

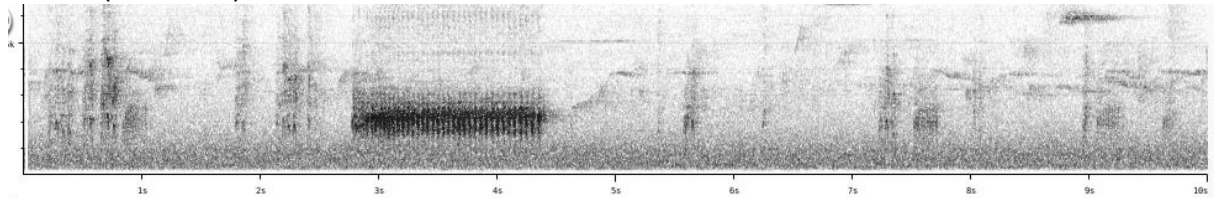
Notes on the vocalizations of White-bibbed Babbler (*Stachyris thoracica*)

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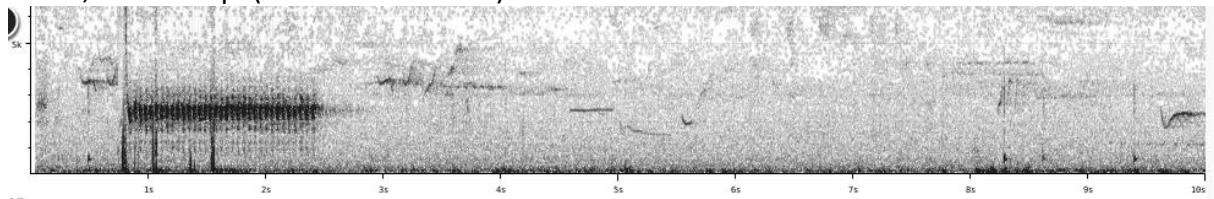
In the following we briefly analyze and compare voice of the two races of White-bibbed Babbler (*Stachyris thoracica*). We also try to quantify the extent of any vocal differences using the criteria proposed by Tobias *et al.* (2010), as a support for taxonomic review. We have made use of sound recordings available on-line from Xeno Canto (XC) and Macaulay Library (ML).

Most diagnostic vocalization is a long churr.

W Java (*thoracica*)

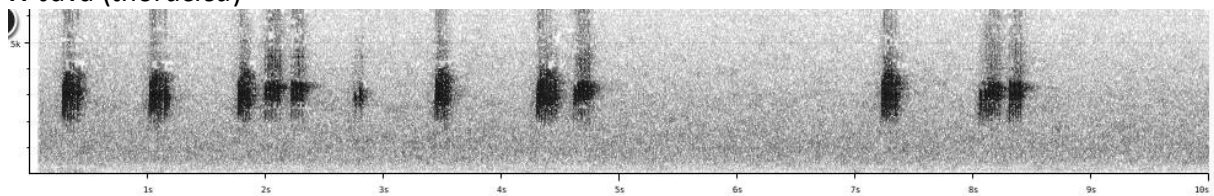


C Java, Mt. Merapi (race *orientalis* ???)

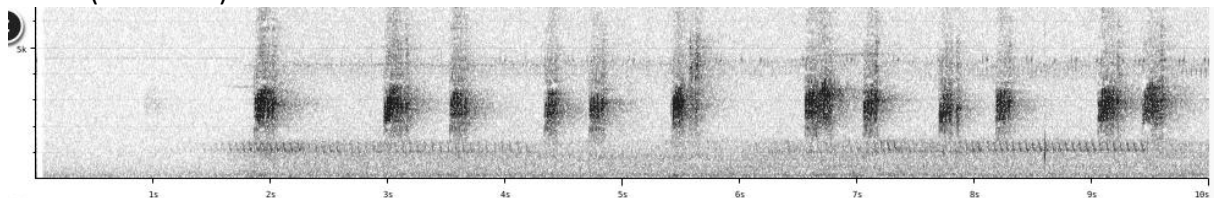


Also shorter rattles:

W Java (*thoracica*)



E Java (*orientalis*)



There are few recordings available, especially of race *orientalis*, but based on present evidence we can only conclude that there are no clear vocal differences.

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