

# Magpie Mannikin

*Spermestes fringilloides*

117 plots from 244 records

Virgin Yellow-vented Bulbul squares **9**

Single YvB month **16**

Two YvB months **24**

	Seasonality		
	presence	bs	eggs
January	14	2	-
February	17	-	-
March	10	1	-
April	21	1	-
May	16	-	-
June	17	2	-
July	14	2	-
August	17	1	-
September	14	-	-
October	60	1	-
November	7	1	-
December	11	-	1
month 13	14		

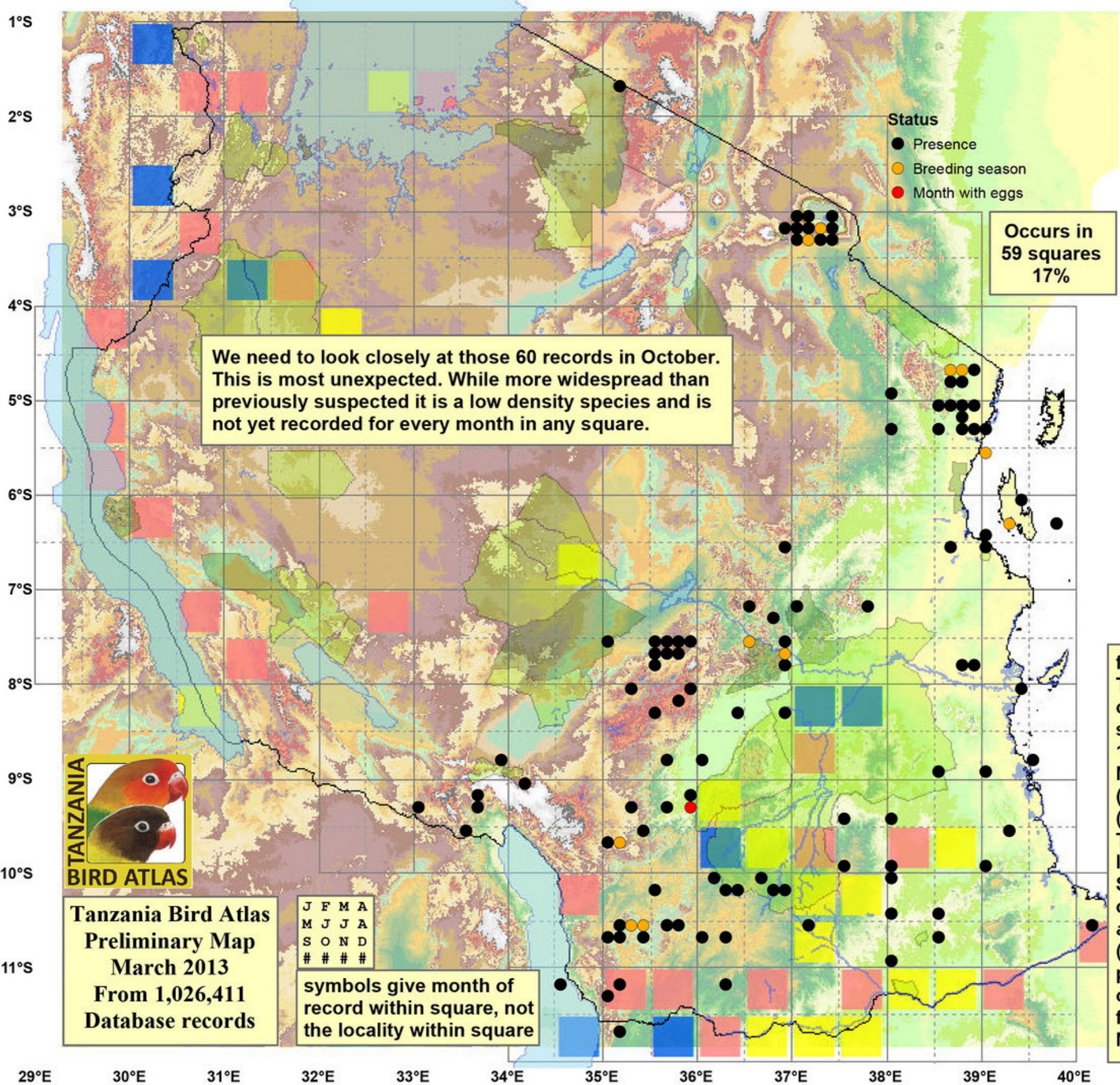
**Status**

- Presence
- Breeding season
- Month with eggs

Occurs in **59 squares**  
17%

We need to look closely at those 60 records in October. This is most unexpected. While more widespread than previously suspected it is a low density species and is not yet recorded for every month in any square.

from Britton (1980). This inexplicably local and usually scarce species occurs in forest edges and clearings, moist secondary bush and overgrown cultivation below 1000 m. Recorded localities include Zanzibar, Moshi, the East Usambaras, Kilosa, the Ulugurus (up to 1400 m), Mikindani, Songea and Utinta (on Lake Tanganyika) in Tanzania, Vanga and Taveta in extreme SE Kenya, and several localities in the Bwamba lowlands of W Uganda. South of our area its distribution is linked to that of the indigenous bamboo *Oxytenanthera abyssinica* and the periodicity of its seeding (Jackson 1972), but existing East African records provide no hint of a relationship with any species of bamboo. This and the previous two species from a species group. All three occur at Mikindani and Zanzibar.



**Tanzania Bird Atlas**  
Preliminary Map  
March 2013  
From 1,026,411  
Database records

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symbols give month of record within square, not the locality within square

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