



### Rufoustailed Palm Thrush

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*Cichladusa ruficauda*

The Rufoustailed Palm Thrush occurs from Gabon southwards; it is a common resident in thickets of *Hyphaene* and *Borassus* palms, in lowland forest and riverine bush, and also in baobab woodland as far south as Benguela in Angola. The southern periphery of its range marginally enters the atlas region in northern Namibia, where it occurs in clumps of *Hyphaene* along the Kunene River and its tributaries. It was first recorded and collected in Namibia at Swartbooi's Drift (1713BD) in October 1965 (Winterbottom, J.M. 1966a). It is more common than atlas data suggest, but it is robin-like in behaviour, skulking in undergrowth, and thus tends to be overlooked. Three breeding records for Namibia were in March (Brown & Clinning in

press); the breeding season in Angola is August–April (Ginn *et al.* 1989).

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Recorded in 7 grid cells, 0.2%  
 Total number of records: 18  
 Mean reporting rate for range: 22.5%

