

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Emblema oculata from Appendix II.

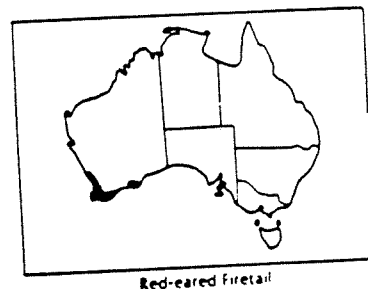
B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Passeriformes
13. Family: Estrildidae
14. Species: Emblema oculata
15. Common Names: English: red-eared fire-tail finch  
French: astrild à oreillon rouge  
Spanish:
16. Code Numbers: 227.049.008.004 (ID Manual)



2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: South-western Australia: coastal strip from near the Fitzgerald River to the Darling Ranges.
22. Population: Uncommon, probably declining because adversely affected by human settlement.

Probably no captive population outside of Australia. The International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25 gives no breeding records for 1982/1983.

23. Habitat: Dense scrub, heavy eucalyptus forest, swampy areas. Generally associated with freshwater streams. Loss of habitat because the area has been systematically destroyed through clearing and burning the undergrowth.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Kept as an aviary bird in Australia.
32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1971.
33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
34. Potential Trade Threats: The species was proposed for Appendix II because it was felt that unregulated collecting for the avicultural trade would represent a threat to its survival.

4. Protection Status

Included in the Western Australian Schedule of Protected Rare Fauna.

CITES history: Listed at San José, 1979, following a proposal by Australia, accompanied by a substantially complete supporting statement.

5. Information on Similar Species

Other Emblema species which are not listed.

There is an ID Manual sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The questionnaire sent to the Australian Management Authority was not returned, but the Management Authority stated that the Australian Council of Nature Conservation Ministers had established a Specialist Working Group in order to undertake a critical review of the Australian fauna contained in CITES appendices. By a second letter, dated 18 July 1986, the Chairman of the Ten Year Review Central Committee was informed that the Specialist Working Group had proposed one inclusion and five deletions from the appendices, but this list did not include Emblema oculata.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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