

CORAL-BILLED GROUND-CUCKOO

Carpococcyx renauldi

Oustalet, 1896



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Aves

Order: Cuculiformes

Family: Cuculidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



VULNERABLE

Identification: Adults can reach 65 cm in length for a weight of 400 g. Unmistakable. Black head and neck with dark blue and red skin around eyes and cheeks. Red bill, yellow eyes. Grey-blue wings, white belly. Long dark tail, bright red legs.

Range: This species occurs in South-East Asia, from north and east Thailand to Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Habitat: Mostly in forests and areas with dense undergrowth, up to 900 meters.

Behavior: The species is poorly known because it's very shy and rarely observed. Mostly solitary, feeds on small animals. Non parasitic breeder. Mostly on ground.

Status in the wild: The species is globally uncommon and its true status is hard to assess because of the species' shy nature. Trapped for food and trade.

In captivity: This species has always been a huge rarity in captivity around the world. Today, it's only known from a single European zoo and maybe two or three collections in North America and Asia. Occasionally bred in captivity, especially in Europe.