

Common Name/Scientific name Eastern Yellow Robin/ *Eopsaltria australis*



Description: The Eastern Yellow Robin is a medium sized robin (length about 150mm). It has a grey back and head, and bright yellow underparts. The throat is off-white and, in flight, there is a pale off-white wing bar. The bill is black. Both sexes are similar in plumage colour and pattern, but the female is slightly smaller. Young Eastern Yellow Robins are reddish-brown. The plumage has some paler streaks, which are confined to the wings when the birds are a little older.

Behaviour and where seen in the gardens: The eastern yellow tends to inhabit darker, shaded bushland locations and is a perch and pounce hunter, typically from a tree trunk, or low branch. Seem to prefer perching on lower branches of trees/large shrubs over clear ground.

Feeding: Eastern Yellow Robins feed on insects, spiders and other arthropods. These are caught mostly on the ground, and are pounced on from a low perch.

Nesting: During breeding season, breeding pairs of Eastern Robins may lay up to three clutches of eggs. The female builds the nest and incubates the eggs. The nest is a woven cup of bark, grasses and other vegetation, bound together with spider web and lined with finer material and leaves. It is normally built in an upright tree fork, up to 20m above the ground, but usually within 5m.

Similar Species: A similar species is the Pale Yellow Robin, *Tregellasia capito*. This species is smaller, and has a pale face and lighter underparts, and is occasionally seen in the gardens.