

Böhm's Spinetail

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Neafrapus boehmi

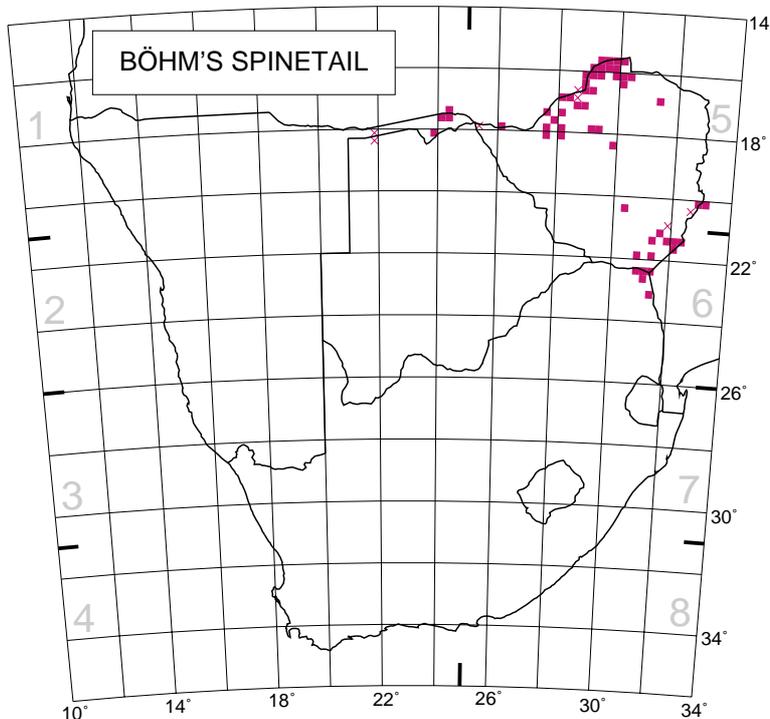
Böhm's Spinetail is distributed in eastern Africa from the northern Transvaal to Somalia. In southern Africa it is principally a bird of hot, low-lying valleys with riparian forest and Baobabs *Adansonia digitata* nearby in Mopane veld. In southern Africa the species is primarily found in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. For a swift, it is not difficult to identify, and there is no reason to doubt the atlas data.

Seasonal movements have not yet been documented, but the models show a distinctive pattern of lower reporting in the middle of the wet season in Zimbabwe (Zone 5). Most breeding records have been from man-made holes in the ground (Brooke 1966), but it may be that hollow Baobabs are the natural nesting site; it is only in the northern Transvaal that this has been observed (Brooke 1984b). Böhm's Spinetail interacts little with other species.

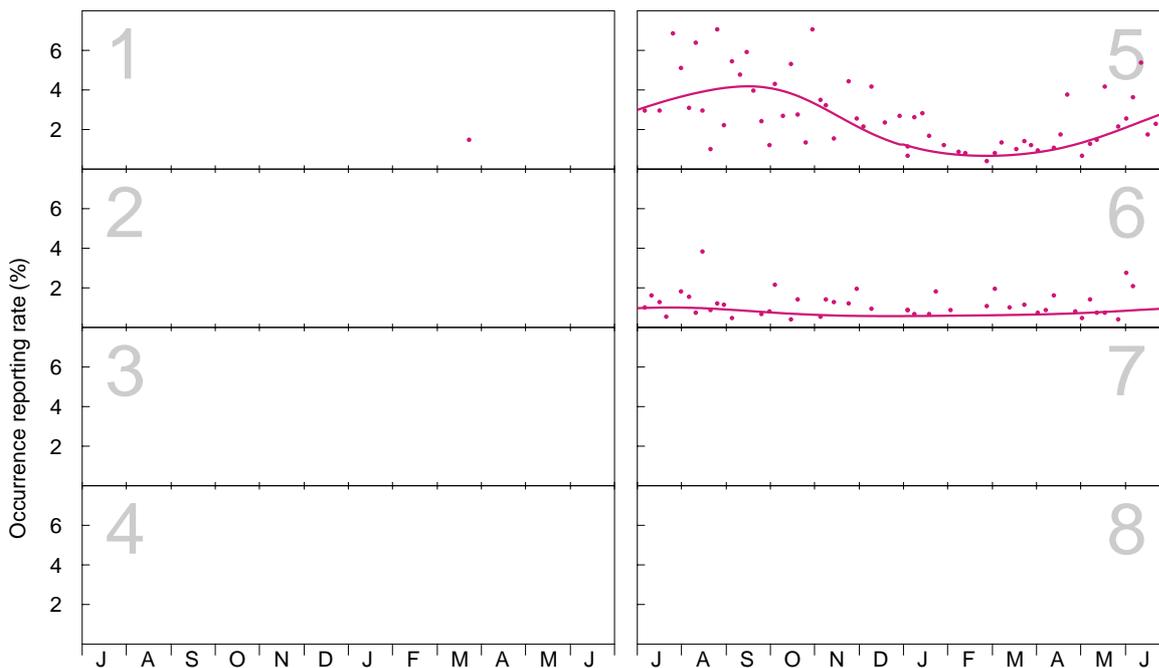
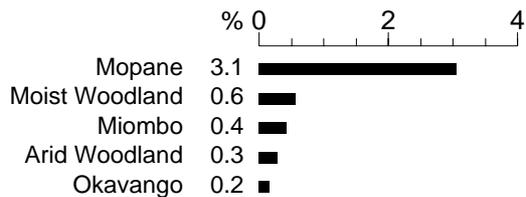
There is no evidence for recent changes in distribution. Until more is known about its natural and artificial nest sites, it is not practical to say much about its conservation. The conservation status of Böhm's Spinetail in South Africa is 'rare' (Brooke 1984b).

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Recorded in 61 grid cells, 1.3%
 Total number of records: 364
 Mean reporting rate for range: 12.5%



Reporting rates for vegetation types



Models of seasonality for Zones. Number of records (top to bottom, left to right):
 Occurrence: 1, 0, 0, 0, 206, 84, 0, 0.