

Colour-ringed birds in Tanzania¹

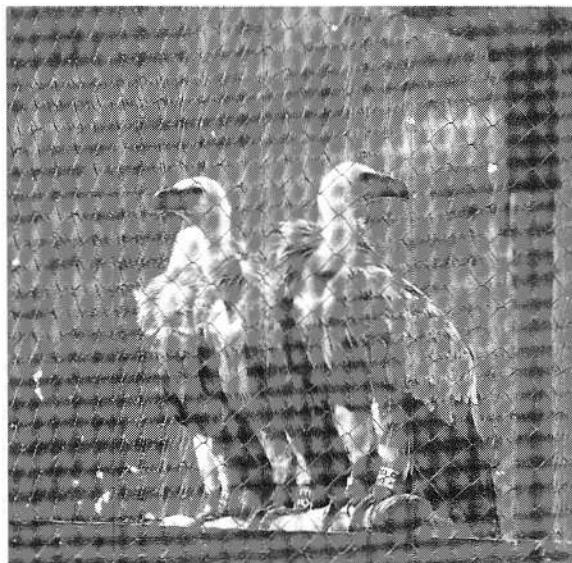
If you are visiting Udzungwa Mountains National Park in central Tanzania you just might be able to help Tom Romdal from the Zoological Museum in Copenhagen.

He is doing a research project in the park under TANAPA/TAWIRI authority, and it involves colour ringing of forest birds of all species. So far 464 birds have been ringed, but many more will hopefully be ringed in 2001–2002. If you see a bird with any sort of ring please contact him. Please inform him of the colour and position of rings as well as the altitude of the location where you saw the birds.

The site is the Mwanihana forest near the trail leading from Sonjo village up towards Mwanihana Peak. The Mwanihana trail is very nicely kept and used by tourists who go for the view from the peak at 2050 m. Tom fully recommends the trail to birders who are interested in the local specialities. You should be able to record species such as Morcau's Sunbird, Greenthroated Greenbul, Rufouswinged Sunbird, Swynnerton's Robin and Dapplebreast. Feel free to contact him for information if you are planning to go!

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Griffon Vultures trapped in Gamla, Israel, and given engraved rings before release.
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