**Chalcites lucidus**  
*Shining Bronze-Cuckoo*

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Pre-1983 AMLR filtered records are limited and restricted to the Adelaide area and surrounding hills.\(^3\)

**Habitat**

Prefers wet forest habitats.\(^6\) Occurs mainly in stringybark and Eucalyptus viminalis forests in the MLR, plus Sugar Gum (E. cladocalyx) in other regions.

Within the AMLR the preferred broad vegetation groups are Heathy Woodland, Grassy Woodland and Heathy Forest.\(^3\)

**Biology and Ecology**

Hunts from a perch, darting out to take insects from foliage and the ground.\(^4\)

Lays its eggs in the nests of host species, commonly Fairy-wrens and Scrub-wrens (G. Carpenter pers. comm.).

**Aboriginal Significance**

Post-1983 records indicate the AMLR distribution occurs in Kaurna, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri and Peramangk Nations.\(^3\)

**Threats**

Poorly known. Prescribed burning activities that affect populations of dense-shrub nesting wrens and scrub-wrens could impact on this species (G. Carpenter pers. comm.).

Additional current direct threats have been identified and rated for this species. Refer to the main plan accompanying these profiles.

**Conservation Significance**

The species has been described as ‘probably declining’ within the AMLR.\(^2\) Within the AMLR the species’ relative area of occupancy is classified as ‘Very Restricted’. Relative to all AMLR extant species, the species’ taxonomic uniqueness is classified as ‘High’.\(^3\)

**Description**

Medium-sized bird. Sexes similar with dull copper-bronze from crown to mantle; back and wings shining bronze-green. Underparts white with close complete copper-bronze bars.\(^5\)

**Distribution and Population**

Breeding summer visitor which winters in QLD, Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia.\(^1\)

Relatively elusive, occurring as a spring-summer migrant to Eucalypt forests in south-eastern Australia (G. Carpenter pers. comm.).

Post-1983 AMLR filtered records predominantly from the central MLR and Barossa, and scattered records associated with remnant native vegetation on the southern Fleurieu Peninsula.\(^3\) Also records from Belair NP, Scott Creek CP, Monalta CP, Sturt Gorge RP, Anstey Hill RP, Aldinga Scrub CP, Horsnell Gully CP and Cleland CP.\(^6\)

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Regional Distribution

Map based on filtered post-1983 records. Note, this map does not necessarily represent the actual species' distribution within the AMUR.

References
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