

RED-VENTED BULBUL USES VANIKORO BROADBILL NEST

On 7 January 1976, in Suva, Fiji Islands, I saw a Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*) perched incubating on a nest 4 m up in the canopy of a small mango tree, the nest having been built by a pair of Vanikoro Broadbills (*Myiagra vanikorensis*) in an unsuccessful nesting attempt the previous November. The nest did not appear to have been added to or in any way modified by the bulbuls. It contained three Red-vented Bulbul eggs, averaging 20 mm x 16 mm. An average Red-vented Bulbul nest measures 120 mm outside diameter by 100 mm outside depth, with inside cup diameter 75 mm, inside cup depth 60 mm. The clutch size was normal for this species, despite the fact that a Vanikoro Broadbill nest by contrast only measures some 67 mm outside diameter by 48 mm outside depth, inside measurements being 48 mm cup diameter by 32 mm cup depth, and contains only one or two eggs measuring 18 mm x 14 mm.

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