

GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

EICAT profile: Pycnonotus jocosus

MR (Major)Pycnonotus jocosus

2021-09-07 **Date assessed** 2023 Year published MR (Major) **Eicat category Justification for EICAT** assessment The Red-whiskered Bulbul is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of large native Nephila spiders due to predation. Nephila spiders are still common in Reunion and Rodrigues, where the Redwhiskered Bulbul is absent (Diamond, 2009; Islam and Williams, 2000). **Confidence rating** Predation Mechanism(s) of maximum impact Countries of most severe Mauritius **impact** The Red-whiskered Bulbul feeds on native invertebrates, small reptiles and birds on Mauritius and **Description of impact** Hawaii. It is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of Nephila spiders in and to population declines of endemic Zosterops species on Mauritius. **Assessor** Thomas Evans; Tom Allmert **Contributors** Reviewers EICAT authority Recommended citation Thomas Evans; Tom Allmert. (2025). Pycnonotus jocosus . <u>IUCN Environmental Impact Classification for</u> Alien Taxa (EICAT).

