Preliminary observations on the avifauna of Ikokoto Forest, Udzungwa Mountains, Tanzania

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Abstract

A study was conducted at c. 110 ha of Ikokoto forest using mist-netting and general field observations. Sixty-four species were recorded of which 61% were of conservation importance in terms of forest dependence. All species were found to belong to the familiar assembly of the large Udzungwa forests. Six species, the Green-throated Greenbul Andropadus fusciceps, Spot-throat Modulatrix stictigula, African TailorbirdArtisornis metopias, Black-lored Cisticola *Cisticola nigriloris*, Uhehe Fiscal *Laniarius marwitzi* and Fülleborn's Black Boubou Laniarius fuellebornidetected are restricted range and one species Moreau's Sunbird Nectarinia moreaui is nearthreatened according to IUCN threat status. The presence of many species which are forest dependent in this tiny forest indicates that this site, though small in size and highly fragmented, retains significant conservation value for birds.