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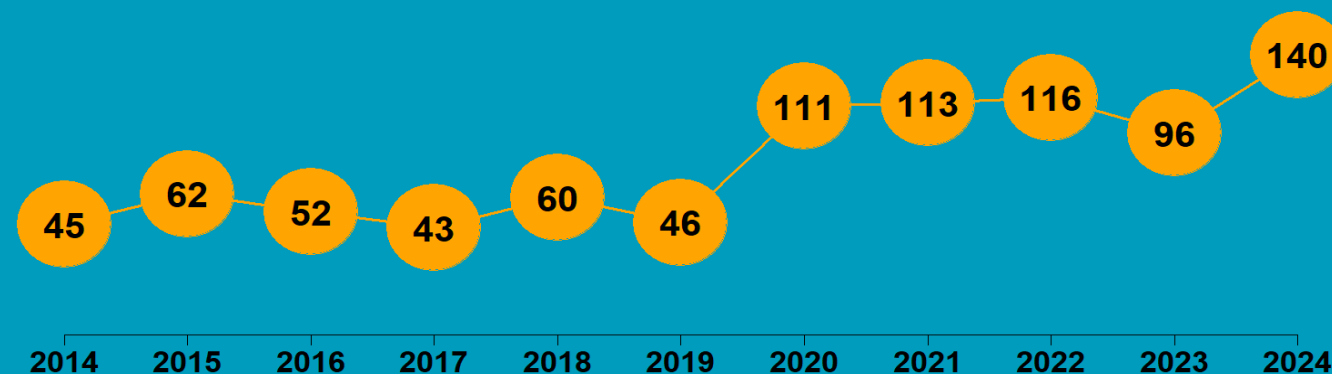
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2024

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, 49,492 garden surveys have been completed nationwide since 2014. 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

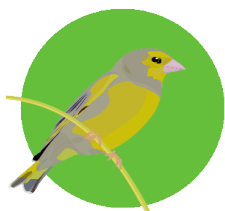


NELSON | Greenfinch

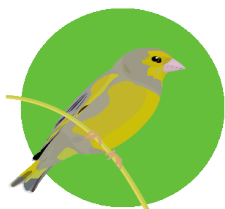
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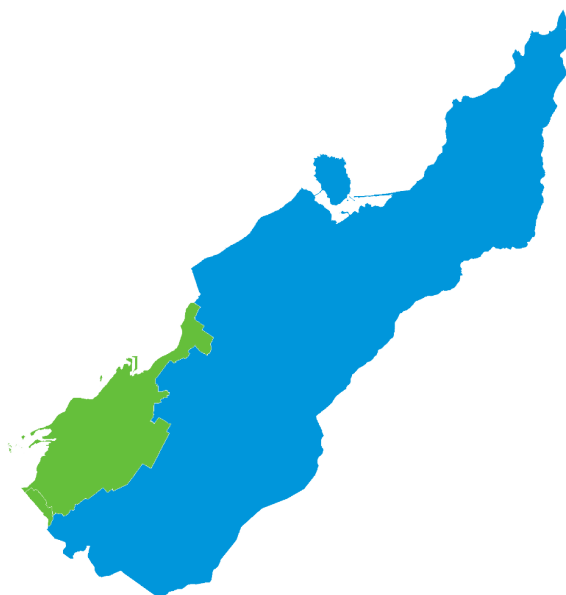
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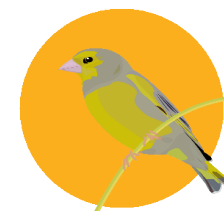
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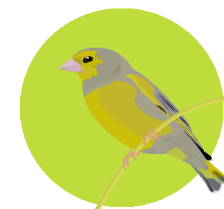
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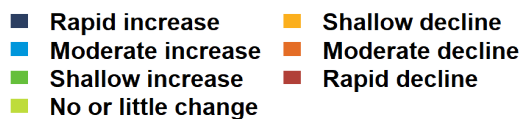
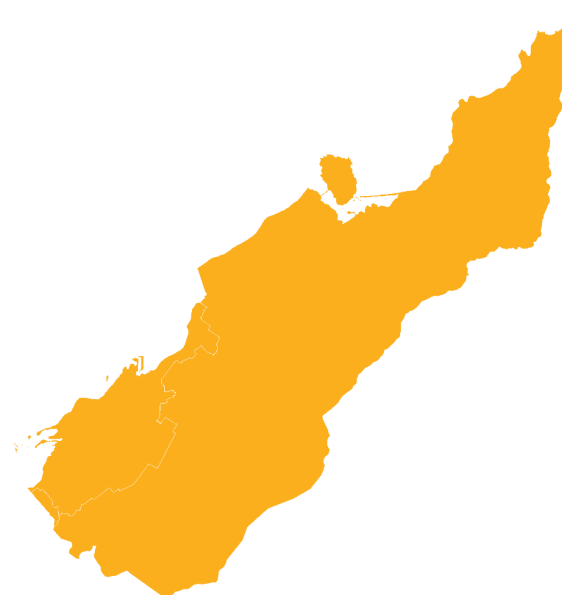
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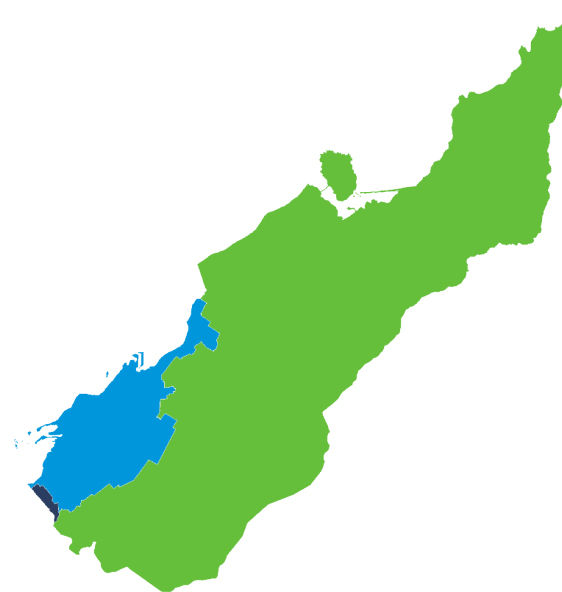
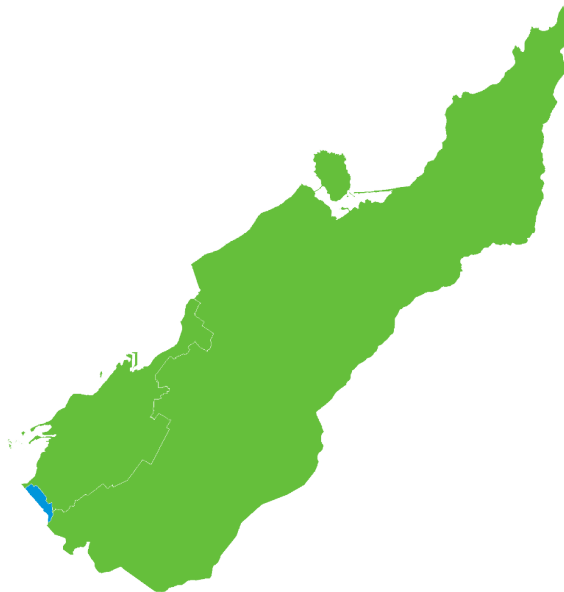
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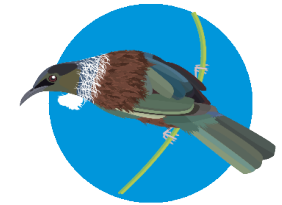
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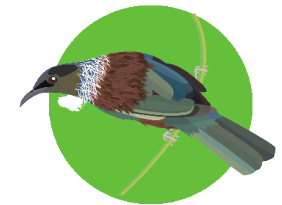
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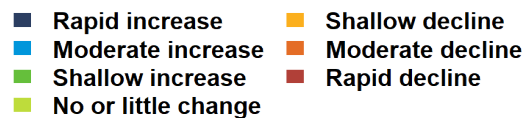
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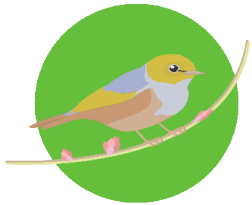


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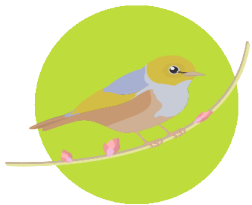
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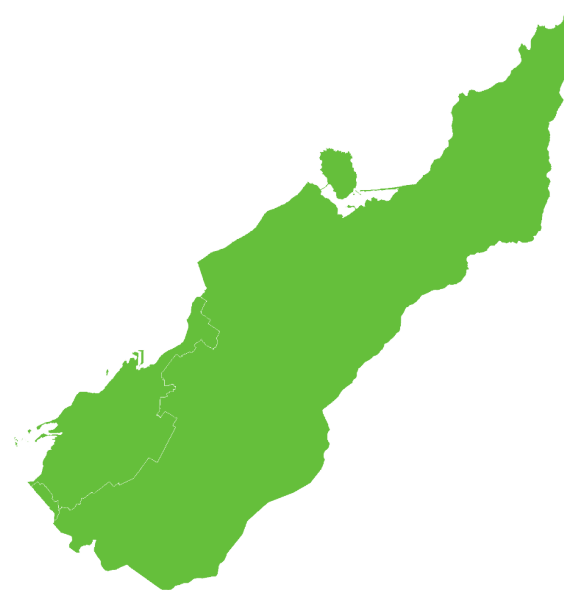
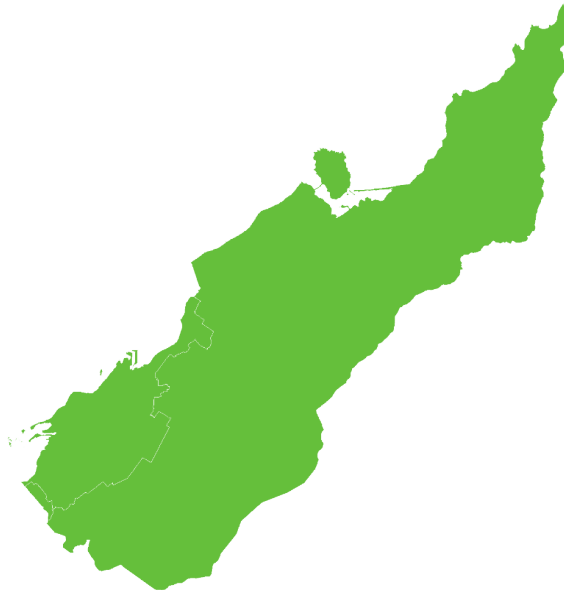
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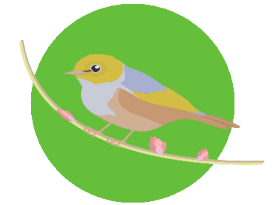
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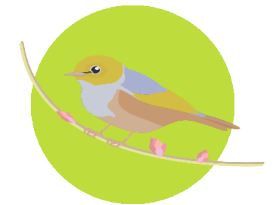
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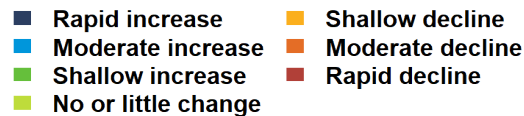
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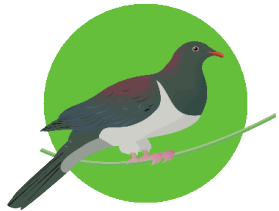


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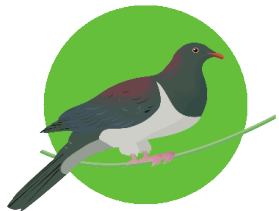
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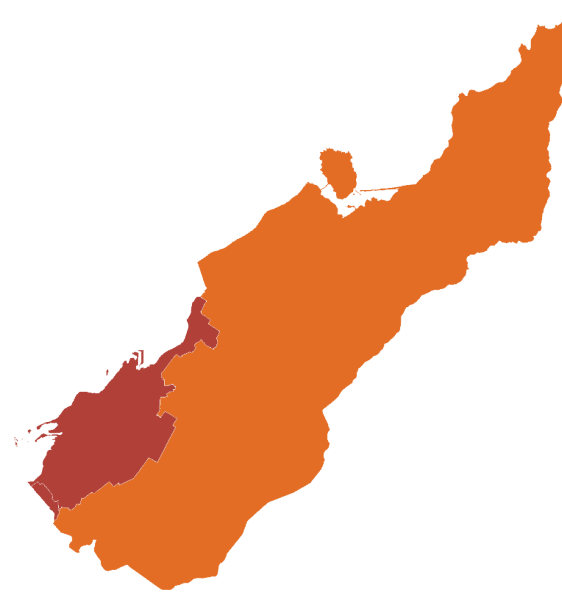
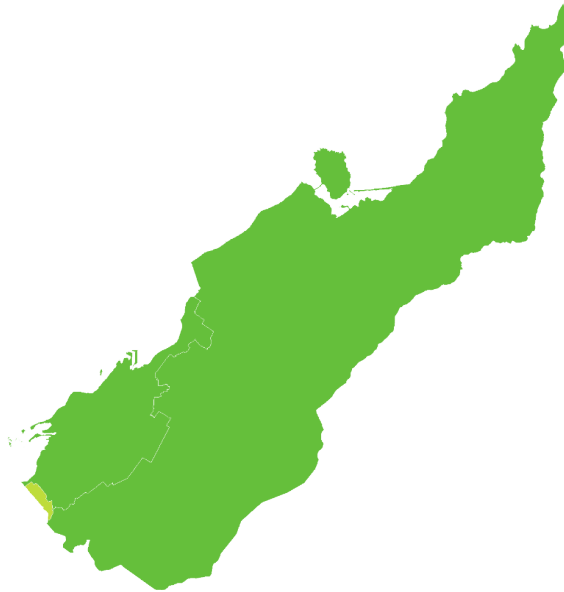
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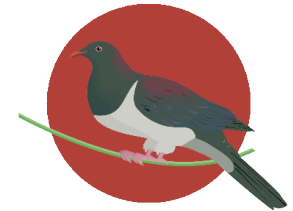
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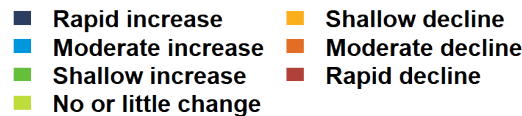
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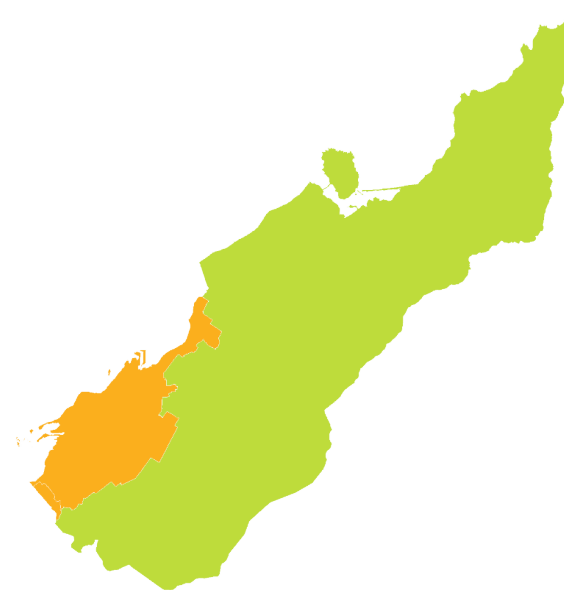
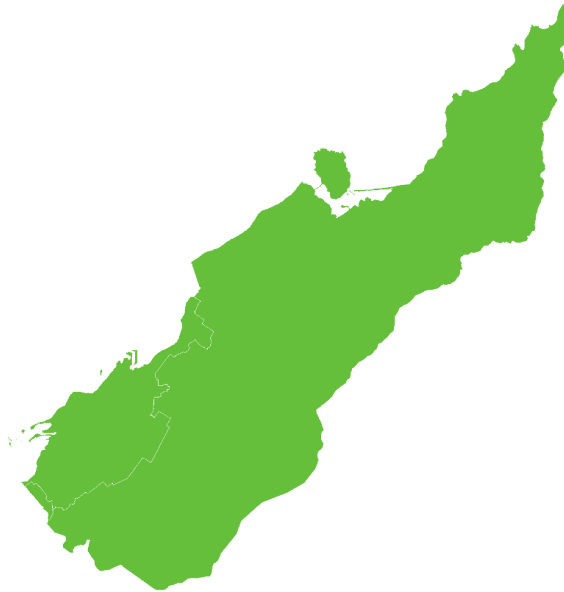
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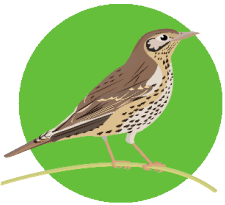


NELSON | Song thrush

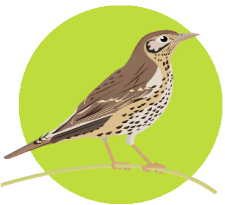
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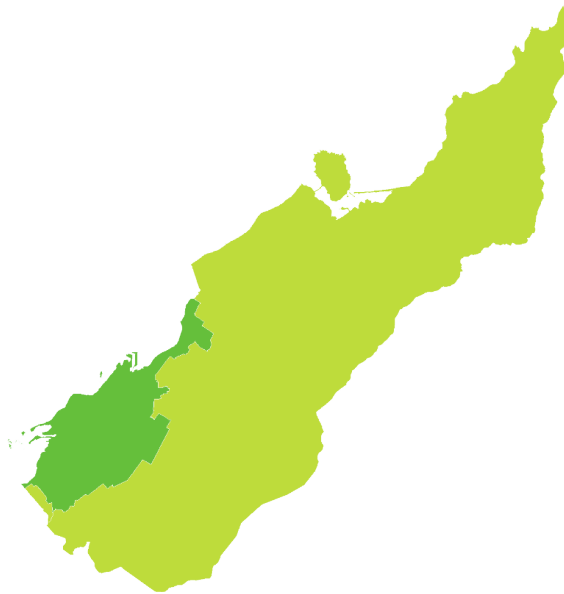
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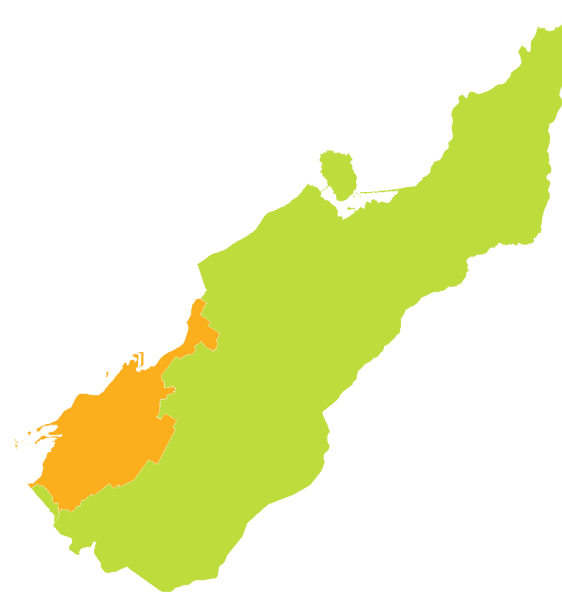
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NELSON | Blackbird | Manu pango

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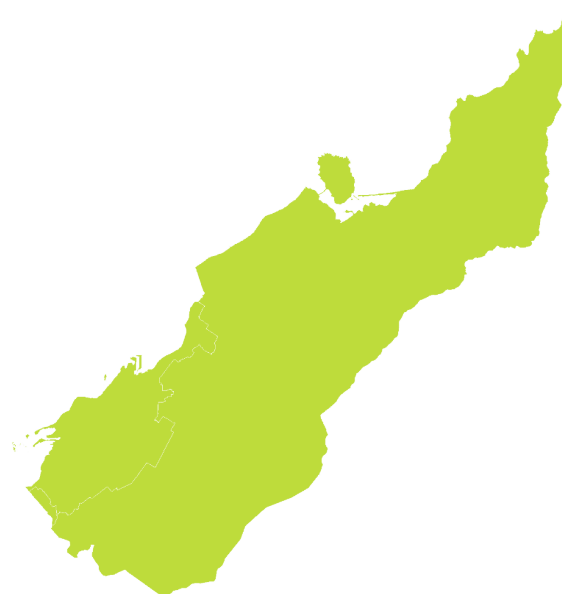
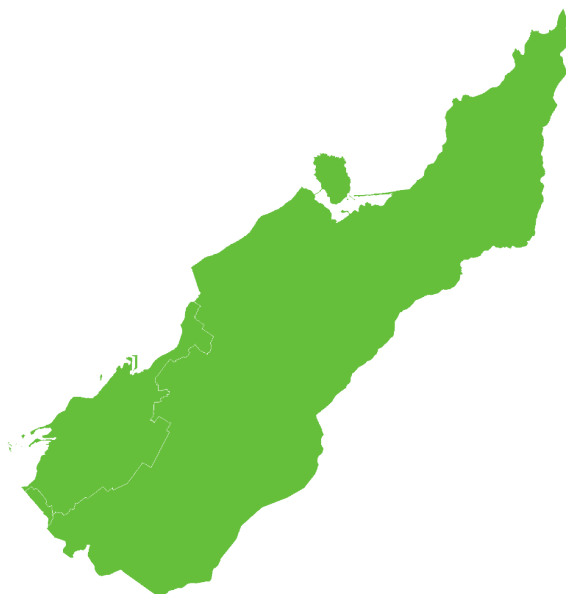
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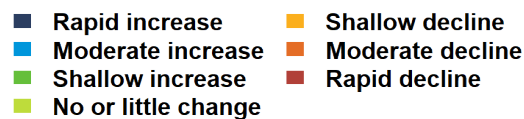
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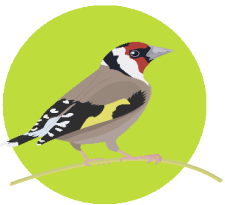
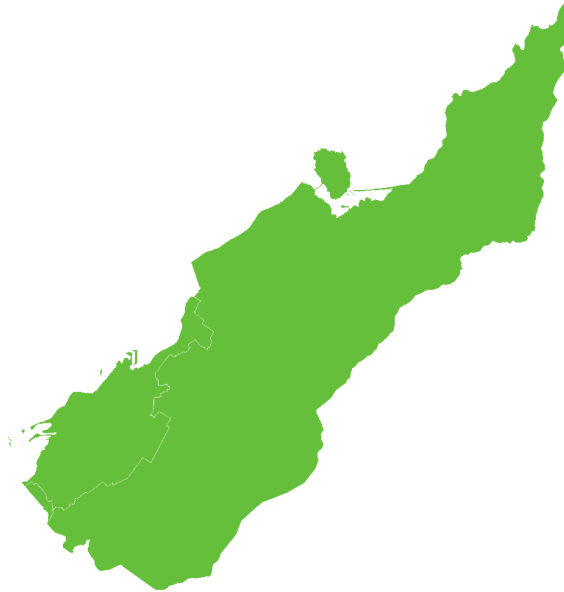
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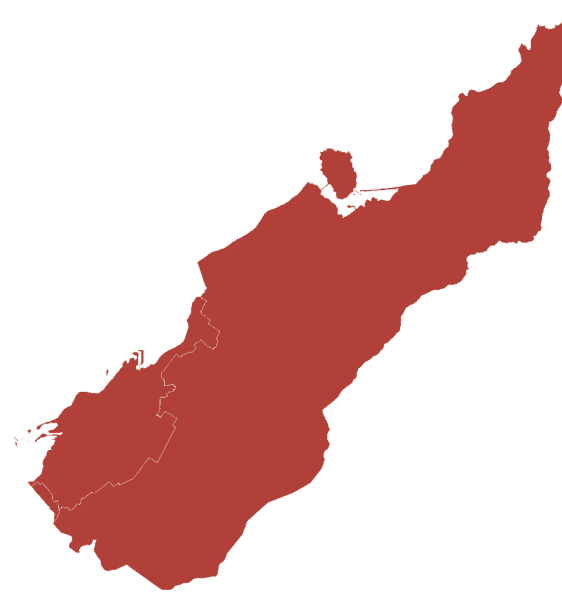


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NELSON | Bellbird | Korimako

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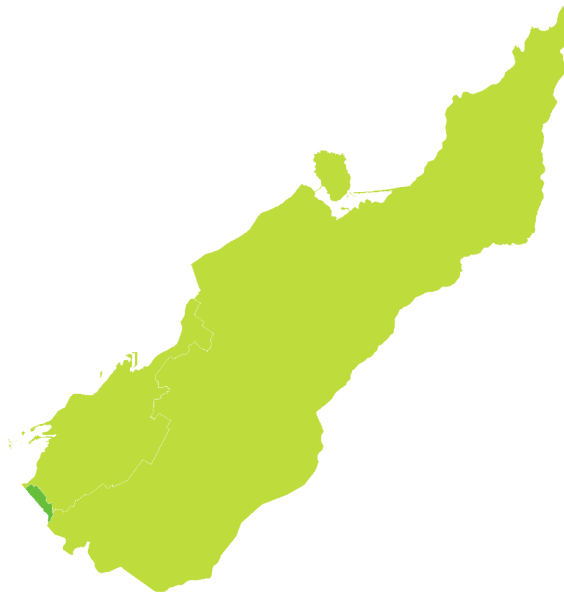
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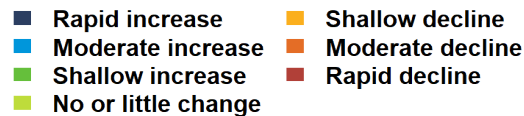
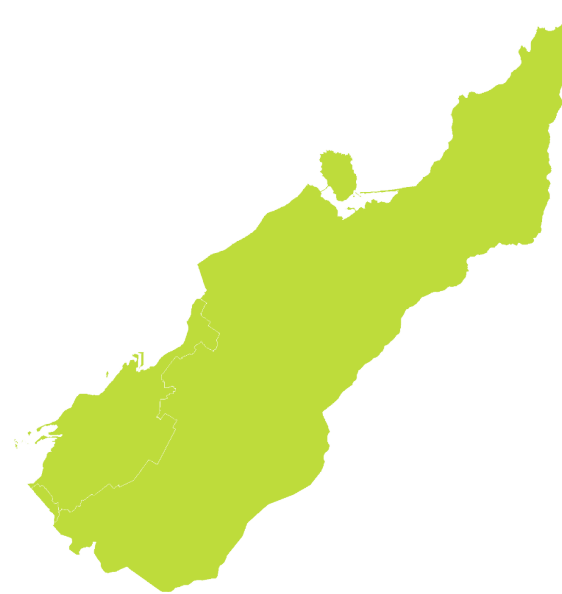
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NELSON | Chaffinch | Pahirini

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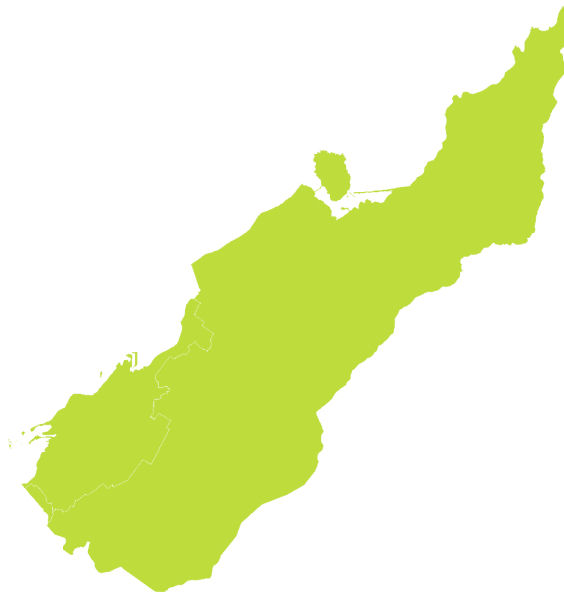
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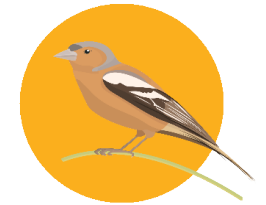
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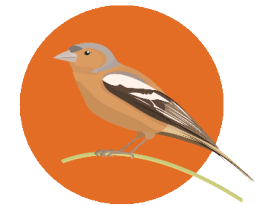
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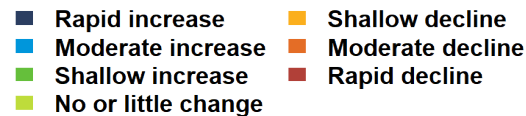
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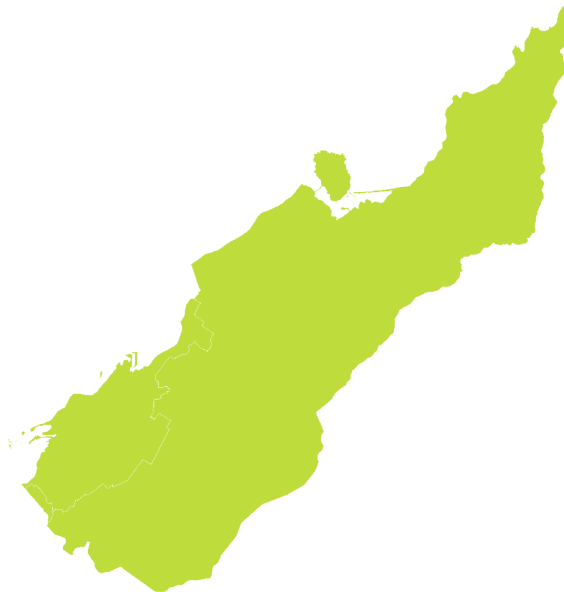
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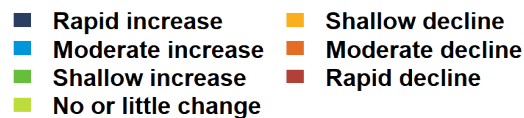
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NELSON | Starling | Tāringi

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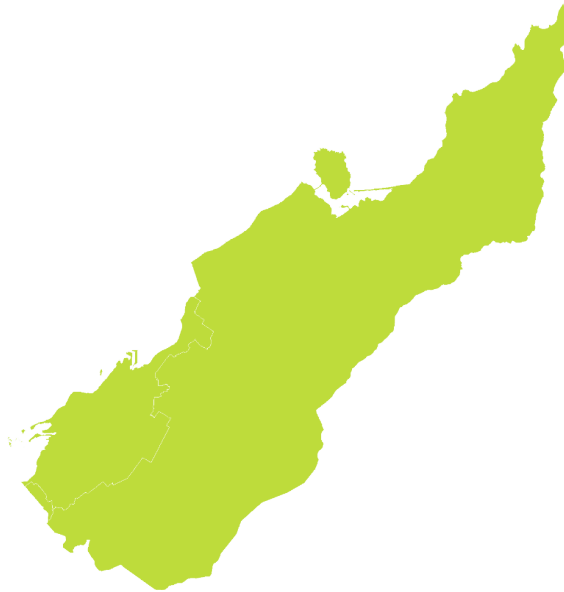
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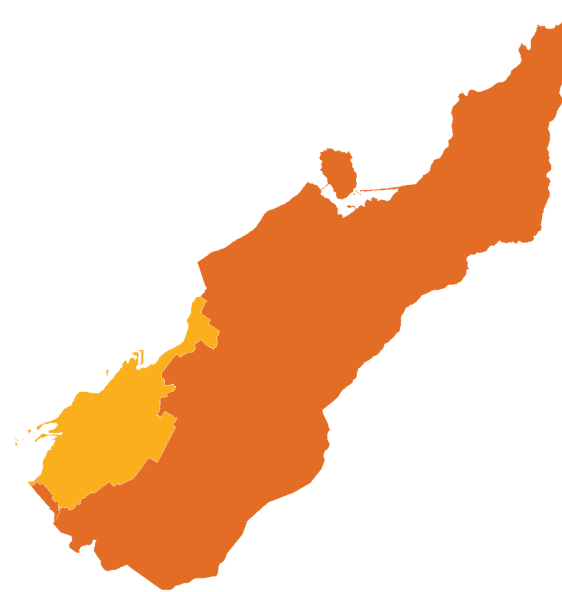
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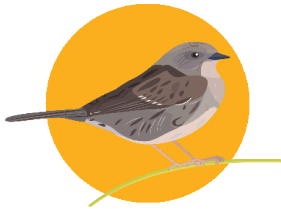
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|  Rapid increase |  Shallow decline |
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|  No or little change | |

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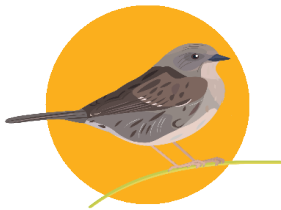
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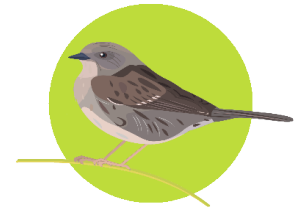
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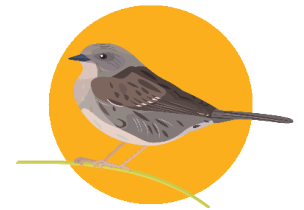
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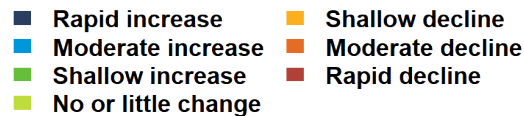
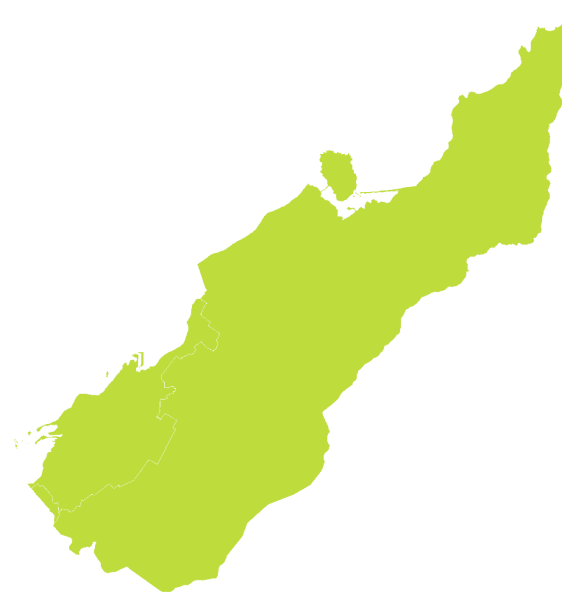
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