



Fairy Pitta (*Pitta nympha*)

Size: Body length, approx. 19 cm **Weight:** 67 - 155 g **Habitat:** Lowland forests; sometimes found in plantations and scrub jungle **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,500 - 7,000



Photographed by John Holmes

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Who's calling? It's the fairy pitta, whose flight calls resound throughout the thick underbrush of its home. Because the little ground forager is difficult to spot in the dense forest, researchers use playbacks of its calls and wait for responses to determine location. But fewer and fewer are being found as deforestation, extensive trapping for captivity and fatalities

from striking windows during migratory flights have all taken their toll on fairy pitta populations. One day its calls may very well fall silent.

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