

Media release

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King Island Brown Thornbill receives Priority Species Grant

Cradle Coast Authority, in partnership with King Island Landcare and Birdlife Australia, have been successful in obtaining a grant to help protect the King Island Brown Thornbill, one of the top five Australian bird species considered most likely to become extinct within 20 years without action.

Funded by the Australian Government's Environment Restoration Fund, this project will support KI Brown Thornbill recovery by promoting the benefits of native vegetation protection to King Island landholders, both as habitat and a productive asset on farm.

The second phase of the project will enhance critical habitat by working with priority area landholders to undertake native vegetation protection activities at the northern end of a proposed habitat corridor that will link KI Brown Thornbill population strongholds.

By demonstrating an effective approach to conservation management in agricultural landscapes by delivering this project, project partners hope to build relationships with landholders and land managers for future recovery actions and strengthen a partnership approach to KI Brown Thornbill conservation that will go a long way to averting another extinction disaster.

A list of all approved projects will be published on the Environment Restoration Fund – Threatened species [program page](#) on business.gov.au

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Image: KI Brown Thornbill, Pegarah State Forest, King Island, Tasmania.

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