New Zealand GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

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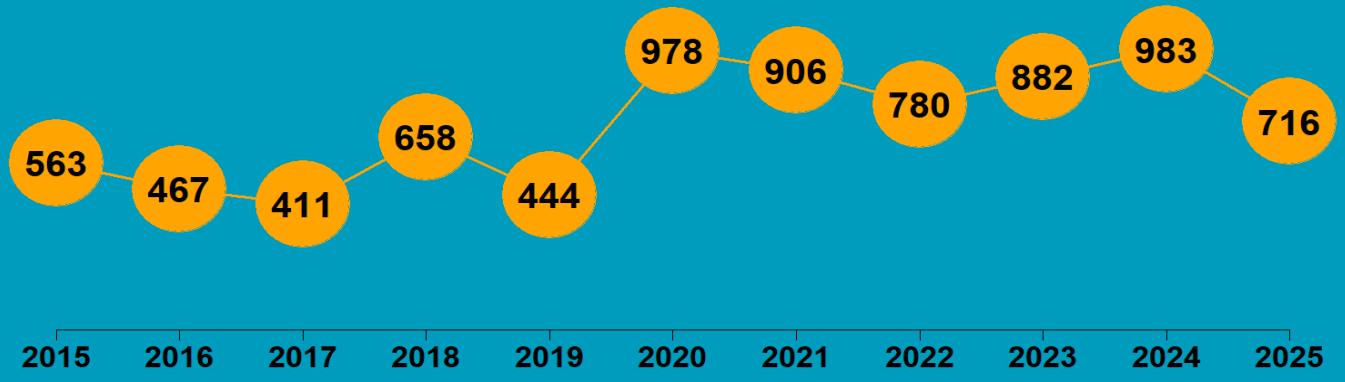
Summary report

CANTERBURY REGION

2025 | State of NZ Garden Birds

Te Āhua o ngā Manu o te Kāri i Aotearoa

NUMBER OF SURVEYED GARDENS



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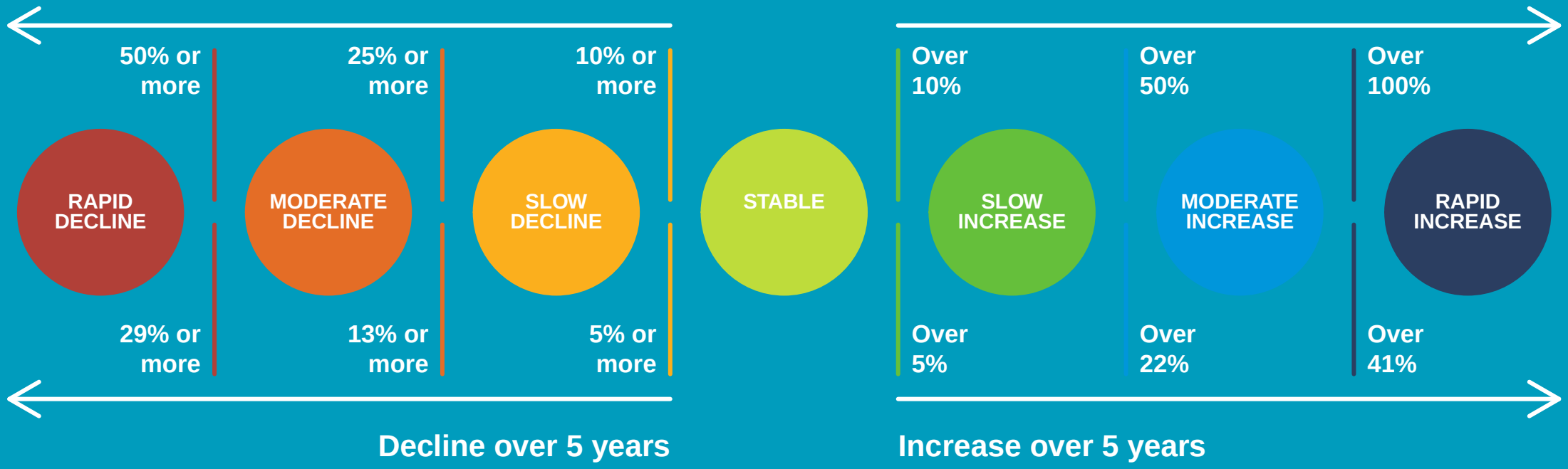
We have estimated how bird counts have changed over the last 10− and 5−year periods in different regions, districts, and neighbourhoods across New Zealand for 14 common garden visitors – five native and nine introduced birds.

Thanks to all our volunteer bird counters, 51,515 garden surveys have been completed nationwide since 2015. 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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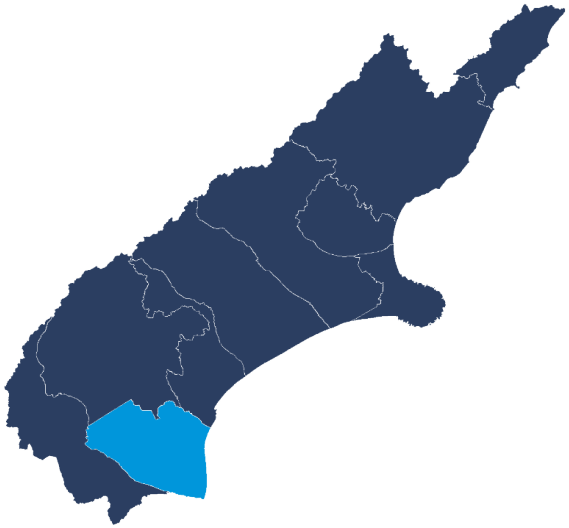
CANTERBURY | Tūī | Kōkō

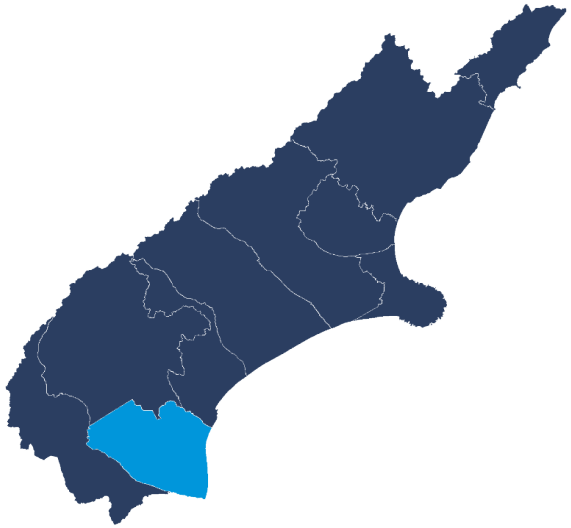
How have garden bird counts changed in this region?

Last 10 years
2015–25

RAPID INCREASE REGIONALLY

SLOW INCREASE NATIONALLY





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Last 5 years
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CANTERBURY | Greenfinch

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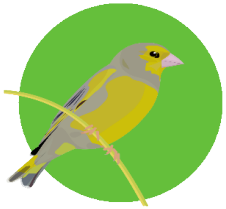

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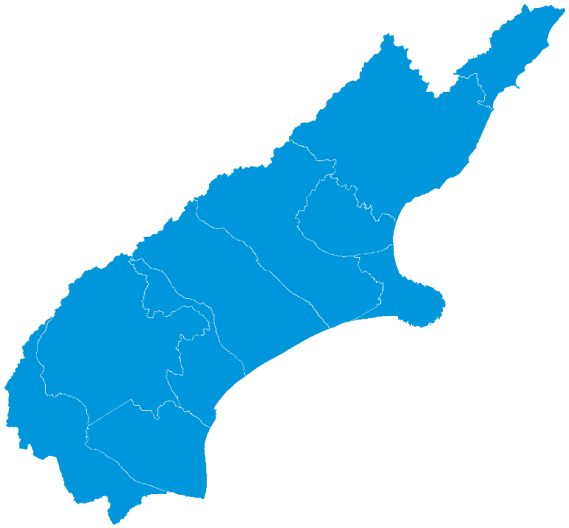

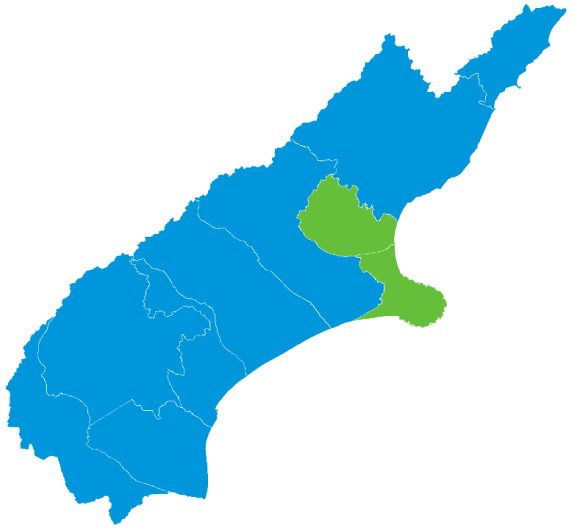

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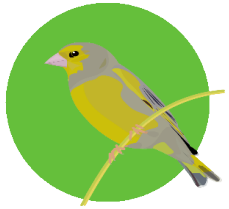

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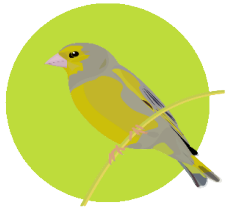

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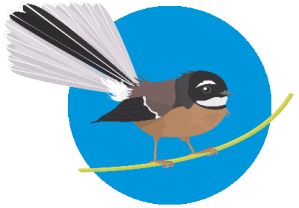

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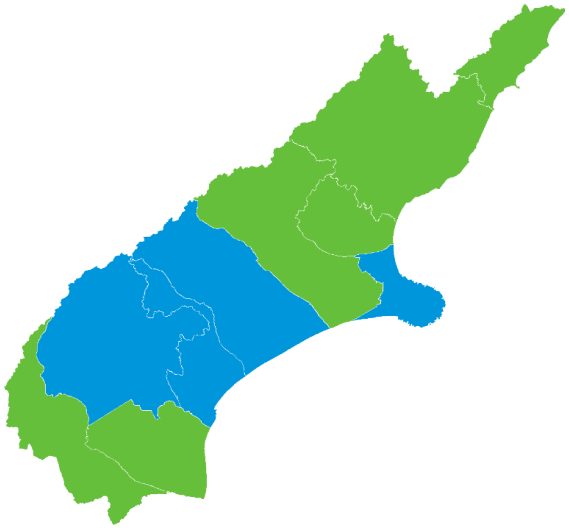

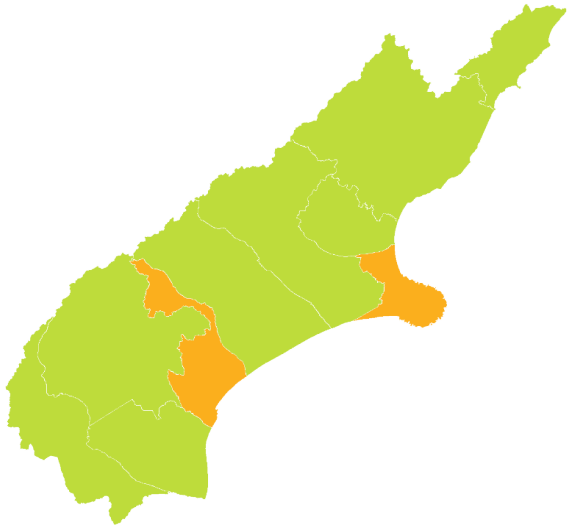

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CANTERBURY | Bellbird | Korimako

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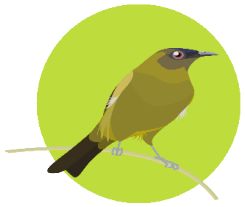

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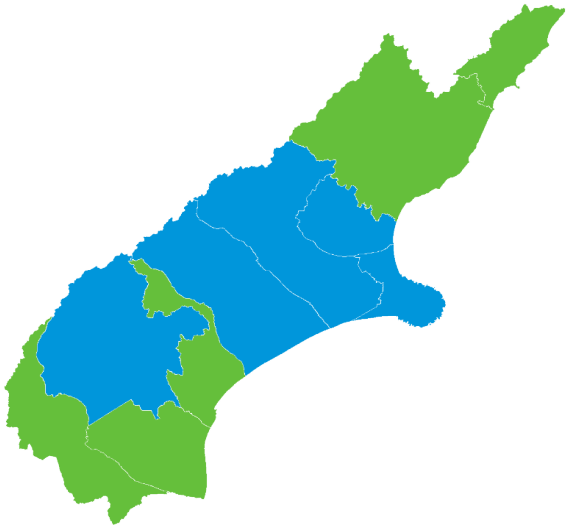

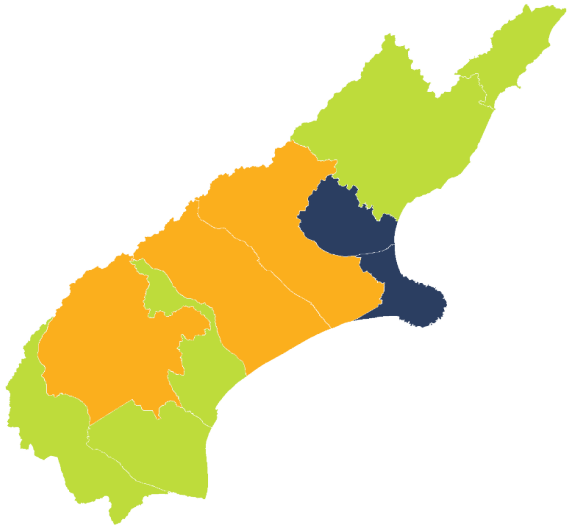

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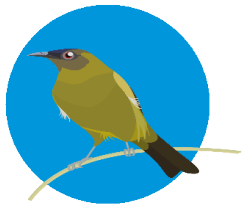

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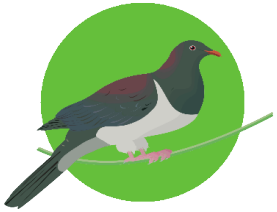

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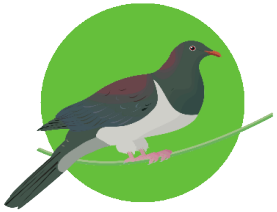

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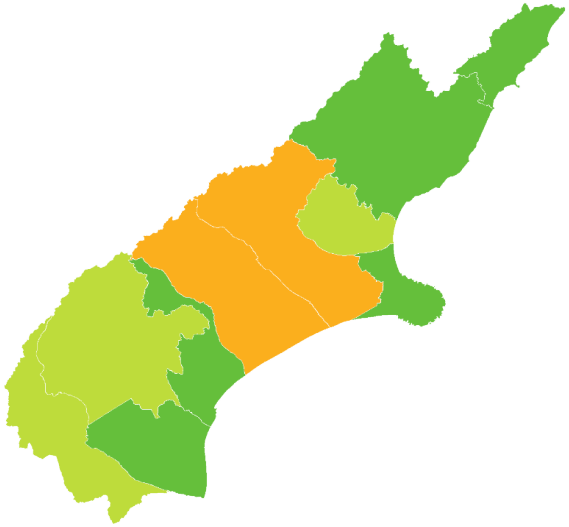

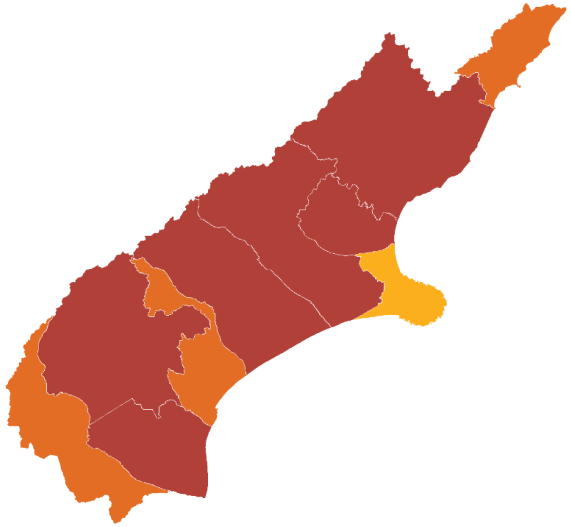

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CANTERBURY | House sparrow | Tiu

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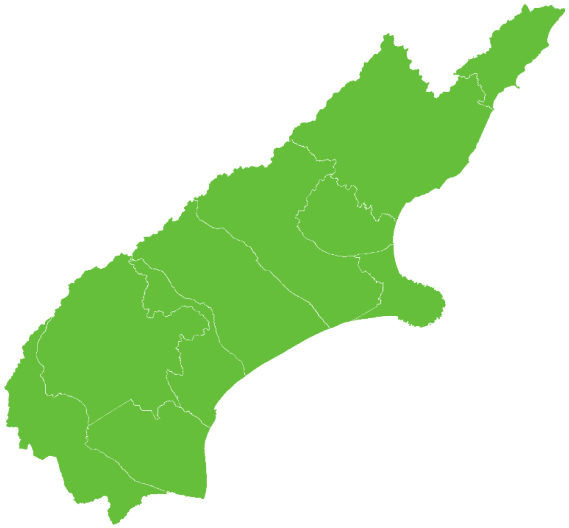

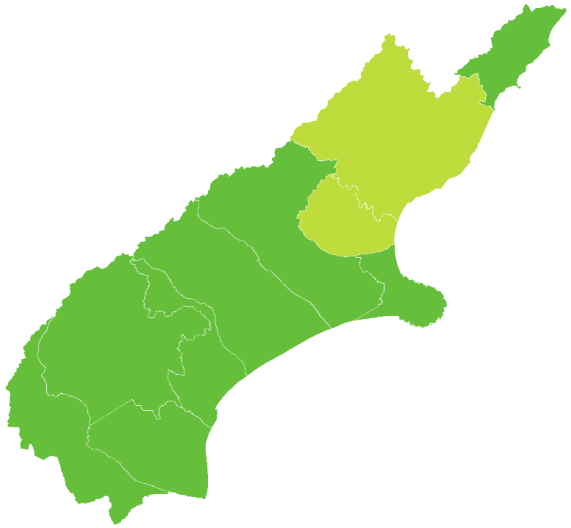

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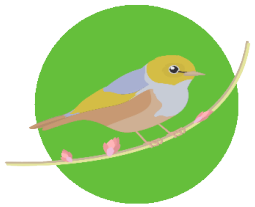

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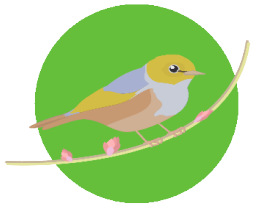

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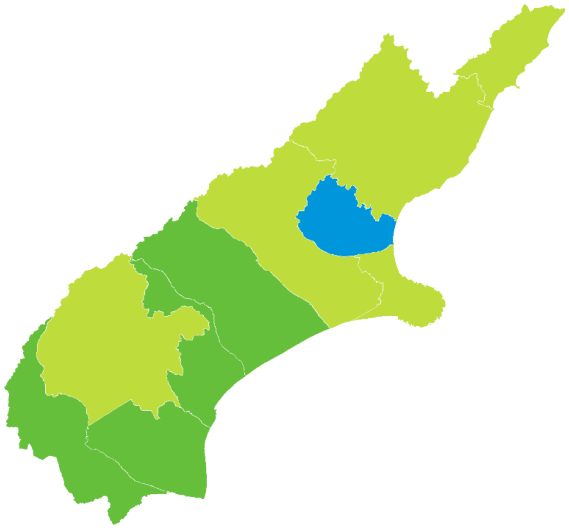

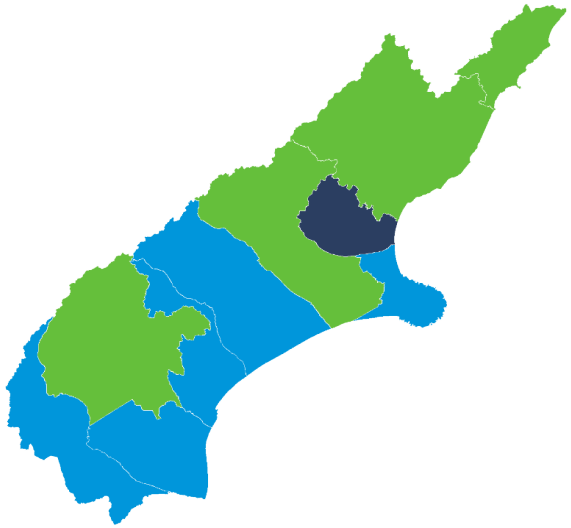

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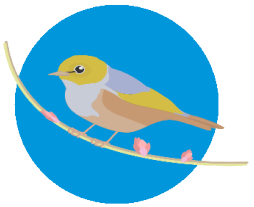

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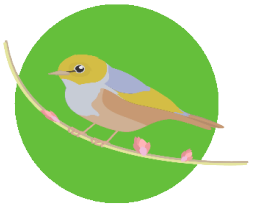

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CANTERBURY | Blackbird | Manu pango

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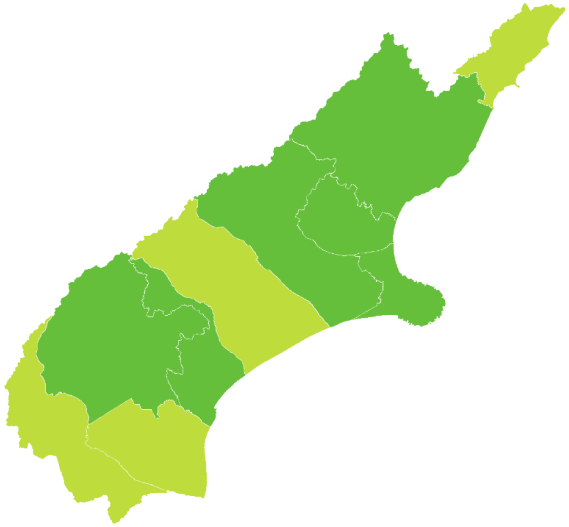

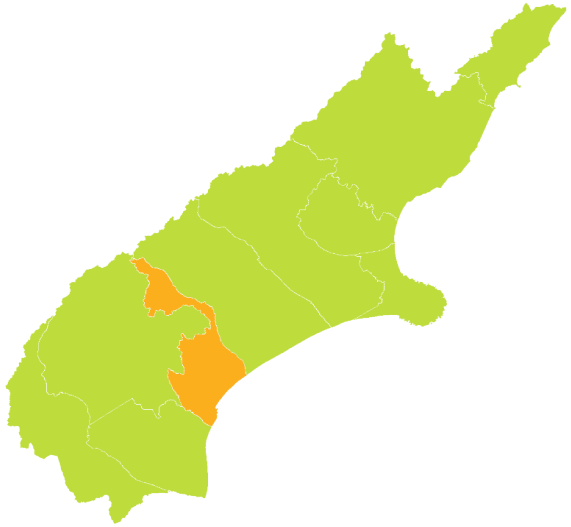

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CANTERBURY | Starling | Tāringi

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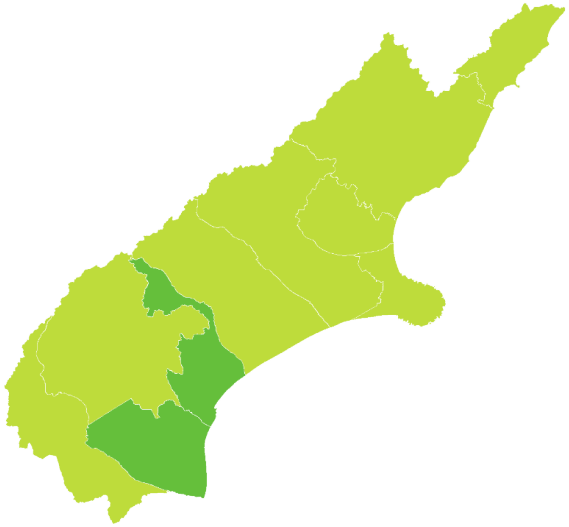

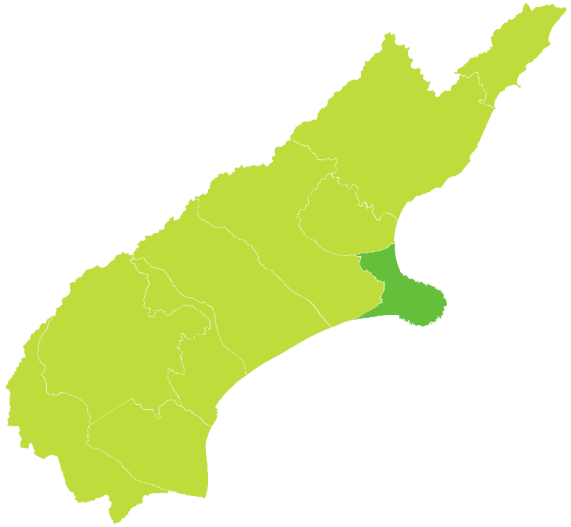

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CANTERBURY | Song thrush | Manu-kai-hua-rakau

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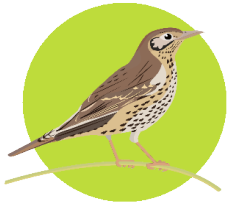

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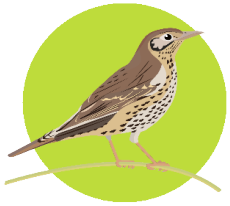

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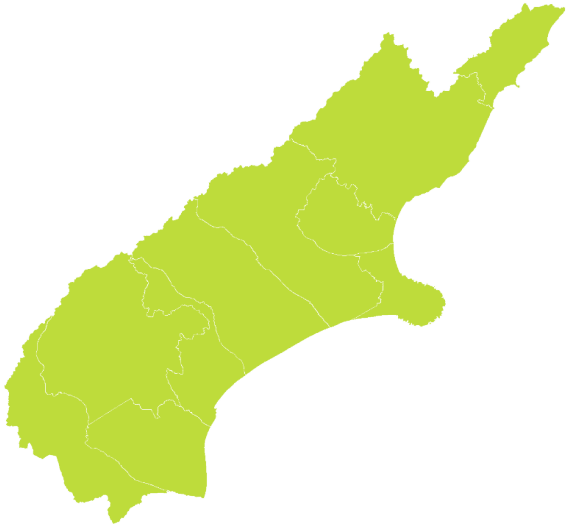

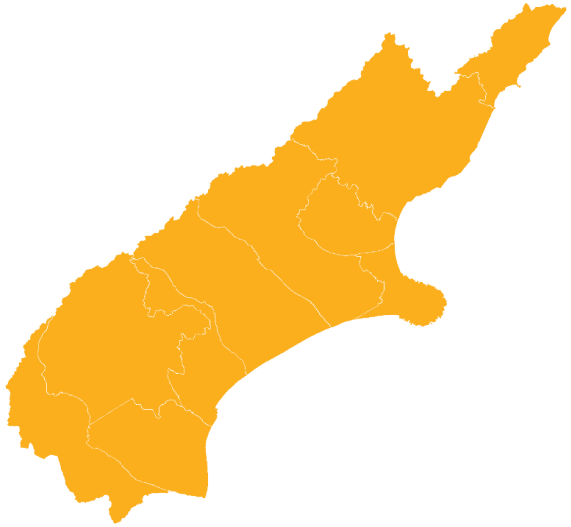

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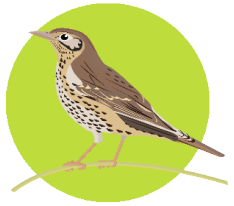

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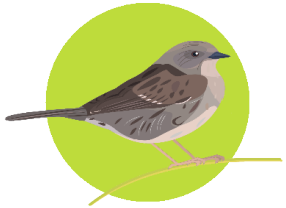

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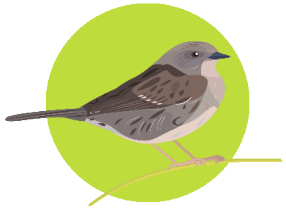

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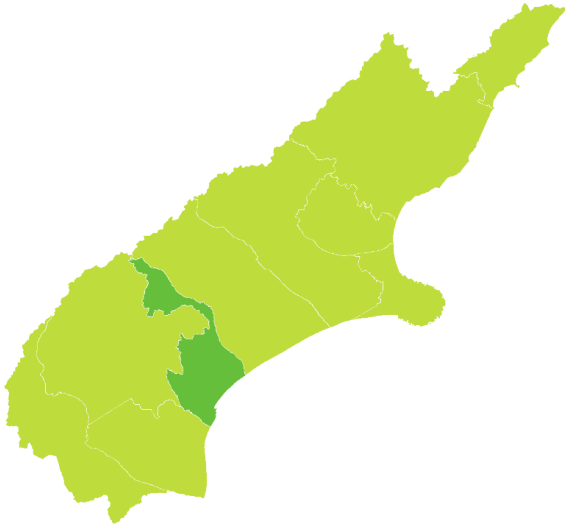

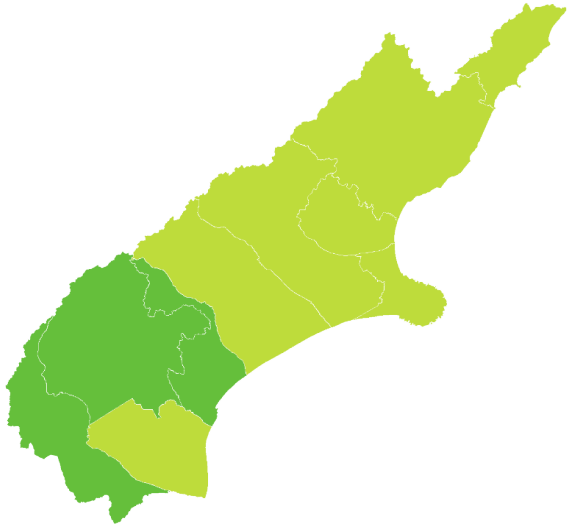

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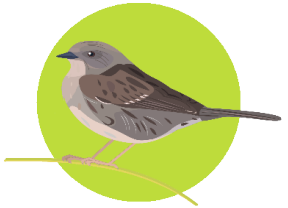

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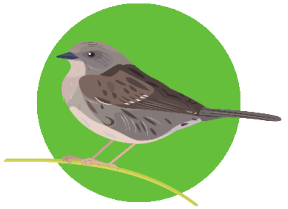

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New Zealand GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

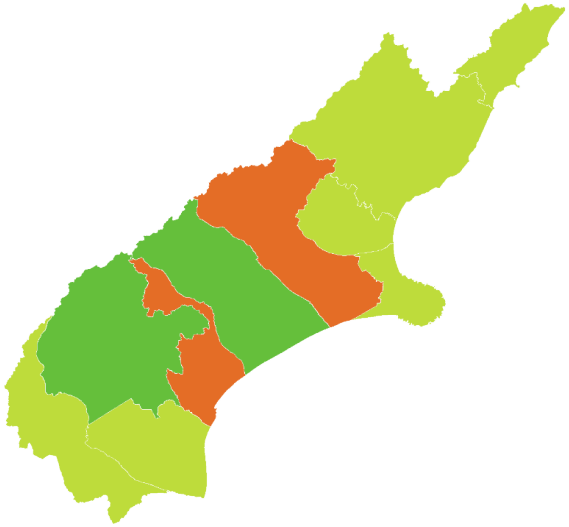
CANTERBURY | Goldfinch | Kōurarini

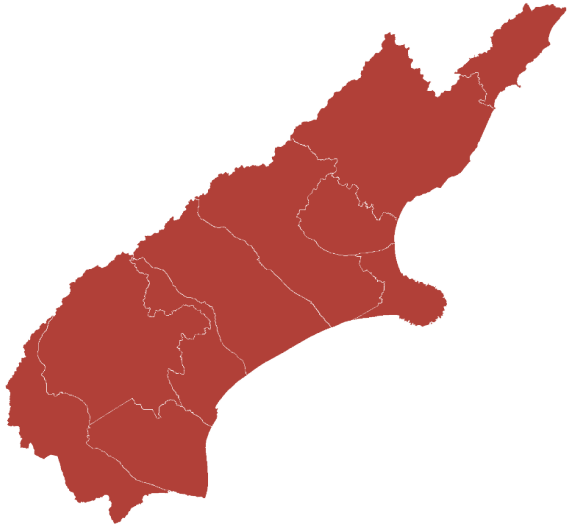
How have garden bird counts changed in this region?

Last 10 years
2015–25

SLOW DECLINE REGIONALLY

SLOW DECLINE NATIONALLY





Rapid increase
Moderate increase
Slow increase
Stable
Slow decline
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Rapid decline

Last 5 years
2020–25

RAPID DECLINE REGIONALLY

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Data source: 51,515 and 34,750 gardens surveyed nationwide for 2015–25 and 2020–25, respectively.

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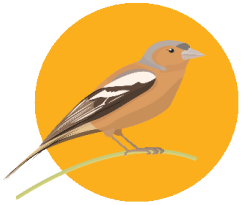

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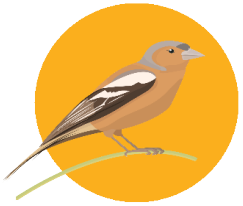

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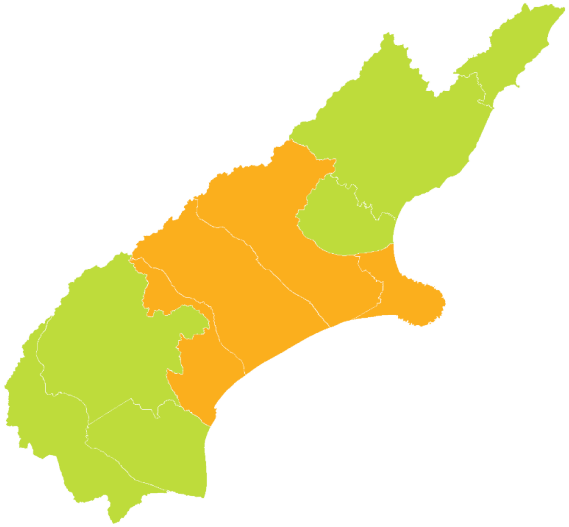

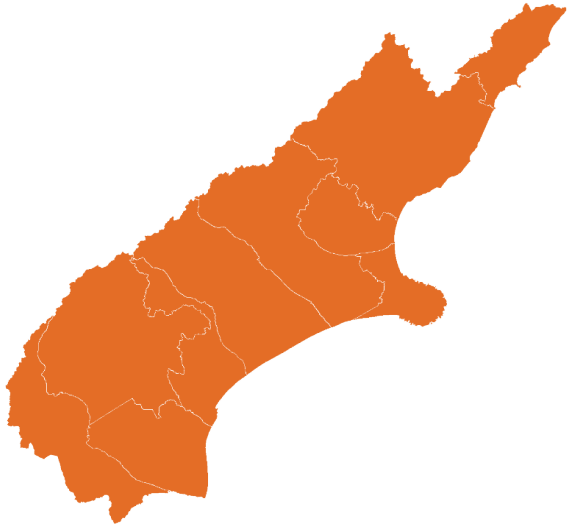

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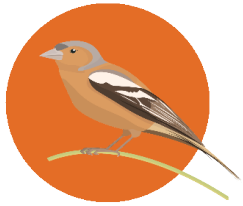

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