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Front Cover: The Endangered Alligator Rivers Yellow Chat *Epthianura crocea tunneyi* occurs on drying coastal floodplains in northern Australia. In this issue, Robin Leppitt *et al.* report on the results of a survey across much of its known range. This has shown that the presence of the riverhemp shrub *Sesbania sesban*, depressions or channels, long unburnt areas (5+ years) and/or with topsoil damage caused by feral pigs were important determinants in whether chats were present in an area or not. The paper provides a much better understanding of the role that fire and feral animals have on chat distribution and habitat selection.

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