

# BLACK-BREASTED THRUSH

*Turdus dissimilis*

Blyth, 1847



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Passeriformes

**Family:** Turdidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

UNCOMMON



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification:** Adults can reach a total length of 23 cm. Bright yellow bill, reddish legs. Male has black head and breast, slaty-gray back, wings and tail, rufous breast, white belly patch. Female is duller and has black-spotted gray throat.

**Range:** This species occurs from extreme North-East India to Myanmar and south China, south to north Thailand and Vietnam.

**Habitat :** Lives in forests and woodlands, winters in mangroves, up to 2500 meters.

**Behavior:** This species is mostly solitary. It forages mostly on the ground, feeding on insects, snails, slugs and berries. Nest is a small mossy cup located in a tree.

**Status in the wild:** This species is globally uncommon to scarce, only locally common. It is potentially threatened by habitat loss throughout its range.

**In captivity:** This species is mostly known from private collections in Europe but also kept in a few zoos, including more than 20 European public collections. Probably very rare in America and most of Asia in zoos. Bred mostly by private aviculturists.