

Arizelocichla montana is a Near Threatened (NT) species found in the Tchabal Mbabo forest massif of Adamawa-Cameroon



Arizelocichla montana © Jacob C. Cooper 2015

In November 2020 an avifauna study was carried out by the association Forêts et Développement Rural (FODER). This survey was in concordance with the COGESPA project. *Arizelocichla montana* being endemic to Cameroon's Highland forest was sighted and listened to in the Tchabal Mbabo forest massif.

Description: The Cameroon greenbul or Cameroon mountain greenbul is remarkably uniform yellow-olive in plumage, with a red eye. Found in montane forest, secondary habitat, and scrub. Feeds in the understory and at middle levels of the forest. (Cameroon Mountain Greenbul – eBird. nd.)

Taxonomy: *Arizelocichla montana* belongs to the Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Chordata, Subphylum Vertebrata, Class Aves, Order Passeriformes, Family Pycnonotidae, Genus *Arizelocichla*, Species *Arizelocichla montana*.

Conservation status: *Arizelocichla montana* is a species of birds fully protected by the Cameroon Law and therefore belongs to "Class A" of protected fauna. This Bird is Nearly Threatened (NT) as stipulated by IUCN 3.1

Threats: The habitats of *Arizelocichla montana* is threatened by agricultural and logging activities, which if no measures are taken this bird species will be threatened in the near future.

Protective measures: *Arizelocichla montana* is said to be threatened by anthropogenic activities. Conservation of the highland forests of Tchabal Mbabo is a necessary habitat conservation action.



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¹The Tchabal Mbabo forest massif is located in the Adamawa region, between the departments of Mayo Banyo and Faro and Deo, 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.

³With 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).