

## Species of the Month 2/2024 || Lineated Barbet

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## SPECIES OF THE MONTH

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### LINEATED BARBET

*Psilopogon lineatus*

#### APPEARANCE

- The Lineated Barbet has broad brown and white streaks from the head down to the underparts.
- The upperparts, wings, and tail are green.
- The bill is a pale beige to pink, and there is a prominent yellow bare skin orbiting around the eyes.
- Both males and females of this species look alike.

#### HABITAT

- The Lineated Barbet is found in a range of habitats, from trees in open areas like parks to degraded forests and woodlands.
- They are tree cavity nesters and prefer the canopies, which make them more often heard than seen.

#### DIET

- The Lineated Barbet is a frugivore that consumes fruits from a variety of plant species, in particular, figs.
- They are also known to feed on small animals, such as insects.

#### FUN FACT

The Lineated Barbet is a fairly recently introduced species (c. 1996). It is believed that the clearing of forested areas for development provided this species with their preferred habitat, encouraging their spread across the island.

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