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**Cover photograph:** The Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe has been described as the 'African Galápagos'. São Tomé alone holds 20 endemic bird species, including the little known and Critically Endangered Dwarf Olive Ibis *Bostrychia bocagei*, São Tomé Fiscal *Lanius newtoni* and São Tomé Grosbeak *Neospiza concolor*. In this issue, Ricardo Lima and colleagues describe the first comprehensive study of the distribution of these rare and elusive species on the island – an amazing feat, given how mountainous and inaccessible much of the area is. They found all three species in previously unknown areas, and show for the first time how they are distributed throughout the core block of forest in the centre of the island. They recommend that the fiscal and grosbeak are downlisted to Endangered, as populations are higher than previously thought, but suggest maintaining the ibis as Critically Endangered, because of its very small breeding range. Image credit: Lars Petersson (<http://www.larsfoto.se/en/>).

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