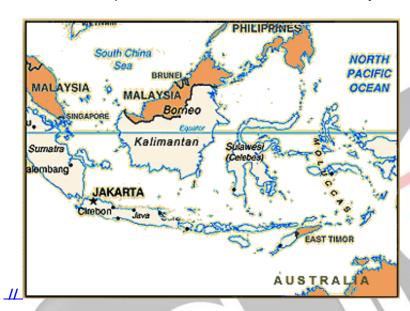


# **Black-Browed Babbler Rediscovered**

### Why in News

Recently, a **Black-Browed Babbler** (*Malacocincla perspicillata*) was **rediscovered** in southeastern Kalimantan, the part of **Borneo** that is administered by **Indonesia**.





## **Key Points**

### History:

- In the **1840s, a mystery bird** was caught on an expedition to the East Indies. It was named as black-browed babbler.
- The species was never seen in the wild again, and a stuffed specimen featuring a bright yellow glass eye was the only proof of its existence.
  - No Asian bird has been missing for as long as Indonesia's Black-browed Babbler. It
    has been missing for the last 170 years.
  - This bird is often called 'the biggest enigma in Indonesian ornithology'.

#### About:



- It has a strong bill, chocolate colouring and distinctive black eye-stripe, its iris is of striking maroon colour.
- It has **brown wings** and a **black stripe** across its brow.
- Significance:
  - Discoveries like this give hope that it's possible to find other species that have been lost to science for decades or longer.
    - The Vision • More than 150 species of birds around the world are considered "lost" with no confirmed sightings in the past decade.
- Protection Status:
  - IUCN Red List: Data Deficient

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