

**Bannermani's weaver *Ploceus bannermani* (Chapin, 1932):
A threatened bird species found on the Tchabal Mbabo
forest massif (Adamaoua)**



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(<https://www.oiseaux.net/oiseaux/tisserin.de.bannerman.html>)

The Association FODER carried out a bird studies on the Tchabal Mbabo forest massif¹ on the month of November 2020. These studies were within the framework of the COGESPA-Tchabal Mbabo project². Many bird species have thus been observed, including *Ploceus bannermani*.

Description: Bannerman's Weaver *Ploceus bannermani* is a range-restricted species, endemic to the montane regions of the Bamenda Highlands until Mt Tchabal Mbabo on the Adamawa Plateau in Cameroon and the Obudu and Mambila Plateaux in Nigeria (Fry *et al.*, 2004). On the 07th November 2020, a pair of this species was seen by the FODER's ornithologists next to the gallery forest of LAIGAH. Unfortunately, its natural habitat is increasingly threatened by human activities such as grazing, farming, etc.

Taxonomy: This bird species exhibits the following taxonomy. Kingdom: Animal; Sub-Kingdom: Bilateria; Infra-kingdom: Deuterostomia; Phylum: Chordata; Sub-phylum: Vertebrates; Class: Aves; Sub-class: Ornithura; Order: Passeriformes; Family: Ploceidae; Genus: *Ploceus*; Scientific names: *Ploceus bannermani*

Conservation status: Bannerman's Weaver *Ploceus bannermani* is a species of conservation interest, classified as Vulnerable (Vu) by IUCN³ (2021) and Birdlife International (2012). With regard to the national protection, this species belongs to the Class A. In other words, it is fully protected at the national level in accordance with decree No. 0053 / MINFOF / of 1st April, 2020.

Recommendations: Due to the increasing loss of its habitat in the Tchabal Mbabo forest as a result of anthropogenic activities, urgent measures to preserve the Vulnerable *Ploceus bannermani* and its habitat are required.

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¹The Tchabal Mbabo forest massif is located in the Adamawa region, between the departments of Mayo Banyo and Faro and Déo, more precisely in the districts of Banyo, Galim Tignère and Kontcha.

²The "Projet d'appui à la conservation et à la gestion participative du Massif forestier de Tchabal Mbabo" is implemented in Cameroon by the Association Forêts et Développement Rural (FODER) in partnership with the NGO TRAFFIC thanks to the financial support of Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) through BirdLife International.

³ With the IUCN Red List system, each species or subspecies can be classified into one of the following nine categories: Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (EW), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN), Vulnerable (VU), Near Threatened (NT), Least Concern (LC), Data Deficient (DD), Not Assessed (NE).