



Summary report

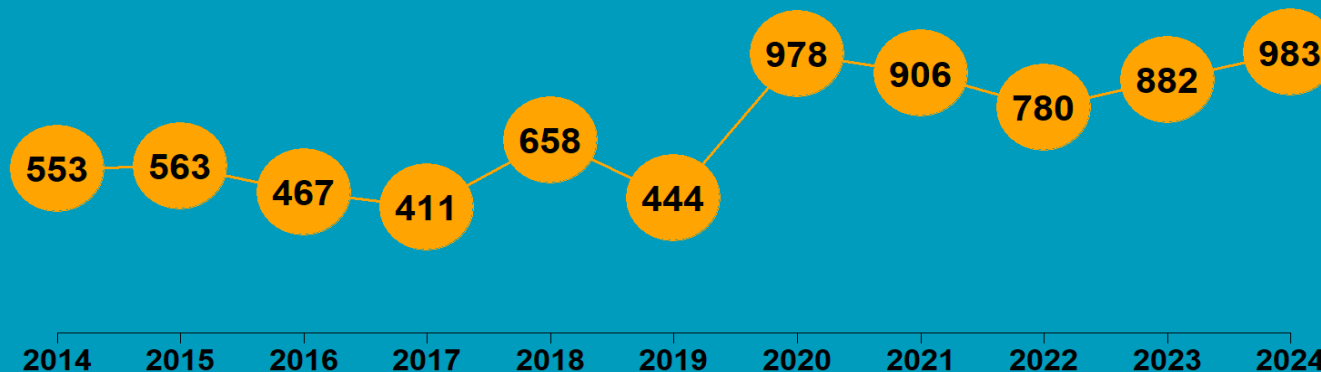
## CANTERBURY REGION

# 2024

## State of NZ Garden Birds

Te Āhua o ngā Manu o te Kāri i Aotearoa

### NUMBER OF SURVEYED GARDENS



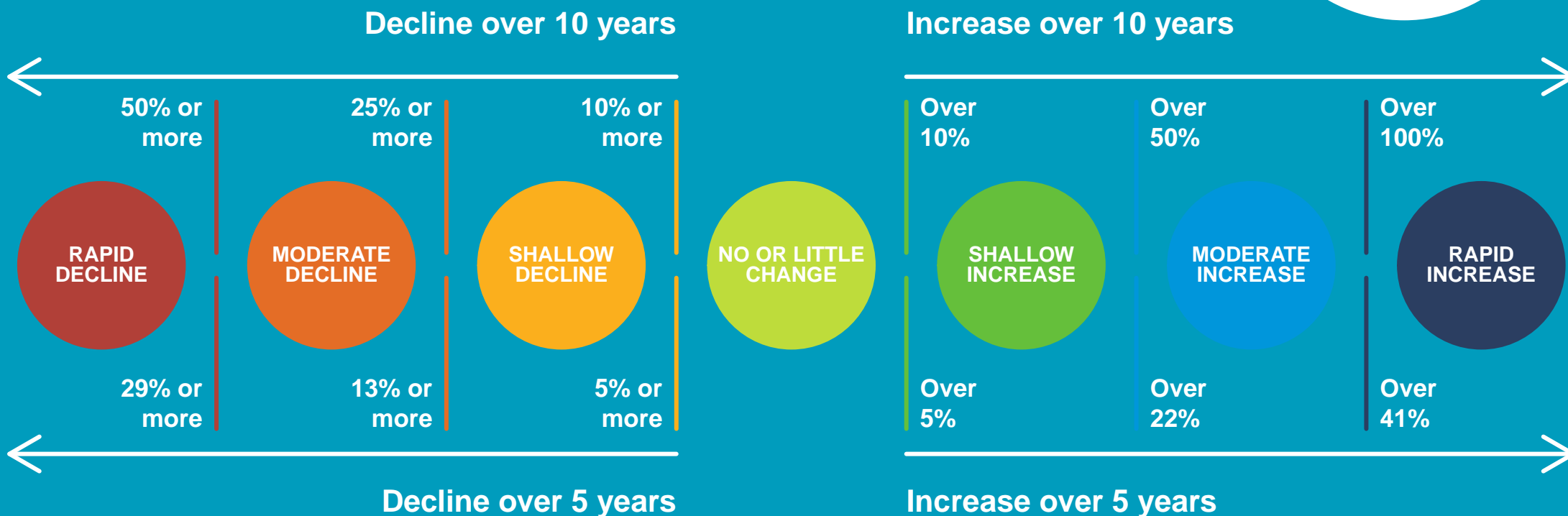
We have estimated how bird counts have changed over the last 10– and 5–year periods in different regions, districts, and neighbourhoods across New Zealand for 14 common garden visitors – five native and nine introduced birds.

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

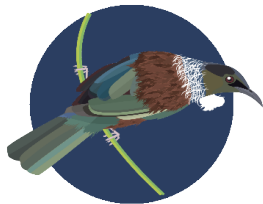


# CANTERBURY | Tūī | Kōkō

How have garden bird counts changed in this region?



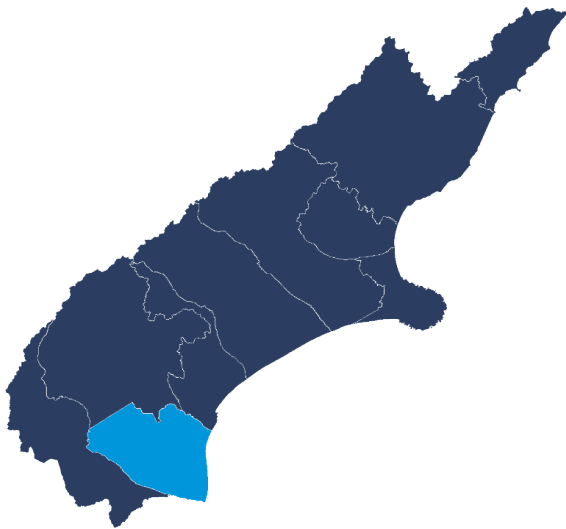
Last 10 years  
2014–24



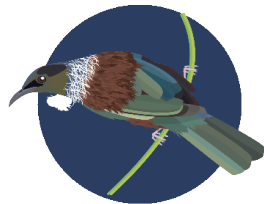
**RAPID INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



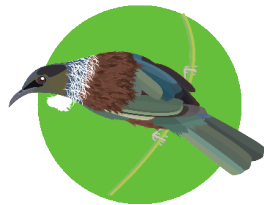
**SHALLOW INCREASE  
NATIONALLY**



Last 5 years  
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**RAPID INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



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NATIONALLY**

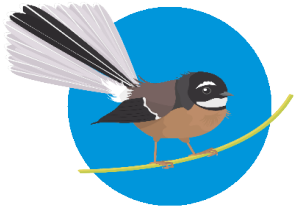
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| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Shallow increase      | <span style="color: darkred;">■</span> Rapid decline  |
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# CANTERBURY | Fantail | Pīwakawaka

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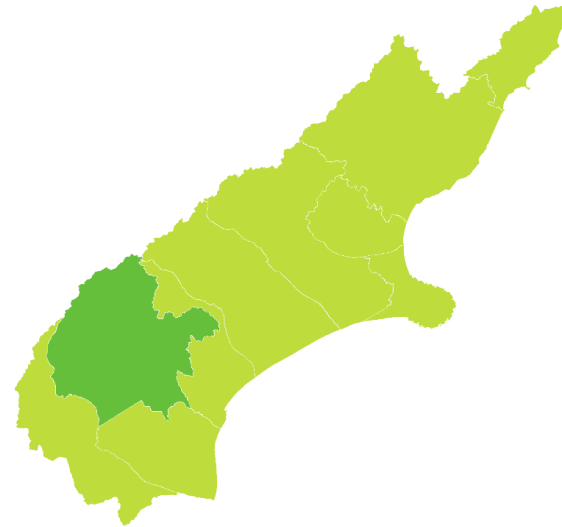
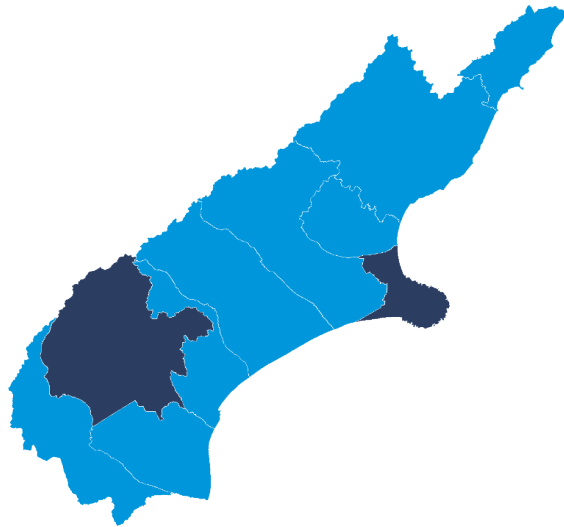
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**MODERATE INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



**SHALLOW INCREASE  
NATIONALLY**



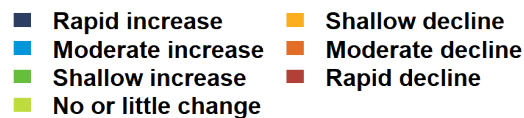
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**LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
REGIONALLY**



**LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
NATIONALLY**

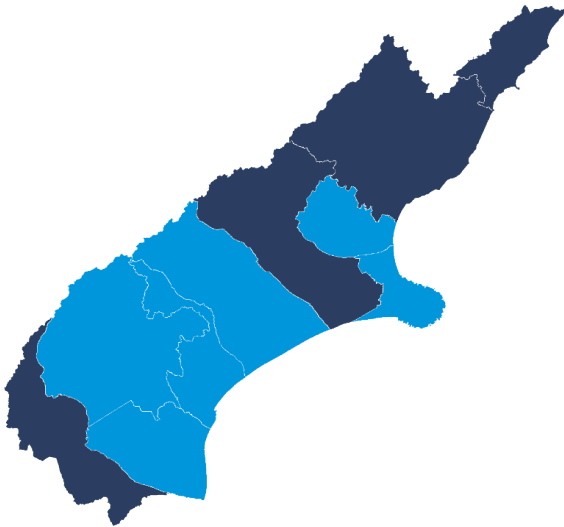


# CANTERBURY | Greenfinch

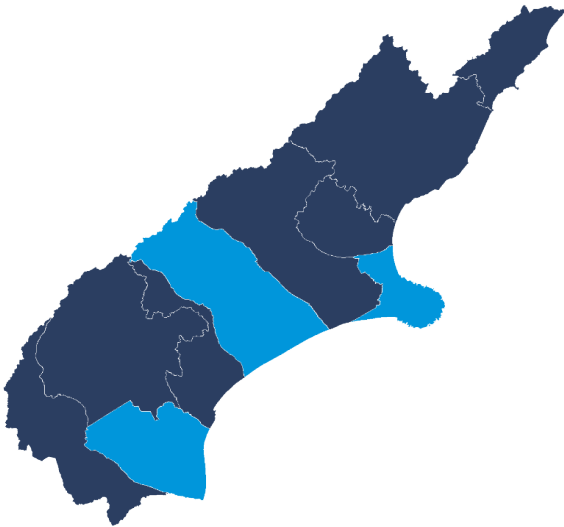
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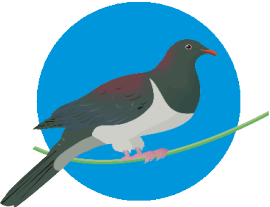
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| ■ Rapid increase      | ■ Shallow decline  |
| ■ Moderate increase   | ■ Moderate decline |
| ■ Shallow increase    | ■ Rapid decline    |
| ■ No or little change |                    |

# CANTERBURY | Kererū | Kererū

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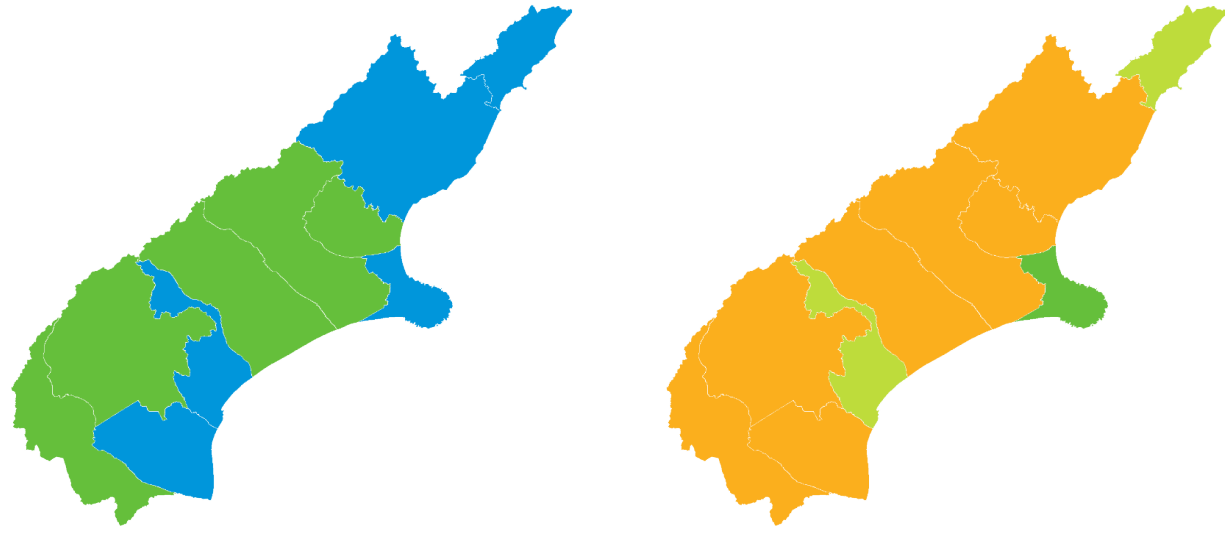
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**MODERATE INCREASE  
REGIONALLY**



**SHALLOW INCREASE  
NATIONALLY**










Last 5 years  
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**LITTLE OR NO CHANGE  
REGIONALLY**



**SHALLOW DECLINE  
NATIONALLY**

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|  Rapid increase      |  Shallow decline  |
|  Moderate increase   |  Moderate decline |
|  Shallow increase    |  Rapid decline    |
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# CANTERBURY | Bellbird | Korimako

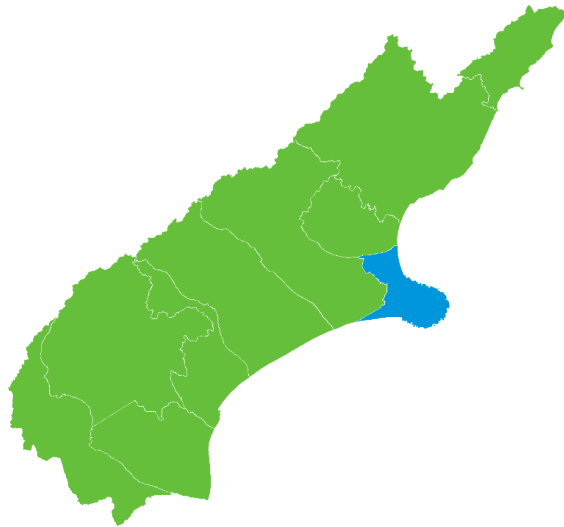
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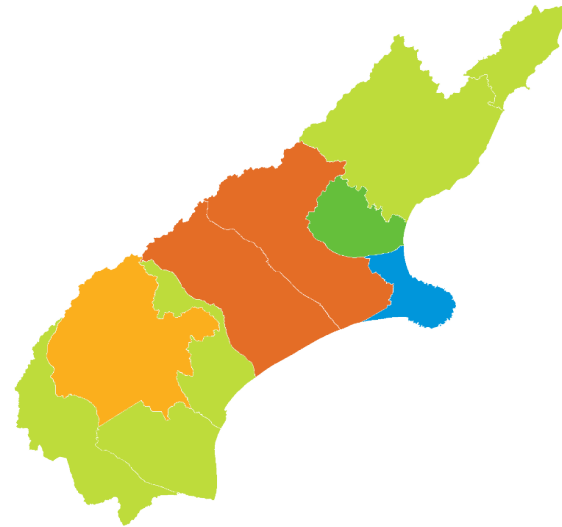


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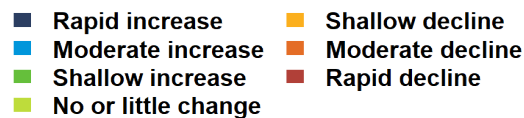
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# CANTERBURY | Blackbird | Manu pango

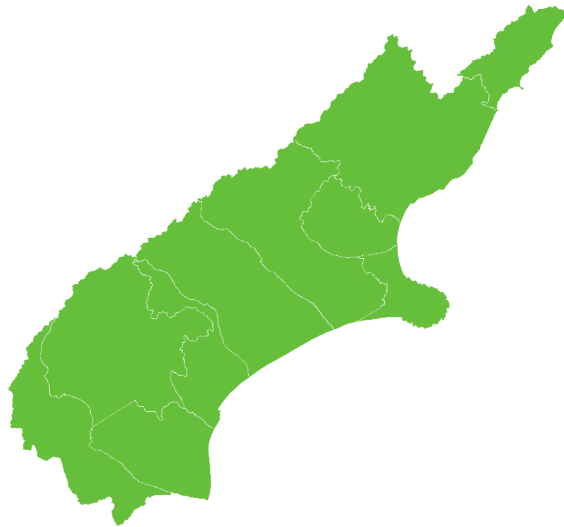
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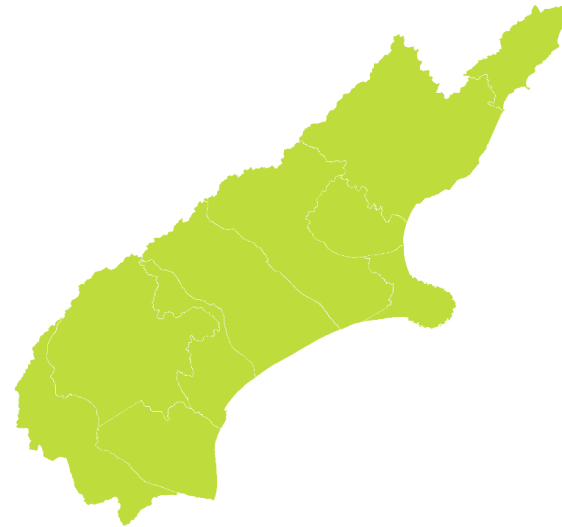


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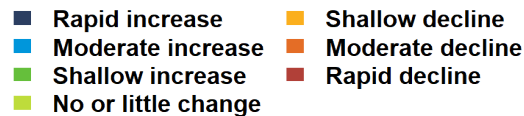
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# CANTERBURY | Goldfinch

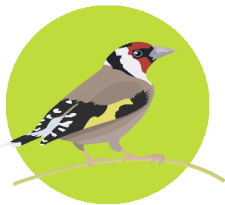
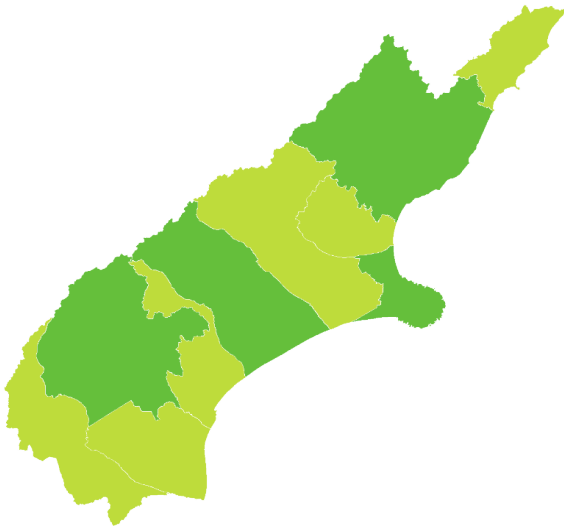
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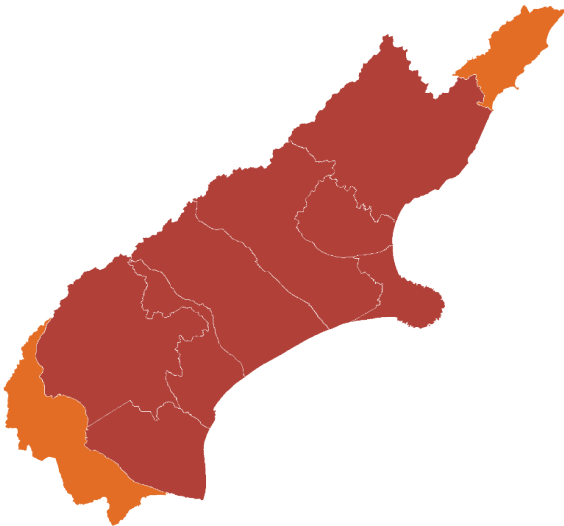


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RAPID DECLINE  
REGIONALLY



MODERATE DECLINE  
NATIONALLY

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

# CANTERBURY | House sparrow | Tiu

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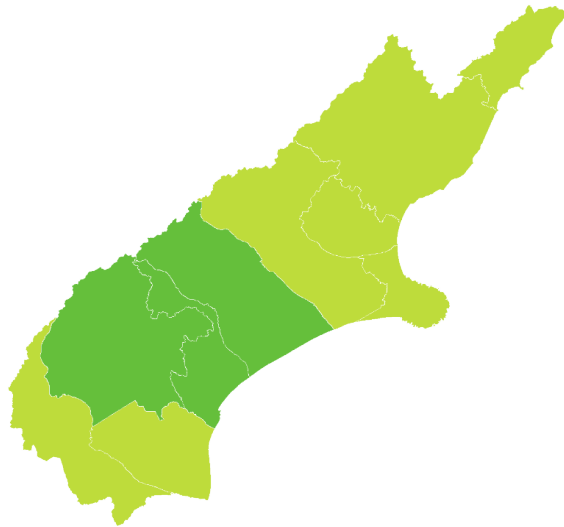
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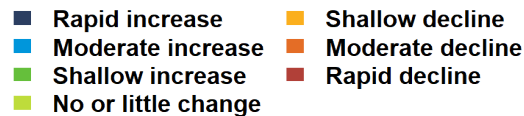
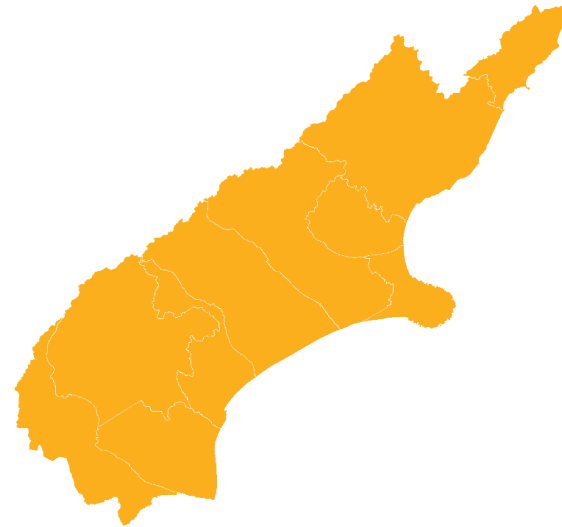
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MODERATE DECLINE  
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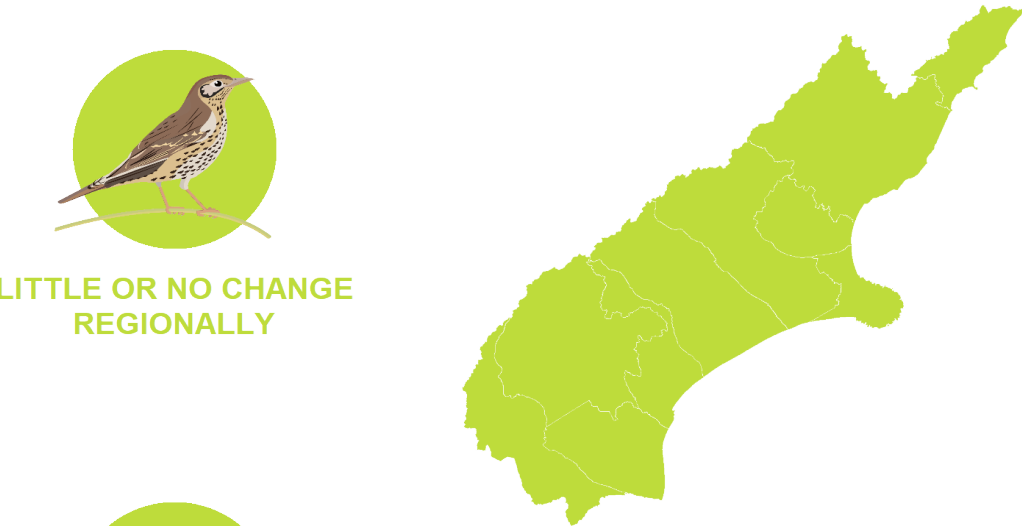


# CANTERBURY | Song thrush

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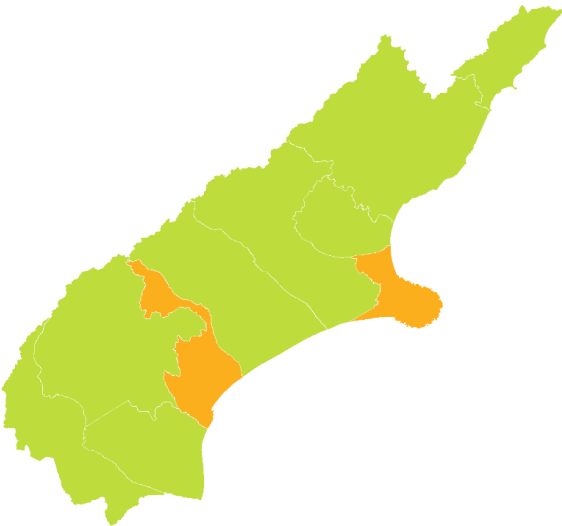
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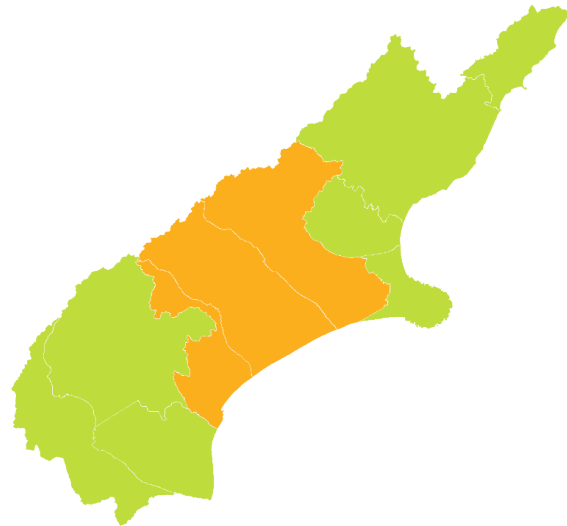
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# CANTERBURY | Chaffinch | Pahirini

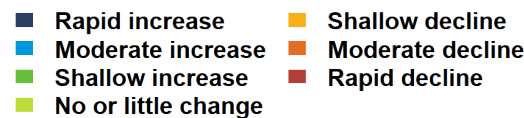
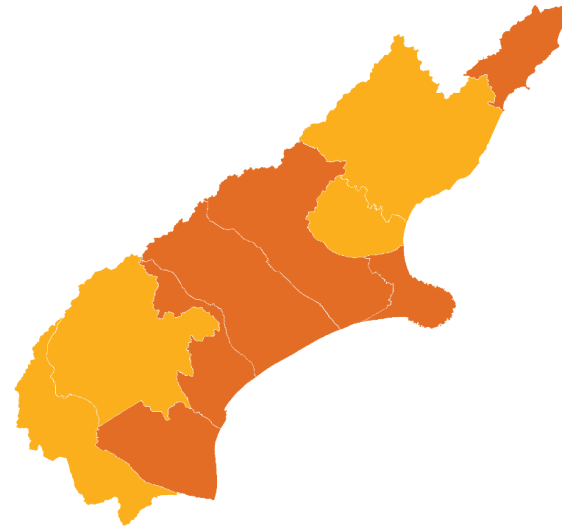
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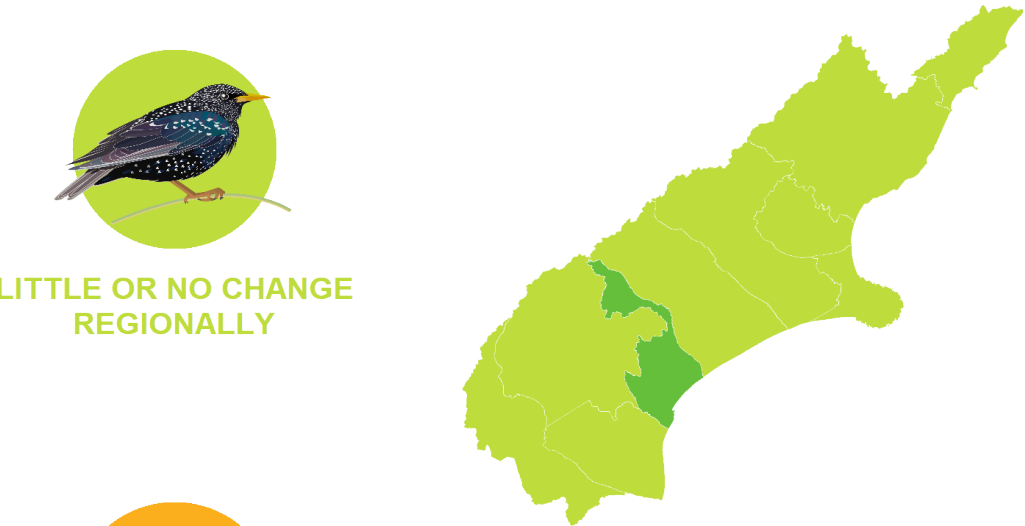


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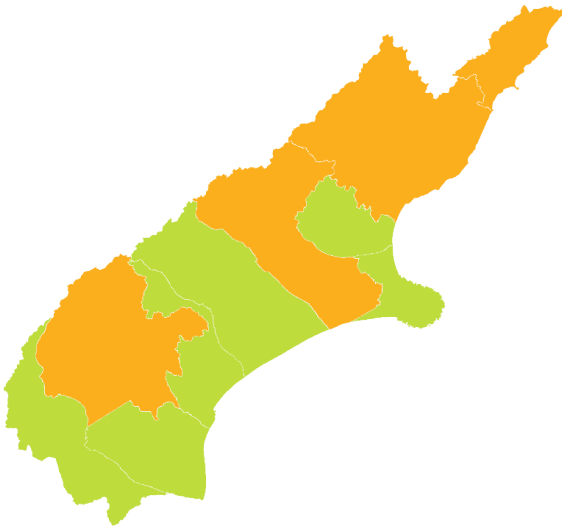
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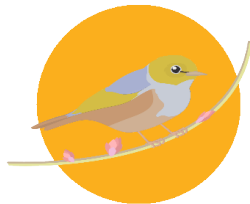
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# CANTERBURY | Silvereye | Tauhou

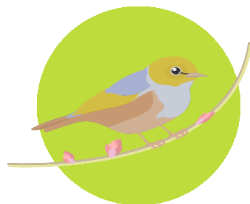
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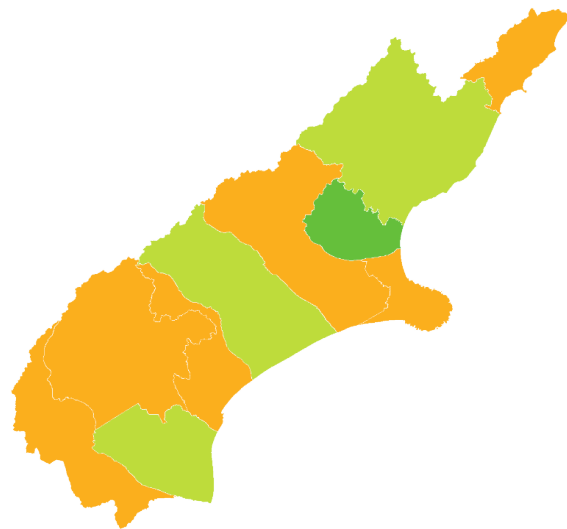
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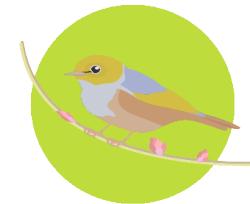
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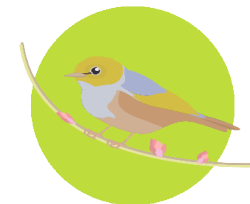
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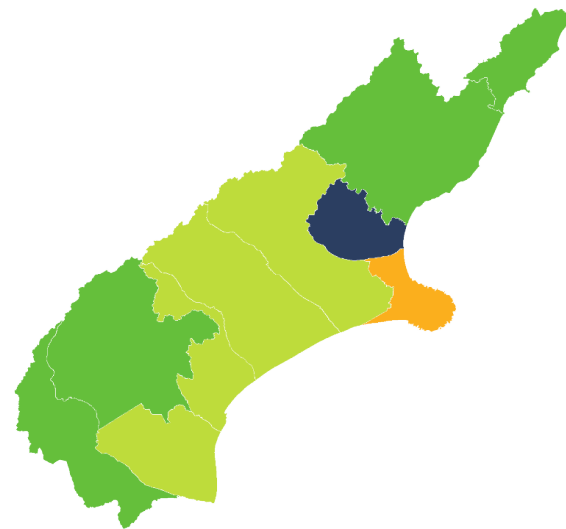
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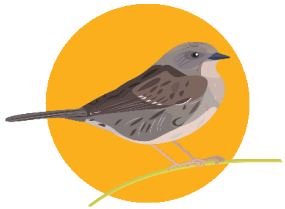
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# CANTERBURY | Dunnock

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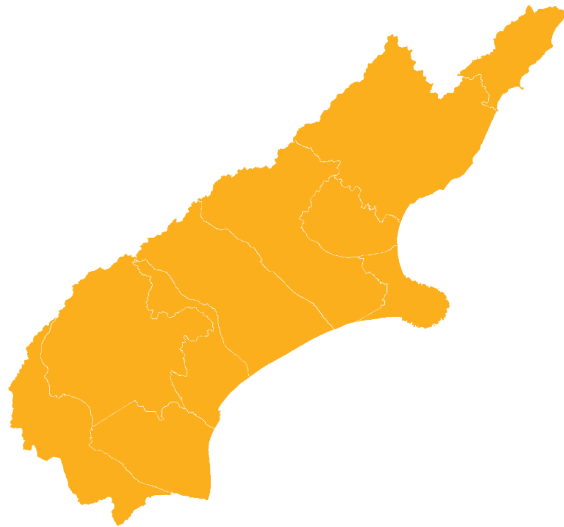
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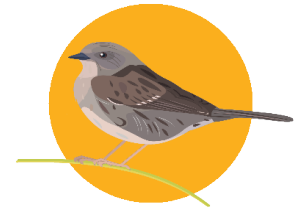
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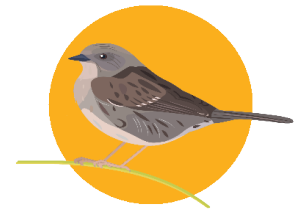
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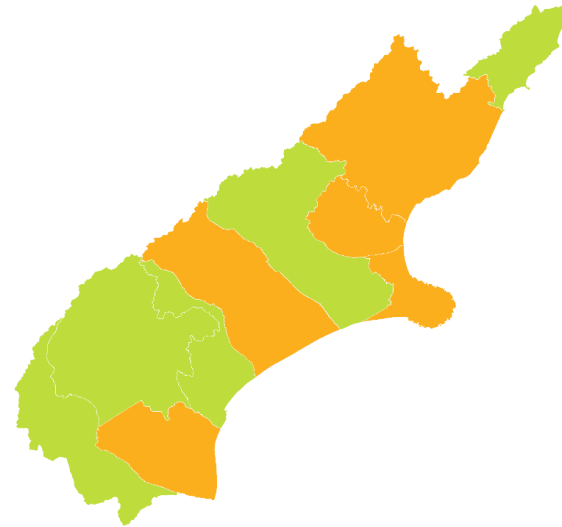
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