

Britton (1980) remains the std reference for Tanzania even though there have been many changes to avian nomenclature in recent decades.

For the most part Britton followed the nomenclature of White (1962, 63, 70) who lumped many previously recognised species. Recent changes in species recognition through molecular studies have often resulted in reverting back to a status given in the 1930s and 40s.

Tsavo Sunbird was treated as a full species by Mackworth-Praed and Grant (1955).

This smaller version of *N. bifasciata* was lumped with Purple-banded Sunbird in Britton (1980) and therefore ignored for the first 20 years of the Atlas. The more delicate bill is noticeable in the field and it is probably ecologically separated from *bifasciata* in areas of sympatry for instance along the Pangani Valley and perhaps within Mkomazi GR.

It should be looked for throughout the Masai Steppe.

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Tanzania Bird Atlas
Preliminary Map
November 2006
From 740,003
Database records

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Monthly records
within each square

Tsavo Sunbird

Nectarinia tsavoensis

12 plots from 15 records

Virgin Yellow-vented Bulbul squares **15**

Single YvB month **30**

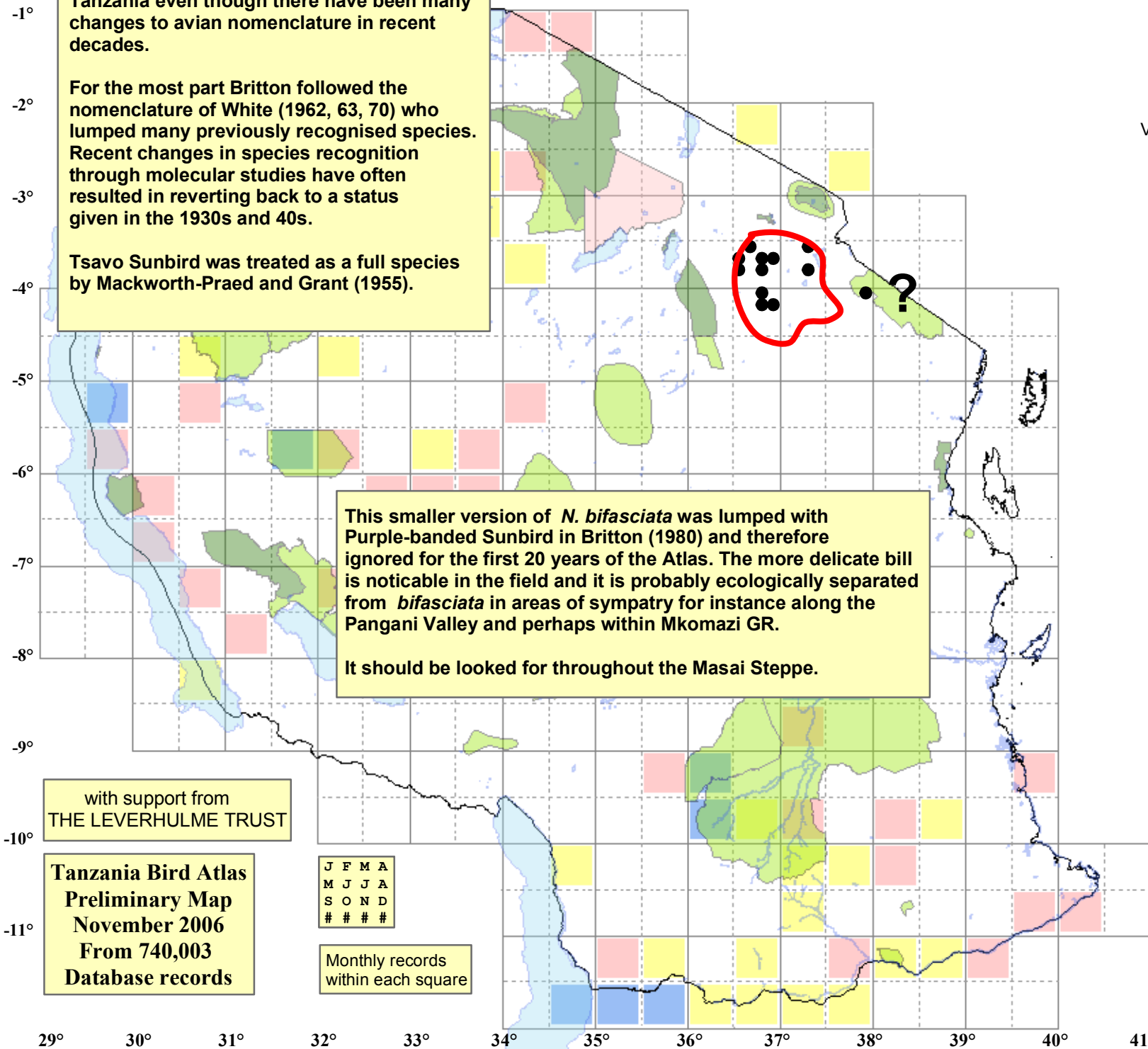
Two YvB months **32**

Seasonality
presence bs eggs

	presence	bs	eggs
January	-	-	-
February	2	-	-
March	2	-	-
April	1	-	-
May	1	-	-
June	-	-	-
July	3	-	-
August	3	-	-
September	1	-	-
October	-	-	-
November	2	-	-
December	-	-	-

Status

- Presence
- Breeding season
- Month with eggs



29° 30° 31° 32° 33° 34° 35° 36° 37° 38° 39° 40° 41°