

Project Update: December 2016

So far at Tula Mountains, over 100 avian species have been recorded in 90 plots. The list is being added with more coverage and subsequent repeated surveys. Students from the environmental clubs established at Tula Yiri secondary schools have been actively involved in field training. They were fascinated by the use of binoculars to view birds, some of which they were familiar with their local names. We are currently following up our appeal to the government through the Forestry Department of Kaltungo Local Government, where Tula Mountains is located to grant the woodland a status of protection. The department has picked up interest to begin a patrol around the woodland and to subsequently get it gazetted. With the participation of Gombe State University Research Team in recent field activities, Tula mountains is now a potential research site for the university and we are anticipating subsequent visits with undergraduate students.



Top to bottom: Dr Charles Nsor Ayuk (right), Dr Babale Aliyu (middle), Researchers from Gombe State University and Myself (left) Tula mountains. Photo by Magaji; Myself (in green shirt), two students (in blue trousers) and their teacher, Mr Ibrahim Sajo from Tula Yiri Secondary School looking at birds. Photo by Charles; Myself teaching the students and their teacher how to use the GPS to mark points on the transect. Photo by Charles and The students, Ibrahim, Magaji and Babale at the riparian forest habitat of Tula mountains during avian survey. Photo by Charles.