

Buff-spotted Flufftail

Sarothrura elegans

24 plots from 29 records

Despite having a most distinctive call this is a rarely encountered bird in Tanzania. The only coastal record is one we caught in the Pugu Hills in April 1987. The only NW records are Dave Moyer in October 1998. The only records for the Usambara Mts have come from overseas birders. Itai Shanni in July 2003 and Eddie Williams in Jan 1996. The four peak months suggest this species is highly migratory but, when not calling it can be almost impossible to locate. The Kilimanjaro records are from our bedroom window at 1350m at the edge of the forest.

This recent record from Ruaha NP is remarkable enough, that it spent several nights calling from the same bush and during a misty day was calling ALL day is quite staggering given the habitat at Mdonya River Camp. This is supposed to be a montane forest / forest edge bird.

Virgin Yellow-vented Bulbul squares **12**

Single YvB month **25**

Two YvB months **25**

Seasonality presence bs eggs

Month	presence	bs	eggs
January	6	-	-
February	5	-	-
March	-	-	-
April	2	1	-
May	1	-	-
June	-	-	-
July	1	-	-
August	-	-	-
September	1	-	-
October	5	-	-
November	5	-	-
December	2	-	-

Status

- Presence
- Breeding season
- Month with eggs

Elevation (m)

- 1 - 300
- 300 - 500
- 500 - 700
- 700 - 900
- 900 - 1,100
- 1,100 - 1,300
- 1,300 - 1,500
- 1,500 - 1,700
- 1,700 - 1,900
- >1,900

Tanzania Bird Atlas
Preliminary Map
February 2009
From 831,661
Database records

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

