

# File note

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**Subject**            **Black Throated Finch Observation Log and Discussion**

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## Observation

Date	Time	Location	Observation
18 January 2016	0800hrs	-19.27738, 146.67153  Ch:22500 approx <b>Location A</b>	2x BTF preening each other. Both birds perching together. Both collecting grass nesting materials attending nest in <i>E. platyphylla</i> . Numerous (4+) BTF flushed from seeding grasses ( <i>Echinochloa colona</i> ) on topsoil stockpile windrow in proximity to nest. BTF flushed from feeding by passing traffic.  Pairs observed to fly across road formation to western side. Pair returned within minutes carrying grass nesting materials in bills.
19 January 2016	0830hrs	-19.27738, 146.67153  Ch:22500 approx <b>Location A</b>	2x BTF feeding on <i>Echinochloa colona</i> Awnless Barnyard Grass. In company with Double Bar Finch. BTF flushed from feeding by passing traffic. 5x BTF photographed.  Little Acorn camera captured images of 1x BTF on ground foraging on/near <i>E. colona</i> 1455-1540hrs.
20 January 2016	0730hrs	-19.27738, 146.67153  Ch:22500 approx <b>Location A</b>	2x BTF in nest attending to construction. Same pair observed as: 1x BTF on nest while partner on perch nearby (1m).  Binocular observation of 6x BTF flushed from ground foraging in windrow as construction vehicle approached. All BTF perched 3-5m high about 10m away. All birds were observed to

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			return to windrow and foraging within 10secs of vehicle departing immediate proximity.
21 January 2016	0800hrs	-19.27738, 146.67153 Ch:22500 approx <b>Location A</b>	5x BTF observed and filmed eating <i>E. colona</i> on ground. Seeds were gleaned from inflorescence one at a time. Some, not all birds were disturbed by vehicle approaching to within 20m. Birds flushed to tree perches 10m away. Immediately after vehicle had passed (<10 sec), birds resumed position on ground and continued feeding. Photographers able to approach to <10m for filming/photographing if using slow, stalking approach and remaining still for a time.
4 February 2016	0800- 0900hrs	-19.27738, 146.67153 Ch:22500 approx <b>Location A</b>	2x BTF observed feeding on windrow, alighting to nearby tree, then both flying off to a nearby tree just out of sight to the NE. Both returned within 1-2mins to perch in tree, then resume short (1min) feed on windrow. The pair were observed to fly away and return after 1-2 min on 3 occasions. It is assumed that they were attending a nest, possibly feeding young.  BTF observed to jump up to grasp seed head and bring to the ground to eat.

## Location A

The site is *Meleleuca viridiflora* woodland with native grass understorey. *Eucalyptus platyphylla* along with *E. crebra* and *Corymbia dallachiana* are emergent.



