

Review of: "High-Quality Genome Assembly of the Endemic, Threatened White-Bellied Sholakili *Sholicola albiventris* (Muscicapidae: Blanford, 1868) From the Shola Sky Islands, India"

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The work by Vinay and collaborators is an interesting dataset (valuable) of an endemic bird species. The methods and approach appear adequate. A couple of issues require attention: bird genomes and the completeness of their genome assemblies do pose some problems given the presence of microchromosomes. Previous bird genome assemblies, thus, present an additional challenge. I wonder whether the authors have resolved this problem. Please clarify: "36,000 putative genes, with 12017 genes functionally annotated." ?