

Common Name/Scientific name Little Shrike-thrush/ *Colluricincla megarhyncha*

Also commonly known as the Rufous Shrike-Thrush. (A similar but different species commonly called the Little Shrike-thrush is found in coastal NT and Kimberley region of WA)



Description: The Little Shrike-thrush has brown-grey upper parts, a paler face, darker wings and tail, light bill and brown eye, legs pale grey. Both sexes similar, 170 - 190mm in length.

Where seen in the gardens: This is a bird of the rainforests of north-eastern Australia, and in the gardens can be seen in the riparian forest areas along creeks, often high up in the canopy.

Feeding and Behaviour in the gardens: Mainly insects and other invertebrates (including spiders and snails) found in foliage and tree bark, and occasionally seeds and fruit. They forage for the insects from the ground up to the upper canopy, at times tearing bark away to look for prey.

Nesting: The nest is cup-shape made of twigs, leaves and bark built in the fork of a tree or tree stump.

Similar Species in the gardens: Grey Shrike-thrush, are mostly grey with a light olive-grey back, and pale grey-white cheeks and underparts. They are another regular visitor to the gardens, and also a great songster.