

**Common Name/Scientific name**    **White-browed Scrubwren/ *Sericornis frontalis***



**Description:** a drab bird, mostly dark olive-brown above, while the throat is buff grey and the flanks and rump are dull rufous. They have a white line above the eye and another below the eye. The area around the eye between the lines is black, becoming greyer near the ear. The eye is light cream. Males and females are similar, but the females are slightly duller, particularly on the face. Subtropical and tropical populations are more yellow underneath, males having an almost black facial mask. Young White-browed Scrubwrens are similar to the adults, but are generally duller, with more chocolate-brown backs and duskier faces.

**Behaviour in the gardens and where seen in the gardens:** Creekside rainforest, and more open bushland. It is usually seen in pairs, low down in the thick vegetation

**Feeding:** White-browed Scrubwrens feed mostly on insects and other small arthropods, and some seeds. Birds feed in pairs among the thick vegetation of the forest floor.

**Nesting:** The nest of the White-browed Scrubwren consists of a large ball of grasses and other plant material, a side entrance tunnel leading to a cup lined with feathers. This is normally located on or near to the ground, in thick vegetation, but may be in a tree fork a few metres high. The eggs are pale blue to pale purple and are spotted with brown at the base.

**Similar Species:** The Large-billed Scrubwren, *Sericornis magnirostris*, is lighter, largely uniform brown in colour and lacks any markings on the face.