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## OLIVE THRUSH WITH MIDDLE CLAWS MISSING

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On 5 August 2011 an Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus* stunned itself by flying into a window on our premises. The bird was ringed but I did not want to stress it more after the "accident" it had, therefore I did not read the number on the ring.

What I found interesting was that the claws on both middle toes were missing but all the other claws were present and in good condition. Is this a common occurrence in Olive Thrush? Is it the result of their feeding behaviour or other forms of behaviour?



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