



BIRDS
NEW ZEALAND
Te Kāhui Mātai Manu o Aotearoa

Bellbird

Anthornis melanura (Sparman, 1786)

Length: 20cm

Weight: 34g(male); 26g (female)

Similar species: European greenfinch, Tui

New Zealand status: Endemic

Conservation status: Not Threatened

A medium-sized yellowish-green honeyeater with a short decurved black bill, slightly forked tail, red eyes and grey legs. Adult males are olive green with paler underparts, purple-tinted head and blackish wings and tail; adult females are browner with a narrow white-yellow stripe across the cheek from the base of the bill and a bluish gloss on top of head.

Voice: song varies regionally but is ringing notes without grunts or wheezes. Alarm call a rapidly repeated harsh “yeng.”