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A Yellowbellied Bulbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* photographed by T. B. Oatley on a patch of forest in Durban in 1952. The forest no longer exists, having been cleared in the mid-fifties to make way for sports fields. Apart from filling a space, there is a hint to be taken here. Ringers undertaking long-term ringing projects would be wise to choose study areas that have reasonable prospects of remaining undeveloped or 'unchanged' for the duration of the project, particularly when bush or forest habitats are involved.