

Eastern Spinebill

The **Eastern Spinebill** is a member of the honeyeater family.

Its long thin downward curved bill readily identifies it.



male Eastern Spinebill (Alan Lymbery)



Eastern Spinebill taking nectar from a grevillea (Alan Lymbery)

The Eastern Spinebill is a flighty little bird that zooms around your garden or the bush looking for nectar from flowers.

It can hover next to a flower while it extracts its nectar.

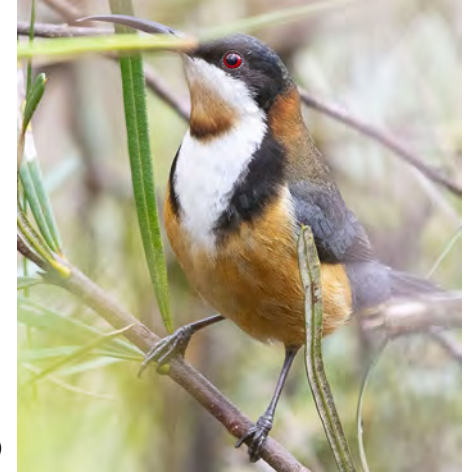
The Eastern Spinebill may migrate in winter from colder mountain regions to the coast.



juvenile Eastern Spinebill (Dianne Page)

The male Eastern Spinebill has a black cap and a dark chestnut collar.

The female's cap is grey and her collar is a light chestnut colour.



female Eastern Spinebill (Niel Carey)

Look for Eastern Spinebills in your garden and in the bush.

If you want to take a photo you need to be quick as although they aren't shy, they are in a hurry.



Have you seen an Eastern Spinebill?

Have you seen it hovering near flowers?

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