

**MR (Major)** *Pycnonotus jocosus*

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<b>Eicat category</b>	MR (Major)
<b>Justification for EICAT assessment</b>	The Red-whiskered Bulbul is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of large native Nephila spiders due to predation. Nephila spiders are still common in Reunion and Rodrigues, where the Red-whiskered Bulbul is absent (Diamond, 2009; Islam and Williams, 2000).
<b>Confidence rating</b>	Low
<b>Mechanism(s) of maximum impact</b>	Predation
<b>Countries of most severe impact</b>	Mauritius
<b>Description of impact</b>	The Red-whiskered Bulbul feeds on native invertebrates, small reptiles and birds on Mauritius and Hawaii. It is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of Nephila spiders in and to population declines of endemic Zosterops species on Mauritius.
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