

Project Update: March 2010

The key outcomes of the second phase are a record of 6 threatened birds species (*Ploceus bannermani*, *Andropadus montanus*, *Zoothera princei*, *Bradypterus bangwaensis*, *Malacontus cruentus* and *Picarthates oreas*) and 15 restricted range species (*Ploceus bannermani*, *Andropadus montanus*, *Zoothera princei*, *Bradypterus bangwaensis*, *Malacontus cruentus*, *Picarthates oreas*, *Andropadus tephrolaemus*, *Phyllastrephus poensis*, *Cossypha isabellae*, *Cisticola discolor*, *Urolais epichora*, *Poliolais lopezi*, *Phylloscopus herberti*, *Cyanomitra oritis*, *Lamanus atroflavus*)

In Ndumbin and Nkandu there was the discovery of a large forest across the Balereck River with (053°33'379"N, 009°52'070"E) which was the home for grey neck *Picarthates*. This is a new record for the Lebiale area. Nyitebong and Nyi-fuangonkem Hills recorded further new records of threatened birds (e.g. *Zoothera princei*). Nyitebong has the oldest forest habitats untouched for the last 50 years. A botanical inventory is required here. A total of 195 species of birds were recorded.