

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Psophodes nigrogularis from Appendix II.

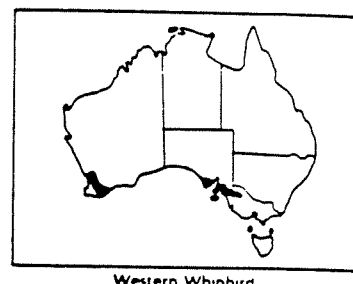
B. PROPOSER

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Passeriformes
13. Family: Muscicapidae
14. Species: Psophodes nigrogularis
15. Common Names: English: western whip bird  
French: timalie du maltée  
Spanish: Timalo occidental
16. Code Numbers: 227.031.055.002 (ID Manual)



Western Whipbird

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: South-West Australia, Eyre and York Peninsulas, Kangaroo Island, southern South Australia, and north-western Victoria.
22. Population: No precise data owing to secretive habits of the species. Subspecies leucogaster is considered rare. The other two subspecies are moderately common. Rated "out of danger" by the ICBP/IUCN Red Data Book (1979).

There is no captive population.

23. Habitat: Dense undergrowth in heath or mallee. There are several National Parks and nature reserves within the range of the species.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: None.
32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
34. Potential Trade Threats: None

4. Protection Status

Totally protected throughout its range in Australia.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973. Originally the species was included in Appendix I. Following a proposal made by Australia it was transferred to Appendix II at the San José meeting, 1979. In the supporting statement, the Australian Management Authority made the following remarks: "P. nigrogularis has recently been shown to be more common and have a wider range than was previously thought...In the light of increased knowledge of this species its continued inclusion in Appendix I cannot be justified. Because of the rarity of the eastern subspecies leucogaster it is not appropriate to completely remove the species from the appendices to CITES. Its proposed listing in Appendix II will provide the opportunity to monitor trade in the species."

5. Information on Similar Species

Eastern whipbird, Psophodes olivaceus, not listed.

There is no 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 Psophodes nigrogularis.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

CITES, 1980. Proceedings of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, p. 676 f. Gland.

Slater, 1972. A Field Guide to Australian Birds. Volume 2, Passerines. Adelaide.