

# DIET OF THE EASTERN BRISTLEBIRD *Dasyornis brachypterus* IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The diet of the Eastern Bristlebird *Dasyornis brachypterus* in New South Wales was determined from observations and an analysis of faeces, stomach and gut contents of 18 birds caught in or obtained from Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay and Barren Grounds Nature Reserve, New South Wales. The study showed these birds largely take mobile terrestrial invertebrate species, the majority of which are ants and beetles. There is some indication that plant material, especially seeds, are also part of the diet. Observations suggest that the diet is opportunistic and based on foraging behaviour of 'peck it and see'.