

# ASIAN GLOSSY STARLING

*Aplonis panayensis eustathis*

Oberholser, 1926



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Passeriformes

**Family:** Sturnidae

13 other subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification:** Adults grow to 20 cm in length for a weight of 60 g. Juveniles are striated, adults are shiny and glossy blue-green with red eyes. This subspecies is darker and smaller than others, with a black-blue tinge on wings and dark green belly.

**Range:** This subspecies occurs in Eastern Borneo. Species found from north-east India to south Myanmar, Malaysia, western and Central Indonesia, Philippines.

**Habitat :** Lowland forest, forest edges, clearings, plantations and gardens, to 700 m.

**Behavior:** The species is highly gregarious, feeding and roosting in huge flocks. Feeds on fruits, nectar and invertebrates. Nests sometimes colonially.

**Status in the wild:** The species has a large range and remains mostly common even despite hunting pressure like in Philippines.

**In captivity:** This species is by far the commonest of its genus in captivity. It is occasionally displayed in European and American collections and subspecies kept there are rarely known. This subspecies is only known from 2 bornean collections.