

# Western Citril

*Crithagra frontalis*

50 plots from 85 records

Virgin Yellow-vented Bulbul squares **9**

Single YvB month **16**

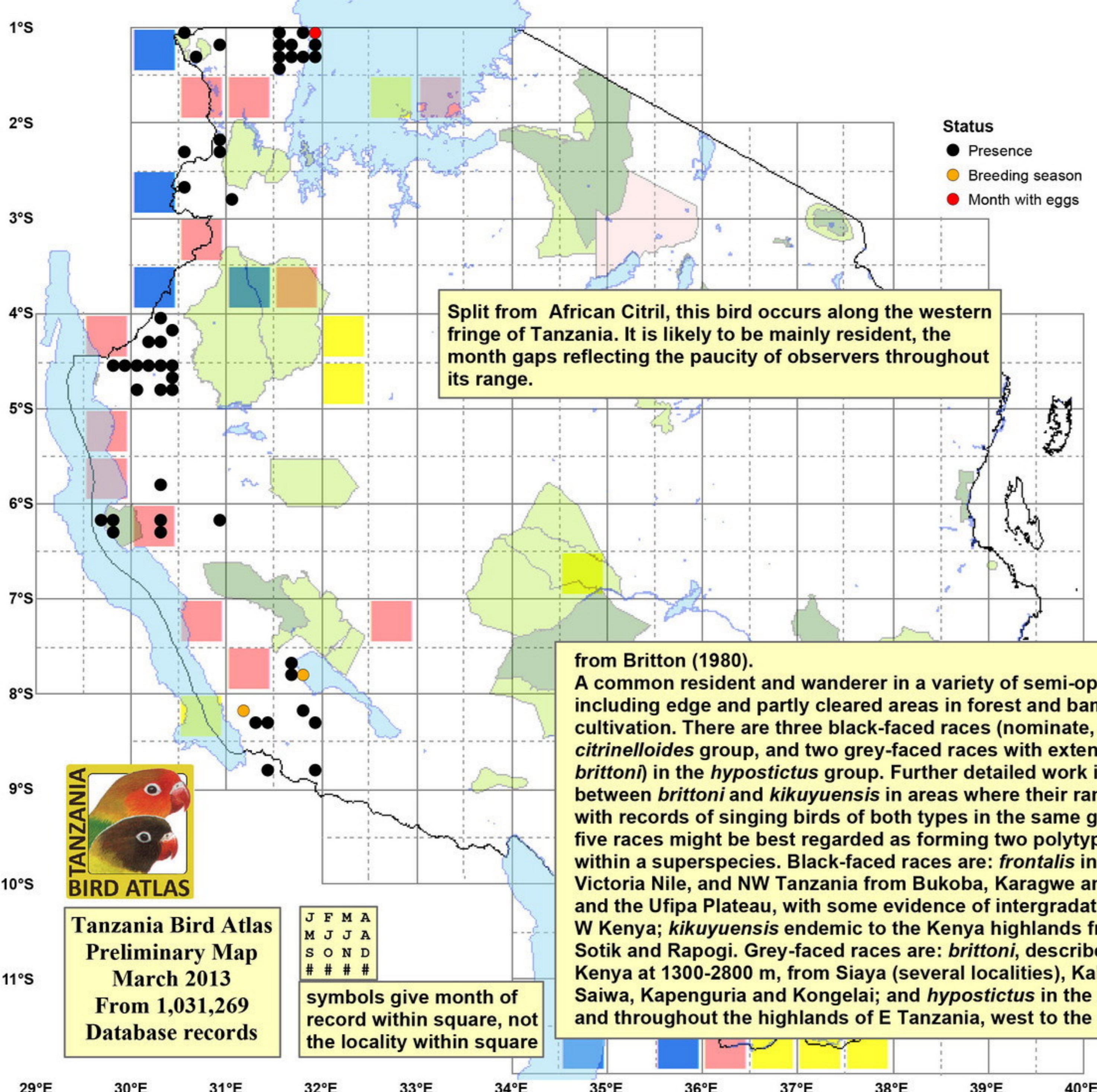
Two YvB months **24**

Seasonality  
presence bs eggs

Month	presence	bs	eggs
January	4	-	-
February	3	-	-
March	5	-	-
April	4	-	1
May	3	-	-
June	10	1	-
July	4	-	-
August	8	-	-
September	7	-	-
October	6	-	-
November	18	1	-
December	9	-	-
month 13	1	-	-

Split from African Citril, this bird occurs along the western fringe of Tanzania. It is likely to be mainly resident, the month gaps reflecting the paucity of observers throughout its range.

from Britton (1980).  
A common resident and wanderer in a variety of semi-open habitats in high rainfall areas at 1100-3300m including edge and partly cleared areas in forest and bamboo, moist secondary bush, gardens and cultivation. There are three black-faced races (nominate, *kikuyuensis*, *frontalis*) in the *citrinelloides* group, and two grey-faced races with extensive streaking below (*hypostictus*, *brittoni*) in the *hypostictus* group. Further detailed work is required, but the lack of intergradation between *brittoni* and *kikuyuensis* in areas where their ranges abut or overlap in W Kenya, together with records of singing birds of both types in the same garden near Nandi Hills, suggests that these five races might be best regarded as forming two polytypic species (*citrinelloides* and *hypostictus*) within a superspecies. Black-faced races are: *frontalis* in S and W Uganda north and east to the Victoria Nile, and NW Tanzania from Bukoba, Karagwe and Ngara to Kibondo, Kasulu, Mahari Mt and the Ufipa Plateau, with some evidence of intergradation with the next race at Kakamega in W Kenya; *kikuyuensis* endemic to the Kenya highlands from Meru and Nairobi west to Nandi, Kericho Sotik and Rapogi. Grey-faced races are: *brittoni*, described by Traylor (1970a), endemic to W Kenya at 1300-2800 m, from Siaya (several localities), Kakamega and Nandi north to Mt Elgon, Saiwa, Kapenguria and Kongelai; and *hypostictus* in the Nguruman and Chyulu hills in S Kenya, and throughout the highlands of E Tanzania, west to the Crater Highlands, Mbulu and Tunduma.



Tanzania Bird Atlas  
Preliminary Map  
March 2013  
From 1,031,269  
Database records

J	F	M	A
M	J	J	A
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symbols give month of record within square, not the locality within square

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