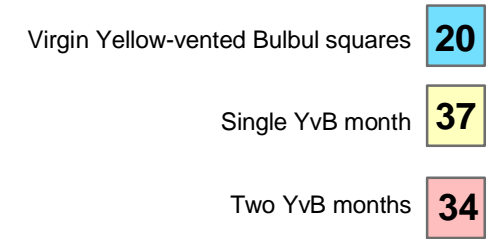


Kestrel

Falco tinunculus

plots from ### records



It's a great pity that resident African birds were not separated from Eurasian migrants when data collection began in the 1980s.

Britton (1980) treated all resident birds as *F. tinnunculus rufescens* limiting *F. t. rupicolus* to Songea. However the resident breeding birds in Iringa resemble the plate of Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus* in Sinclair & Ryan.

There are moves to split *F. t. rufescens* from nominate birds and call them Mountain Kestrel.

We all need to look more carefully at these birds and to try and split the 3 races / species in the field.

Status

- Presence
- Breeding season
- Month with eggs
- Rock Kestrel

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J	F	M	A
M	J	J	A
S	O	N	D
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Monthly records
within each square

