

Food of the Mistletoebird near Pumicestone Passage, south-eastern Queensland

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The diet of the Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* was studied near Beerburrum, south-eastern Queensland, by examination of material voided by 92 birds over a three-year period. Between late December and June, the basic food of the few birds present in the area is fruit of the Viscaceous mistletoe *Notothixos subaureus*. Mistletoebirds congregate in the area between July and November to feed on the fruits of the Loranthaceous mistletoe *Amyema cambagei*. Epicarps of neither fruit are eaten. Material voided did not contain the chitinous remains of arthropods.