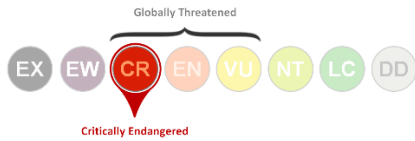


Species _ **Gurney's Pitta** (*Pitta Gurneyi*)

Critically Endangered



Gurney's Pitta

The Gurney's Pitta is found in including primary and secondary, regenerating, lowland semi-evergreen and bamboo forest habitats. This species distribution area are Southern Myanmar and Thailand. Territories are centered on gully systems where moist conditions prevail year-round, usually with access to water, and often close to forest edge. It is the main diet is slugs, insects and earthworms in line with other members of the genus. It breeds during the wet season, between April and October.



Gurney's Pitta (female - left and male - right)

Photo by Kanit Khanikul

Why protect endangered species

Gurney's Pitta listed as Critically Endangered by IUCN Red List. The last remaining habitat of the rare Gurney's pitta in Myanmar is fast disappearing, a new study has found. This species is very important for protect because it is only found in Myanmar and Thailand in the world, and it is almost impossible to find it in Thailand, Myanmar Tanintharyi region still has the most population number of this species, but if it is not protected in time, it will disappear completely. Once gone, they're gone forever, and there's no going back.

Threat

The main threat for this species decline has been the deforestation and habitat loss in Myanmar through road construction, clear-felling for timber, unofficial logging and conversion to croplands, rubber, oil-palm plantations etc.

Conservation Efforts

BANCA has successfully formed the Gurney's Pitta working group in Tanintharyi region at 2018. BANCA implemented the conservation efforts such as species monitoring and working close with local communities and Gurney's Pitta working group.

How You Can Help

Donate: If you can donate the fund your donation to protect more conservation for Gurney's Pitta species. Your donations are used for Gurney's Pitta raise awareness and support conservation efforts and reforestation in Myanmar.

Involve: If you can't donate fund but you can giving supplies techniques or volunteering can be just as valuable in helping for these species survive and conservation. You can collaboration with us as much as you can in our Gurney's Pitta Conservation Program in Myanmar.

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