



Izu Thrush (*Turdus celaenops*)

Size: Body length, approx. 23 cm **Weight:** 70 - 80 g **Habitat:** Mature deciduous woodlands with little underbrush, as well as secondary deciduous forest **Surviving number:** Estimated at 3,000 - 15,000



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Danger to the left, danger to the right. As it goes about its daily business of searching for fruit, seeds and invertebrates, the Izu thrush is surrounded by threats. Crows swoop in to prey on vulnerable nesting young. Even weasels, introduced to control booming rat populations, have ended up depredating nests. To top it all off, a volcanic eruption on the island of Miyake-jima in

2000 is still affecting the ecosystem. The Izu thrush has been declared a Japanese Natural Monument, but will that be enough to protect it from a multitude of dangers?

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