



Mangrove Gerygone (*Gerygone levigaster*)

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(Pronounced Je-RIG-un-ee) **Amongst the mangroves, this plain little bird is often heard before it is seen. At 11 cm, it makes up for its lack of strong colour and size with its beautiful song – a sweet, gentle, almost whimsical sustained whistling – heard most of the day.**

The Mangrove Gerygone is an insect eater which moves around singly or in pairs, the pairing being maintained even after breeding season. It forages amongst foliage, sometimes hovering on the outside of the trees, especially the Grey Mangroves.

Although not uncommon, the Mangrove Gerygone has a limited range, being confined to coastal and estuarine zones where mangroves are abundant, and occasionally found in nearby casuarinas or paperbarks.

Their nests are elongated globular structures with an untidy tail and a hood over the side entrance, and hung from a thin branch or twig. Building materials include strips of bark, grass stems, spider webs, and rootlets.