

Threatened Species of the Riverina Education Program



**Name: Plains-wanderer /
*Pedionomus torquatus***



- Height: 12-15 cm. Weight 40 to 95g
- Have straw-yellow legs and bill
- Big yellow eyes
- Feathers are mainly brown with fine black marks. Females have black spots on their neck and rufous breast band.
- Unlike most birds, the Plains-wanderer females (pictured) are more brightly coloured than males
- Plains-wanderers live in native grasslands that typically occur on hard red-brown soil.
- Plains wanderer habitat needs around 50% bare ground, and the vegetation is less than 5cm in height
- They forage during the day for a wide variety of seeds including those from grasses and saltbushes. Also feed on ground-dwelling insects including beetles, ants, sucking bugs and caterpillars.