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Animal Fact Sheet

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Superb Fairywren

Malurus cyaneus

The superb fairywren (Malurus cyaneus) of southeastern Australia looks like a model of domestic virtue and is nothing of the kind. Pairs are socially monogamous and stay together for years, assisted …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Maluridae
Habitat: Woodlands, forests, shrublands, and urban gardens
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 8–13 grams
Scientific name: Malurus cyaneus

Did you know?

- Superb Fairywrens have been observed presenting flower petals to females as part of their courtship behavior.
- About three-quarters of superb fairywren chicks are fathered by a male other than the one raising them, one of the highest infidelity rates known in …

What I learned

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