

## Project Update: June 2016

The second phase of the Tula Mountains Conservation Project funded by the 2nd Rufford small grant focuses on conservation education for high schools and research aspect to investigate the effect of habitat degradation on bird species composition. Meeting with community leaders and Education Secretary of Kaltungo Local Government Area marked the beginning of the project. In April 2016, we carried out indoor conservation awareness in three secondary schools of Tula Yiri where we thought students about living things and environment, waste management, and sustainable use of resources. This was followed by a film show from the Gorilla Folk Films. It was an exciting moment for the students to watch nature films from which they asked questions about conservation and the meaning of some English words they heard from the film. Currently ongoing is the bird survey accompanied by the Nigerian Bird Atlas Project Team.

Photos:



Left: Cross section of students during conservation education programme. Picture by Lois Bukar. Right: Myself, Rahila facilitating conservation awareness discussion with student. Picture by Lois Bukar



Left: Myself (red t-shirt) and the bird Atlas team (right: Prof. Ulf Ottosson; Left: Dr. Taiwo Crosby; Dr. Talatu Tende took the snapshot). Middle: Meeting with the Chief of Yiri (Seated middle in black) and other community leaders. Photo Usman Ibrahim. Right: Meeting with Education secretary of Kaltungo Local Government Area to discuss conservation programme with schools in Tula Yiri. Picture by Magaji Yiri, field guide.