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Common Name - Yellow-breasted bunting

Scientific Name – *Emberiza aureola*



Range of Yellow-breasted Bunting

- ❖ Yellow-breasted Bunting distribution are China, Myanmar, Bangaladash, Nepal, Cambodia, Thailand and Japan. In Myanmar, the species recorded in the areas of Indawgyi Biosphere Reserve, Inle Biosphere Reserve, Kalaw, Ayeyarwady River (Bagan Section), Ayeyarwady Delta and Bago Region.



Diet

- ❖ Yellow-breasted Buntings are preferring areas which adjutant to the water, grass, cultivation up to 1,370m. And we can see them feeding on paddy seed and on ground in day time. So paddy field and harvested area is heavily support them to survival.

Threats

- ❖ Illegal hunting and habitat loss are the major threat to this species in Myanmar. Yellow-breasted Bunting is one of the most species that was hunt. There are many reasons for catching birds such as selling at market, food and release for merit. Bunting habitats is decreasing due to human encroachment.



Sweet calling birds

- ❖ Yellow-breasted Bunting is one of small passerine birds having sweet melody song – all bird lovers would love to see and take photo. And they are also very colorful during their breeding season.

Conservation

- ❖ In Myanmar, as areas insecure, conservation performing are very constricted since February 2021. Fortunately, Yellow-breasted Bunting survey in Ayeyarwady delta had successfully done together with Local Conservation Group in 2023 and 2024.

How to Protect and conserve

- ❖ We must fully protect the species under the hunting pressure. Bunting need protected area for sustaining their population which was highest count areas in Myanmar.
- ❖ Local conservation group and communities should be invited to implement sustainable of species where the highest population and rooting areas are.
- ❖ We must share the knowledge of Buntings, which is fully protected species under the Myanmar wildlife law 2018.
- ❖ Conservation awareness should be undertaken and collaborating with communities and local conservation group.