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Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* Linnaeus 1758 1865 Nelson

It was first released in 1865 in Nelson (Thomson 1922). They were considered a pest at the turn of the 20th century in the North Island, when thousands were killed to prevent them eating newly-sown seed.

