

MN (Minor) *Carduelis carduelis*

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Eicat category	MN (Minor)
Justification for EICAT assessment	Animal material does not form a large percentage by volume of the adult European Goldfinch diet. Aphids do form approximately five percent by volume in October and November In New Zealand. There is no evidence that predation by the European Goldfinch has caused a decline of these species (Campbell 1972).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Predation
Countries of most severe impact	New Zealand
Description of impact	The European Goldfinch feeds on native insect and plant species.
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