MN (Minor) Ploceus melanocephalus

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Justification for EICAT assessment	The Black-headed weaver has been observed feeding on insects in Spain (Sanz-Aguilar et al. 2015).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Predation
Countries of most severe impact	Spain
Description of impact	The black-headed weaver feeds on native insect species and the seeds of native plant species. It could also compete with native passerines once the species reaches higher population densities.
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