

Project Update: May 2018

Field surveys aimed at identifying diet and foraging behaviour of the Bannerman's turaco is in its 5th month in some of the reported range of the species in the Bamenda highland forest (BHF). The field teams have been able to carry out monthly surveys; averaging 3 days a month in each study area or for each identified group. Survey teams are studying groups of the bird in Kilum-Ijim, Bamendankwe, Awing, Fundong, Belo, Kom and the Mt Mbam.

Some results:

- Although it has been difficult to get to see and watch the focal groups feeding, the field teams have been able to identify feeding sites of the species and most of the results as of now are based on food fragments.
- Available data indicates that the bird feeds mostly on fruits (fig), and flowers of some local tree species. These tree species will be identified and communicated in future reports.
- Although still not very clear, field data suggest that the diet of the species changes with the period of the day as well as season. This is due to a great distinction in food fragments observed in the morning and evening.



Clement carrying out a tongue taste of allocated food of the species in Kilum-Ijim.