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European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* (Linnaeus 1758)

1862 Nelson

Self-introduced 1939 Norfolk Island

The Greenfinch was introduced to most provinces during the 1860s (Thomson 1922).

“The first greenfinches, of which I have been able to secure any information, were liberated in Christchurch in 1863, where a pair were purchased at auction for five guineas. They soon nested, but the only occupant at first was one little greenfinch. Before the warm summer days had passed, however, a second family of five was reared, and in the following winter a flock of eight was seen daily. In the next year, late in the autumn, more than twenty were flushed from a little patch of chickweed, and it was not long before the birds had spread so widely that their note became a well-known sound in Canterbury” (Drummond 1906).

