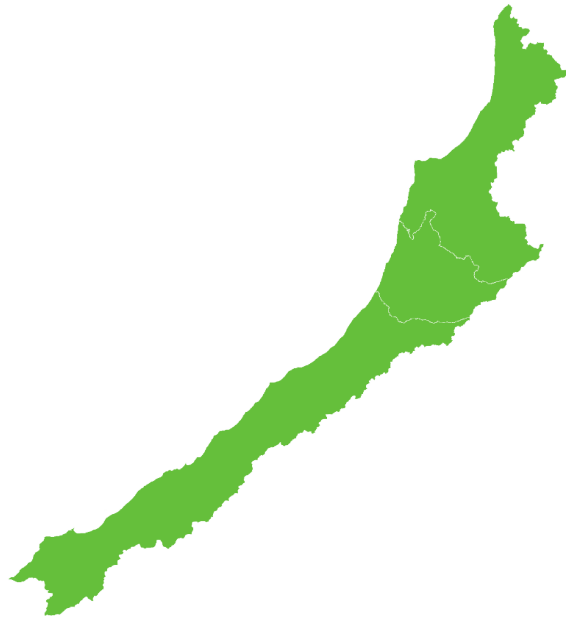
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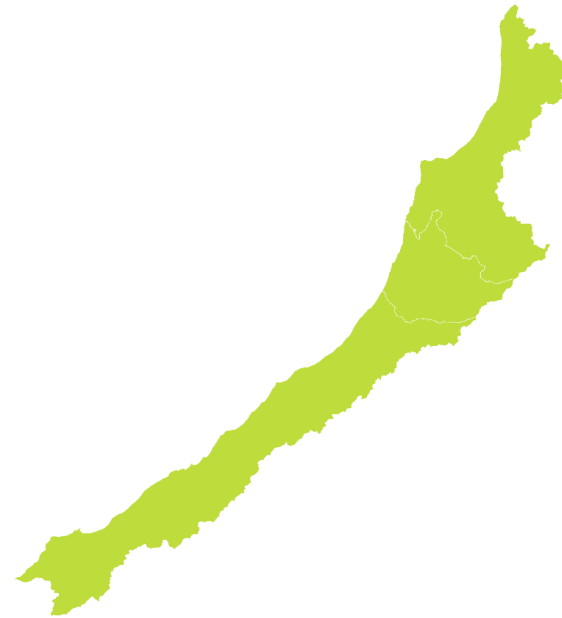
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LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
REGIONALLY



LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
NATIONALLY



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| ■ Rapid increase      | ■ Shallow decline  |
| ■ Moderate increase   | ■ Moderate decline |
| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
| ■ No or little change |                    |

# WEST COAST | Fantail | Pīwakawaka

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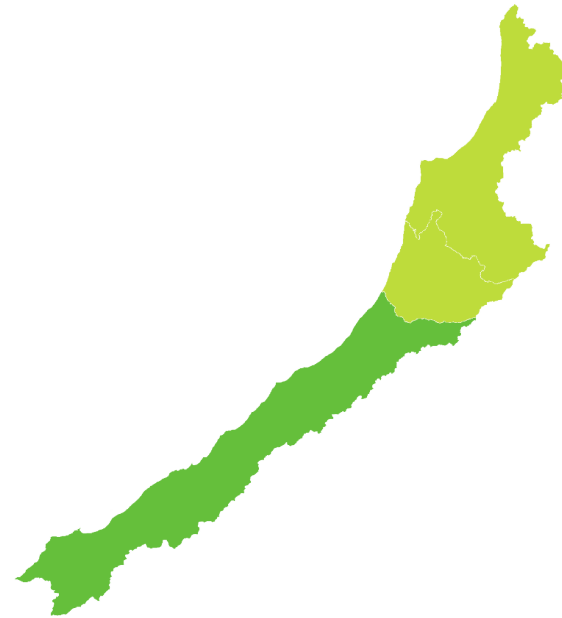
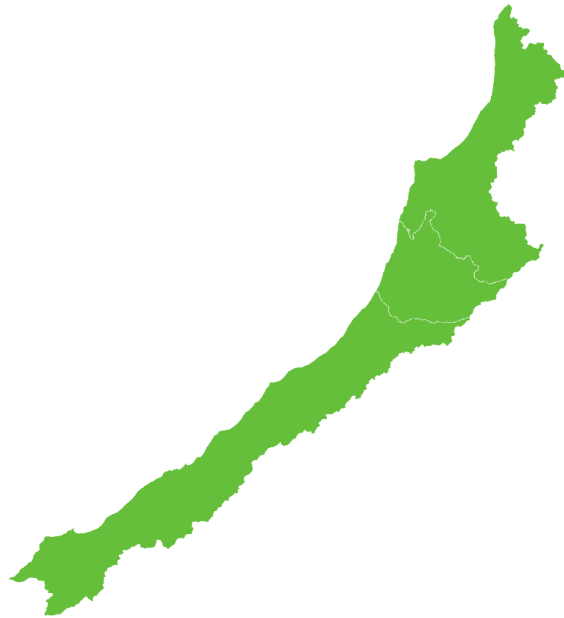
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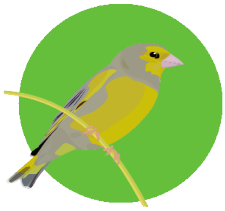
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- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
- No or little change
- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
- Rapid decline

# WEST COAST | Greenfinch

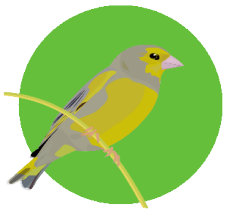
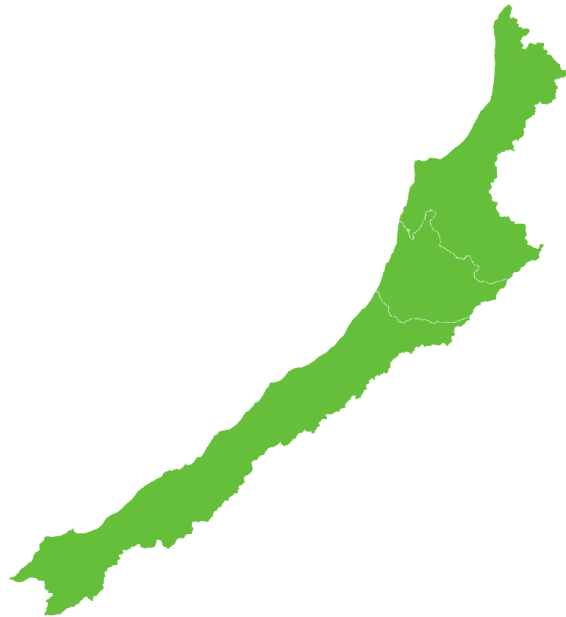
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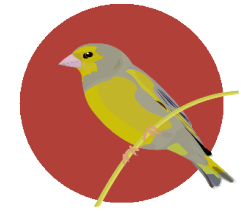


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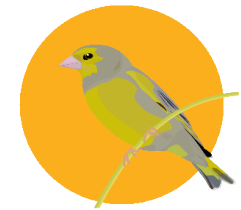
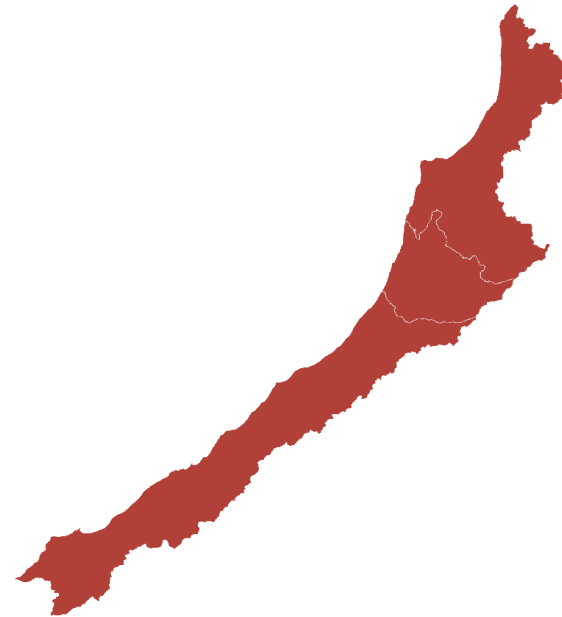


**SHALLOW INCREASE  
NATIONALLY**

Last 5 years  
2018–23



**RAPID DECLINE  
REGIONALLY**



**SHALLOW DECLINE  
NATIONALLY**

- Rapid increase
- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
- No or little change
- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
- Rapid decline

# WEST COAST | Starling | Tāringi

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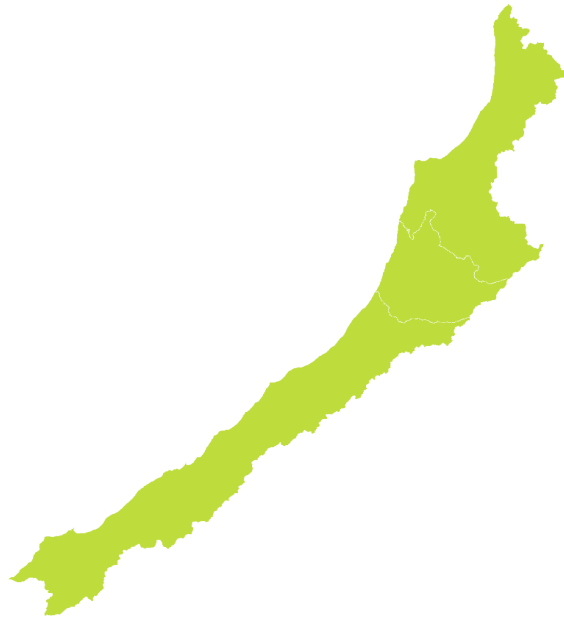
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LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
REGIONALLY



SHALLOW DECLINE  
NATIONALLY



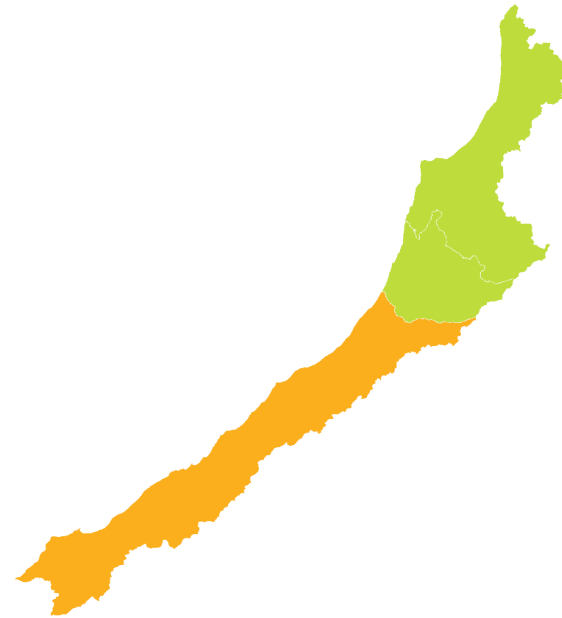
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LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
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| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
| ■ No or little change |                    |

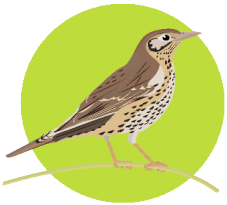


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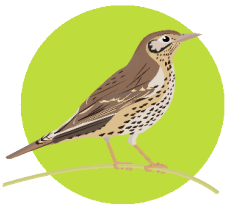
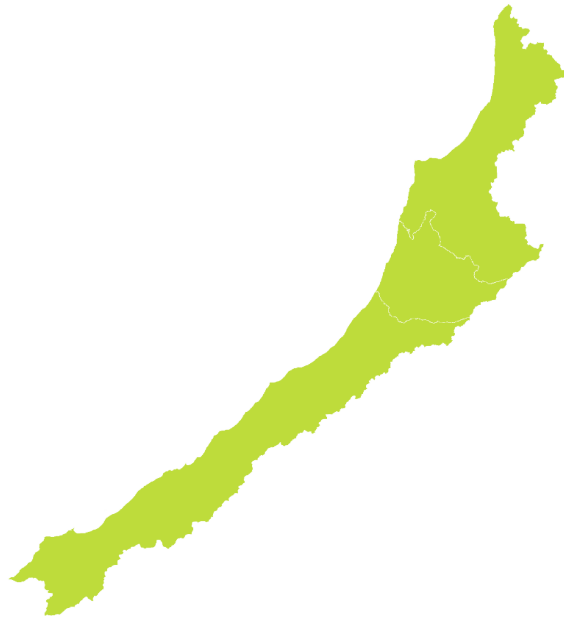
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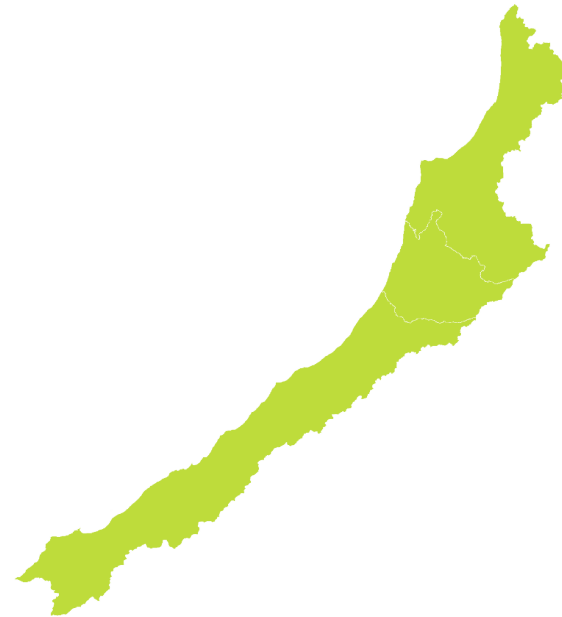


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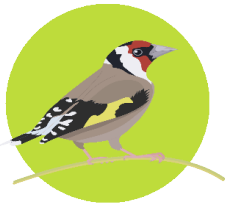
- Rapid increase
- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
- No or little change
- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
- Rapid decline

# WEST COAST | Goldfinch

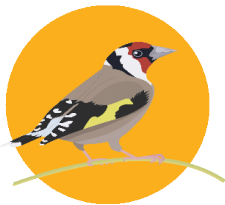
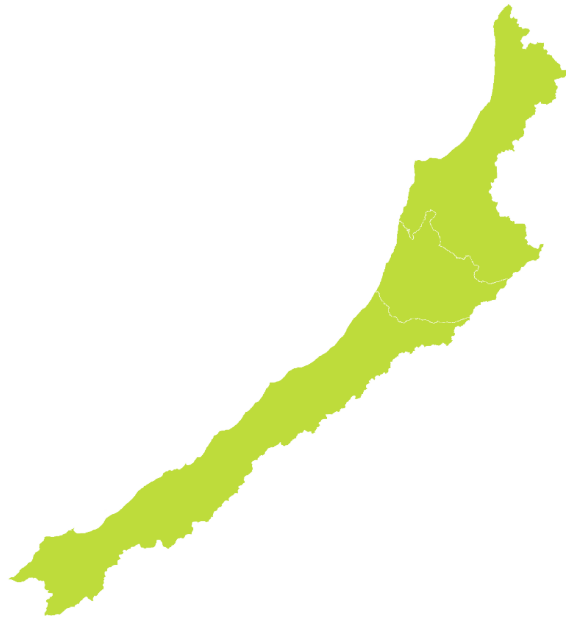
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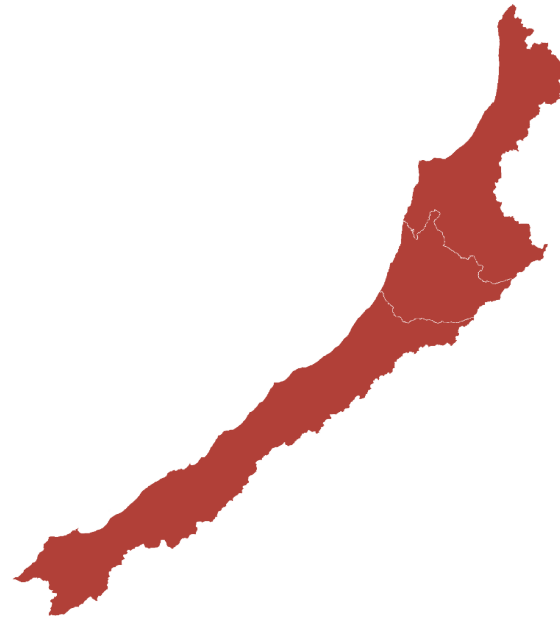


SHALLOW DECLINE  
NATIONALLY

Last 5 years  
2018–23



RAPID DECLINE  
REGIONALLY



RAPID DECLINE  
NATIONALLY

- Rapid increase
- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
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- Shallow decline
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# WEST COAST | Bellbird | Korimako

## How have garden bird counts changed in this region?



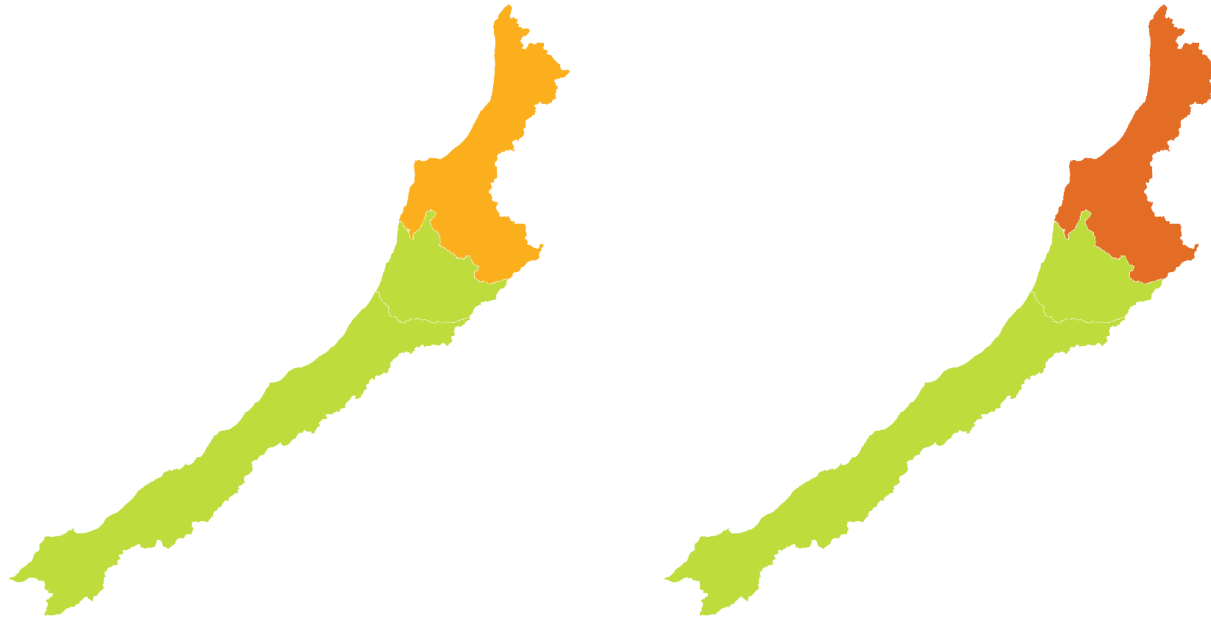
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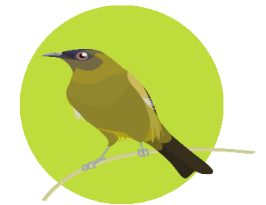
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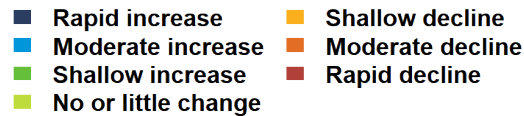
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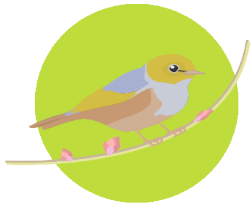


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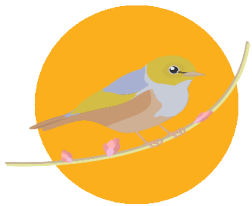
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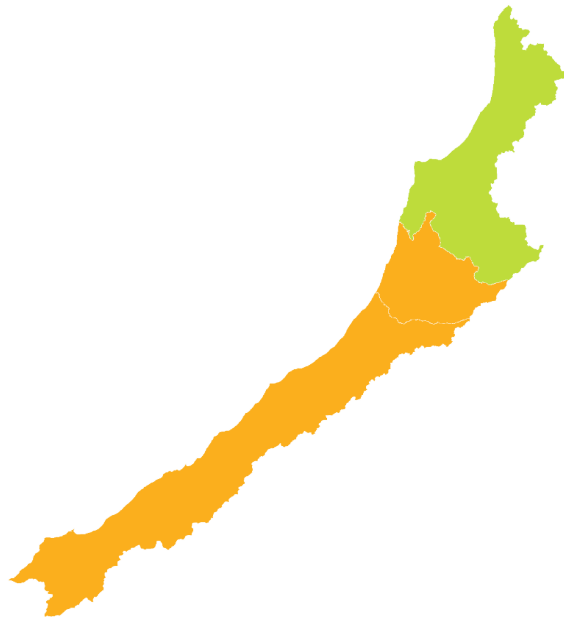
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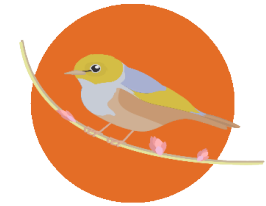
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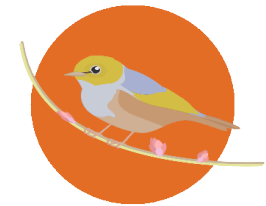
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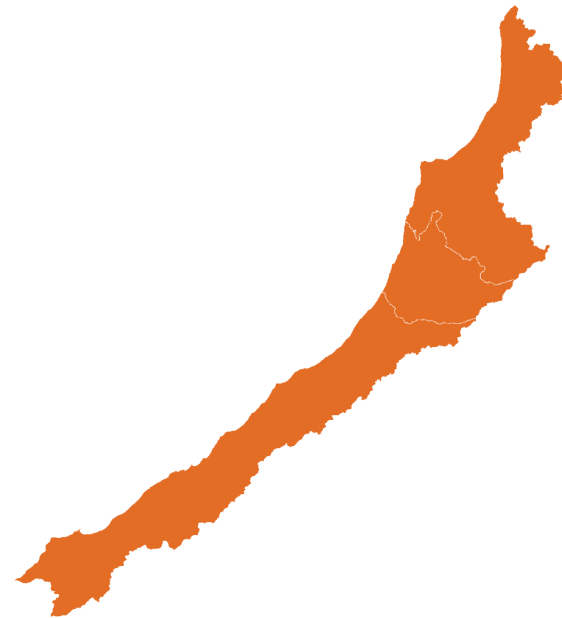
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REGIONALLY



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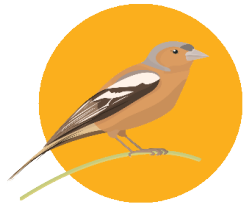


- Rapid increase
- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
- No or little change
- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
- Rapid decline

# WEST COAST | Chaffinch | Pahirini

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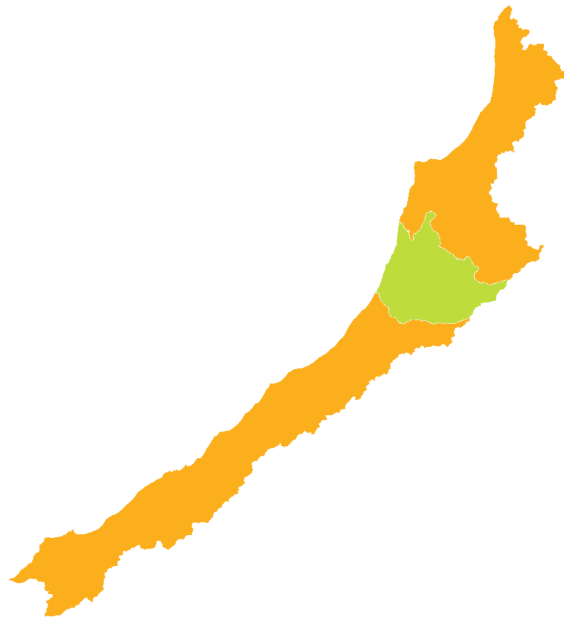
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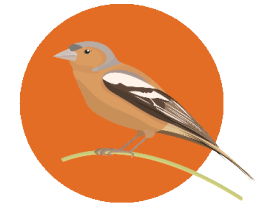
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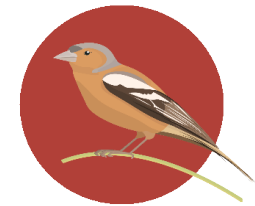
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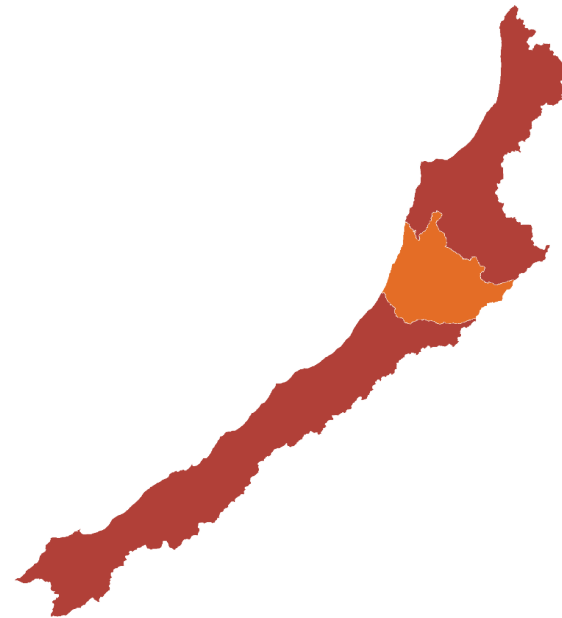
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MODERATE DECLINE  
REGIONALLY



RAPID DECLINE  
NATIONALLY



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| ■ Rapid increase      | ■ Shallow decline  |
| ■ Moderate increase   | ■ Moderate decline |
| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
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# WEST COAST | House sparrow | Tiu

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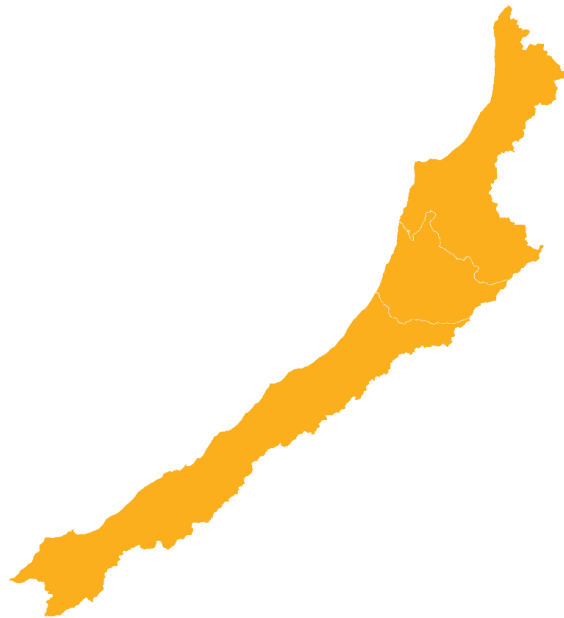
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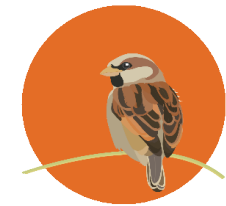
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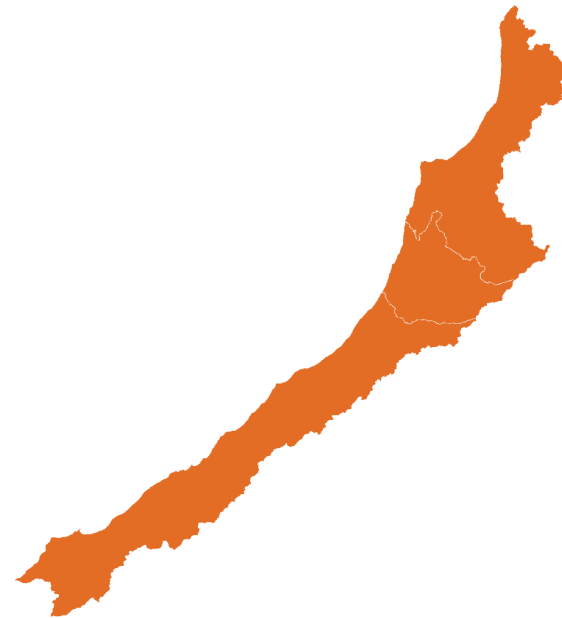
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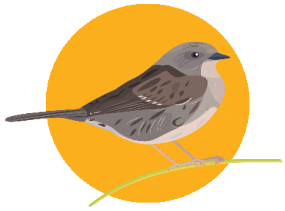
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- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
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# WEST COAST | Dunnock

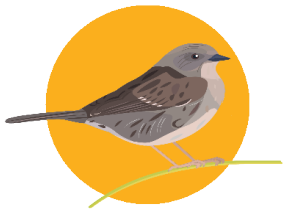
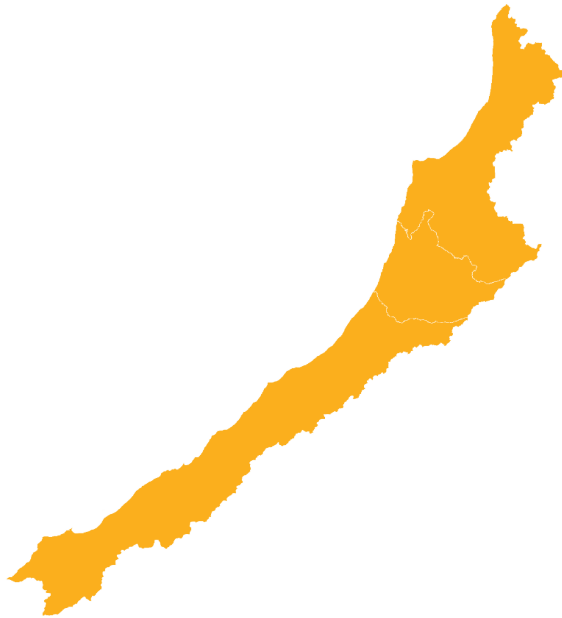
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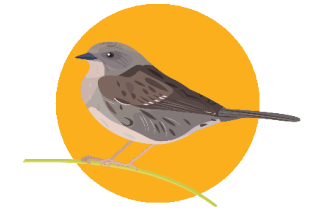


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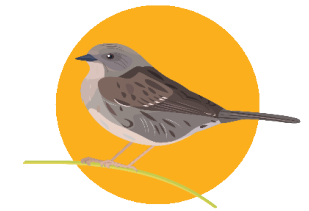
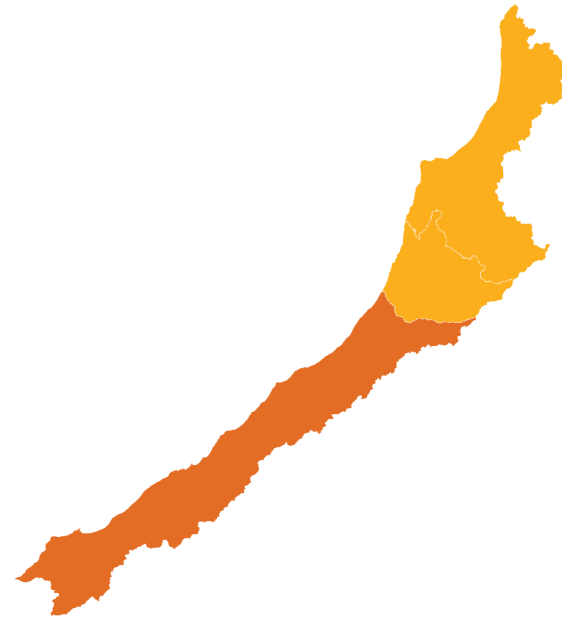


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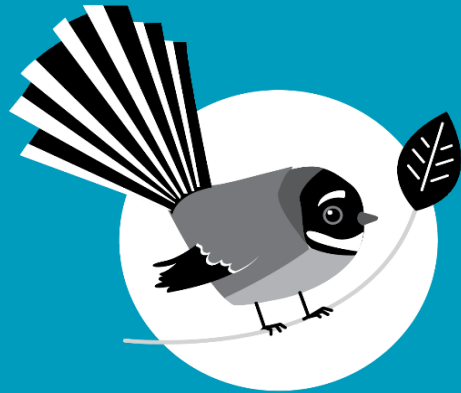


SHALLOW DECLINE  
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- Rapid increase
- Moderate increase
- Shallow increase
- No or little change
- Shallow decline
- Moderate decline
- Rapid decline



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