

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

*Numenius madagascariensis* Eastern Curlew

**Group:** Chordata (vertebrates), Aves (birds), Charadriiformes (Waders, gulls and auks), Scolopacidae

**Status:** *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*: **endangered**  
*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*: Critically Endangered

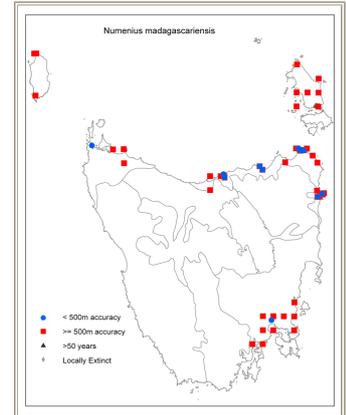
**Endemic Status:** Found in Tasmania and elsewhere



The Eastern Curlew is a large migratory wading bird that breeds in NE China and Russia. It has a long neck, long legs and a long downward curved bill. It has a brown head and neck and a streaked brown/grey body. It is found in sheltered coastal areas and estuaries typically on mudflats and saltmarsh which are the main feeding habitats and more rarely on ocean beaches. The Eastern Curlew eats mainly small crustaceans, small molluscs and insects. They may feed singly, in small groups or occasionally in large flocks. In Tasmania they are seen on Bass Strait islands and the north and east coasts.

In Tasmania threats are from human interference to feeding and roosting particularly as the birds are very wary and are easily disturbed. Reduction of habitat by coastal developments and pollution near human settlements may affect food availability. Elsewhere the birds are hunted on their migration routes and in the Northern Hemisphere pollution and coastal developments in breeding areas are having a significant impact.

A complete species management profile is not currently available for this species. Check for further information on this page and any relevant Activity Advice.



## Key Points

- **Important:** Is this species in your area? Do you need a permit? Ensure you've covered all the issues by checking the Planning Ahead page.
- **Important:** Different threatened species may have different requirements. For any activity you are considering, read the Activity Advice pages for background information and important advice about managing around the needs of multiple threatened species.

## Further information

Check also for listing statement or notesheet pdf above (below the species image).

## Conservation Advice

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**Permit:** A permit is required under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* to 'take' (which includes kill, injure, catch, damage, destroy and collect), keep, trade in or process any specimen or products of a listed species. Additional permits may also be required under other Acts or regulations to take, disturb or interfere with any form of wildlife or its products, (e.g. dens, nests, bones). This may also depend on the tenure of the land and other agreements relating to its management.