

African Pitta

Pitta angolensis

77 plots from 212 records

Virgin Yellow-vented Bulbul squares **13**

Single YvB month **25**

Two YvB months **28**

Seasonality
presence bs eggs

January	9	2	5
February	16	13	5
March	21	1	-
April	36	2	-
May	49	2	-
June	1	-	-
July	3	-	-
August	1	-	-
September	-	-	-
October	-	-	-
November	31	1	-
December	13	-	-
month 13	1		

The seasonality table is more accurate than the map. There is no suggestion that birds nest north of the Rufiji River.

Elevation (m)

VALUE

- 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

This single record from Minziro forest on the Ugandan border was of a bird in heavy moult suggesting this site is on the southern and eastern fringe of the non-breeding range.

The occasional records from north central Tanzania and the Nairobi highlands are indicative of birds off course rather than regular movement.

RED lines indicate suggested (speculative) direction of movement. The BLUE line is more accurate, at least for some coastal birds.

Quite well known in eastern Tanzania where ringing studies in the Pugu Hills and Mufindi in the Southern Highlands have detailed the weeks of northern movement away from SE breeding grounds and fieldwork in coastal forests and thickets south of the Rufiji River have confirmed the breeding season.

The paucity of records from central and eastern Kenya suggest the main post breeding movement is NW with only small numbers migrating along the coast.

The paucity of records from western Tanzania is probably due to poor observer coverage in May, the month of peak passage when birds from Zambia might be expected to be moving north after breeding.

Being a nocturnal migrant this bird is now in serious trouble from crashing into lighted buildings, especially along the coastal strip.

Tanzania Bird Atlas
Preliminary Map
May 2008
From 807,213
Database records

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Monthly records
within each square

