

## GROUP REPORT ON GREEN AVADAVAT FINCH FOR 2008

The numbers keep dropping and it seems there is no way of stopping the decline. One of our best breeders in Western Australia has moved house this year which has disrupted his breeding season.

Our best year for breeding was 2006 when 31 young were produced. Most of these replaced ageing breeders. A few came across to the eastern states however once again no young were produced from these birds. Does the Green Avadavat's declining gene pool mean that it can no longer tolerate being moved from its birth environment? Only time will tell.

YEAR	ADULT BIRDS	YOUNG BRED	TOTAL	REMARKS
1995	150	?	?	Censuses taken by the QFS Endangered Species Group
2002	100	5	105	Estimate only – not confirmed.
2003	57	19	76	First year results
2004	54	19	73	% Of young birds increased.
2005	45	14	59	Numbers are falling.
2006	55	31	86	Positive turn around.
2007	42	9	51	Number of young birds falling
2008	38	5	43	Not a good result

Regards  
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