



Indonesia and CoVID

The approach to the global CoVID pandemic in Indonesia has quite a disparity when compared to the countries where our support is provided. Whilst most of you have been, and are still, subject to lockdowns and restrictions upon daily life, life in Indonesia has seen an easing in restrictions in 2021 and we are seeing the society around us attempting to return to a pre-CoVID situation. This is not to say Indonesia is unaffected by the Corona Virus, or that cases are dropping, so we as a centre, to the best of our ability, try to reduce unnecessary travel and are monitoring the health of our staff closely.

We are very aware of the disruption and impact the CoVID pandemic has had upon conservation efforts worldwide, with zoological collections especially affected. With this in mind, we are very grateful and heartened that your support for our cause has remained through this trying period.

Thank you from all of the CCBC team.

Conservation Breeding

In the previous edition we reported on positive breeding behavior of a pair of critically endangered Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush, one pair in particular which we had high hopes for. Unfortunately this pair again were not successful with their breeding attempt, despite taking incubation responsibilities very seriously!

One pair of Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush did surprise us however after spending much of the breeding season building and then destroying their nest, this pair reared one chick to independence. This new addition to our local population is healthy and has brought happiness to the team after what has been a frustrating breeding season with this species.



Fledging is exhausting!!



At one month old



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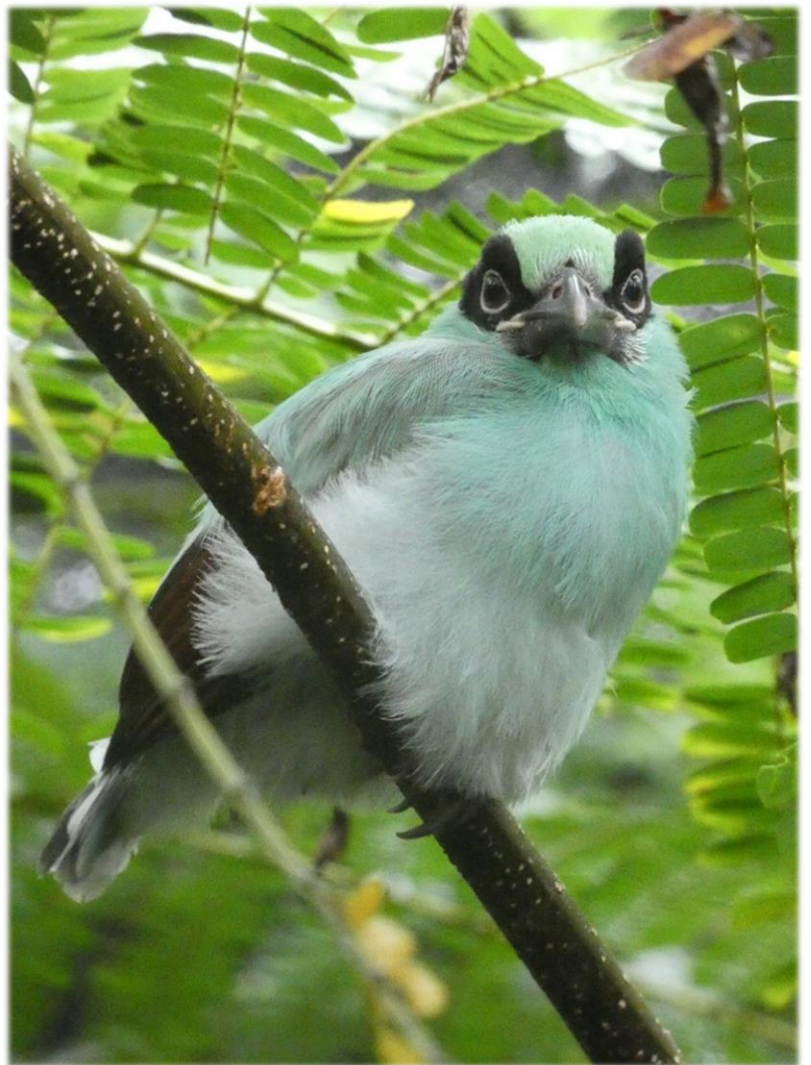


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Previously we shared the exciting news that a critically endangered Javan Green Magpie chick was due to fledge over the Christmas period from a founding female whose genetics were not yet represented in our local population. This chick was fit and healthy upon fledging and was quickly roaming around and exploring the new aviary!

We had more good news from our focused Javan Green Magpie breeding efforts when, in January, another founding female who had not yet bred at CCBC, successfully reared two chicks with her partner.

All the birds that hatched this season now live independently and are a really positive addition to the genetics of our local population (which now numbers nearly 50 individuals!) and to the overall conservation efforts for this species.



One week post fledge



Regretting fledging on a rainy day...



3 months old and definitely found its voice!

Our Javan Warty Pig population continued to flourish going into 2021, our population having grown by 9 pigs from three different mothers since the last edition. Due to space issues, we tried a different technique with two of the females who are housed together and gave birth within a matter of days of each other. These females were left in the same enclosure and the male removed before they gave birth. This was a successful approach, with the mums initially rearing piglets apart in separate areas of the enclosure before forming a group once the piglets were mobile. The piglets are often seen playing together while the mums take turns on lookout duty.



A litter of two investigating



Group nap



Lookout duty

Facility Improvements

As we near the end of the wet season and *in situ* activities are still paused for the time being, we turn our energy and attention to the improvement of the *ex situ* CCBC facilities

Block C

Work got underway in March on our new aviary block, Block C. Currently we are still in the stages of preparing the land as we are expanding the fence line of CCBC to incorporate a new area. By May we expect all foundations to have been laid and the main outer structure to be going up. Once finished, this block will add over 50 aviaries of varying dimensions to the facilities of CCBC and all will have an expandable design. This block will become the largest within CCBC and is very timely due to the condition of old aviaries. We are excited for this huge progressive step forward and the flexibility it will allow us to grow our current breeding programs but also to apply our experience to other species in need of conservation efforts.



Watch this space...

Block A Roof

Unfortunately the building of Block C did not come soon enough and in January we made the necessary decision to replace two thirds of the roof of Block A. The early part of the wet season had destroyed large sections of it as we endured persistently stormy weather. Once the storm had passed we brought in a team who negotiated the bad weather to fix the roof and enable us to keep the birds dry during the wetter months.



Before



After



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Pig Enclosures

As our Javan Warty Pig local population reaches record numbers we inevitably have to adapt our facilities to accommodate the success with this species! In April work got underway to split one of our large enclosures in two with a 40m long corridor. This is the first time using a design like this but the hope is it will make giving feed and checking the pigs every day more efficient. It will also enable easier movement of pigs in between enclosures as we are always thinking of ways to make the management of this species safer as their stressful nature can be problematic at times! We expect this project to be complete by May.



Foundations



Corridor



Walls going up

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