

DISTRIBUTION



LADY ROSS'S TURACO

Musophaga rossae

They are so abundant in Africa that they are considered a pest. Their feeding habits are very destructive, which annoys most gardeners. However, they aid in seed dispersal by messily eating fruit. They also eat berries that are considered highly poisonous to humans.

The call sounds like "g'way", which is why they are often referred to as Go-away birds.

Both the male and female share time incubating their clutch. Both parents also feed the downy chicks by regurgitation.



FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Central and southern Africa
Habitat	Forests and wooded valleys
Diet	Plants and fruit, occasionally insects
Average length	37 - 45 cm
Average weight	400 - 450 g
Number of eggs	2-4
Incubation	21-24 days

Turacos are the only birds to possess true red and green colour. When you look at most birds, the colour you are seeing is a reflection produced by the feather structure.



THE RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR THIS SPECIES HAS CURRENTLY BEEN ASSESSED AS *LEAST CONCERN* IUCN RED LIST