

**Common Name/Scientific name: Dusky Honeyeater / *Myzomela obscura***

Around 12 to 15 cm long, Dusky Honeyeaters are dull-coloured but active and fast moving, often hovering to take insects or nectar from flowers in the upper storey. They inhabit a wide range of habitat types, including monsoonal forests and scrubs, woodlands, swamps and almost any area near water. An infrequent visitor to the gardens, they are seen much more often north of Mackay



**Description:** Dark grey-brown above, paler below, size 12-15 cm Dark brown with a dark, down-curved bill. Juveniles similar to adults.

**Feeding & Behaviour in the gardens:** The Dusky Honeyeater is a small inquisitive, often pugnacious honeyeater that hangs or hovers to feed on blossoms and will dart into the air after insects.

**Breeding and Nesting:** Breeding takes place in the dry season (typically March to September). The dusky honeyeater normally constructs a small, neat cup nest out of fine bark, spiderwebs, and leaves, on a well-hidden branch high over water. Its eggs are white with fine reddish spots

**Similar Species in the gardens:** The Brown Honeyeater is very similar, and is seen more frequently in the gardens. More information about Brown honeyeaters