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Introduction

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Plate 1. Images from camera trap showing White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis* in the proposed Imawbum National Park, Kachin State, Myanmar, March 2018.



Observations

As part of a biodiversity survey by Fauna and Flora International (FFI), 23 game cameras (Bushnell, Trophy CAM HD) were set in different locations in the proposed National Park, over an area of 2.23 km². When triggered each was programmed to take three images at one-minute intervals. They were set up in different habitat types: four in bamboo, nine in evergreen forest and 10 in mixed evergreen forest. Nine of the cameras detected White-throated Laughingthrush on 16 occasions out of a total of 2,112 trap nights (Table 1). One of the cameras (IMB16-62) recorded White-throated Laughingthrush flocks on five occasions, a total of 72 individuals, in the period between 20 January and 23 March 2017. However, the birds were generally recorded in small flocks of three to six individuals, mostly around bamboo thickets at altitudes between 2,275 and 2,708 m. This is well within the overall altitudinal range of the species of 300–3,800 m, usually above 1,200 m (Collar & Robson 2019). In South-East Asia the species is normally found above 1,600 m but may move down locally to 600 m in winter (Robson 2008).

In the light of these findings, we consider the White-throated Laughingthrush to be a common species in the proposed Imawbum National Park, with regular encounters during our camera trap surveys.

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Table 1. Camera-trap records of White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis* in the proposed Imawbum National Park, Kachin State, northern Myanmar.

B = Bamboo forest; E = Evergreen forest; M = Mixed evergreen forest. No. = number of birds.

Date	Camera No.	Time	Habitat	No.	Elevation (m)	Coordinates
6 December 2016	IMB-16-78	08:22	E	6	2,708	26.490°N 98.421°E
25 December 2016	IMB-16-73	08:38	B	15	2,522	26.483°N 98.420°E
20 January 2017	IMB-16-62	15:38	B	9	2,332	26.487°N 98.437°E
24 January 2017	IMB-16-74	09:55	E	3	2,585	26.484°N 98.420°E
29 January 2017	IMB-16-67	09:05	B	3	2,548	26.492°N 98.441°E
8 February 2017	IMB-16-62	14:39	B	3	2,332	26.487°N 98.437°E
25 February 2017	IMB-16-62	09:48	B	6	2,332	26.487°N 98.437°E
28 February 2017	IMB-16-62	17:39	B	6	2,332	26.487°N 98.437°E
5 March 2017	IMB-16-71	11:13	E	3	2,428	26.488°N 98.439°E
17 March 2017	IMB-16-75	12:02	B	3	2,540	26.486°N 98.420°E
18 March 2017	IMB-16-61	07:17	M	14	2,275	26.485°N 98.436°E
18 March 2017	IMB-16-63	06:53	M	6	2,389	26.487°N 98.438°E
22 March 2017	IMB-16-63	06:58	M	3	2,389	26.487°N 98.438°E
23 March 2017	IMB-16-62	06:38	B	48	2,332	26.487°N 98.437°E
24 March 2017	IMB-16-75	09:15	B	6	2,540	26.486°N 98.420°E
1 April 2017	IMB-16-74	09:14	E	3	2,582	26.484°N 98.420°E