

MR (Major) *Pycnonotus jocosus*

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Eicat category	MR (Major)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Red-whiskered Bulbul is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of large native <i>Nephila</i> spiders due to predation. <i>Nephila</i> spiders are still common in Reunion and Rodrigues, where the Red-whiskered Bulbul is absent (Diamond, 2009, Islam and Williams, 2000).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Predation
Countries of most severe impact	Mauritius
Description of impact	The Red-whiskered Bulbul feeds on native invertebrates, small reptiles and birds on Mauritius and Hawaii. It is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of <i>Nephila</i> spiders in and to population declines of endemic <i>Zosterops</i> species on Mauritius.
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