

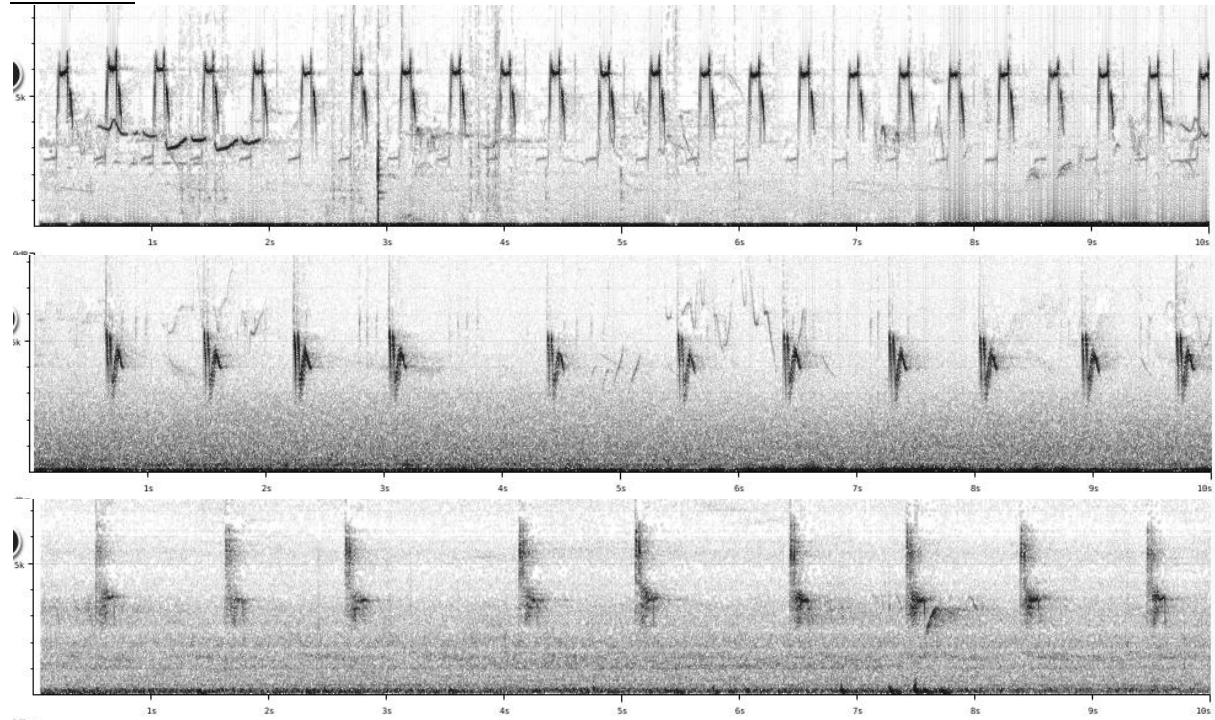
## Notes on the vocalizations of Hill Prinia (*Prinia atrogularis*)

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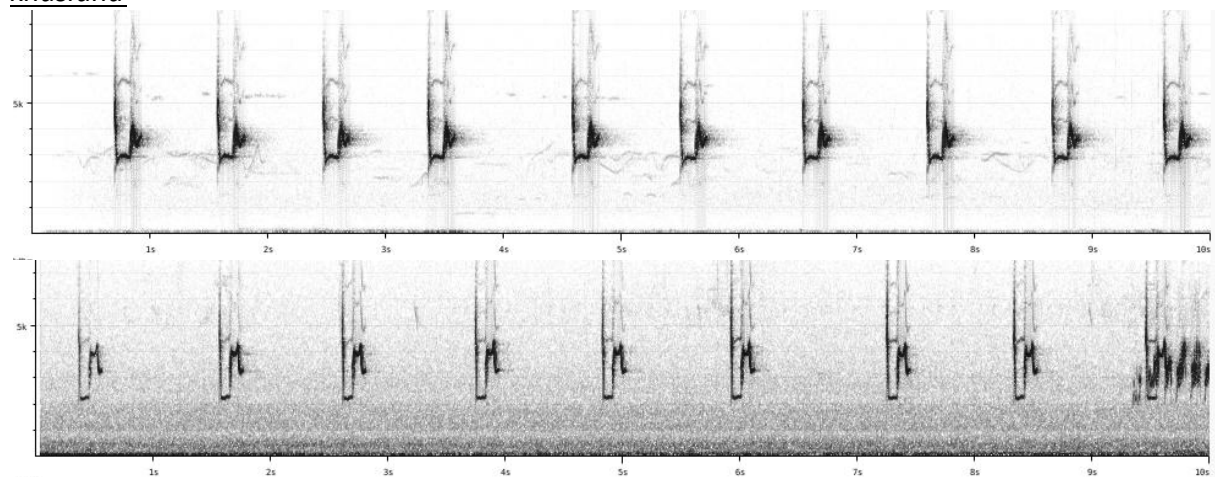
In the following we briefly analyze and compare voice of the different races of Hill Prinia (*Prinia atrogularis*). We also try to quantify the extent of any vocal differences using the criteria proposed by Tobias *et al.* (2010), as a support for taxonomic review. We have made use of sound recordings available on-line from Xeno Canto (XC).

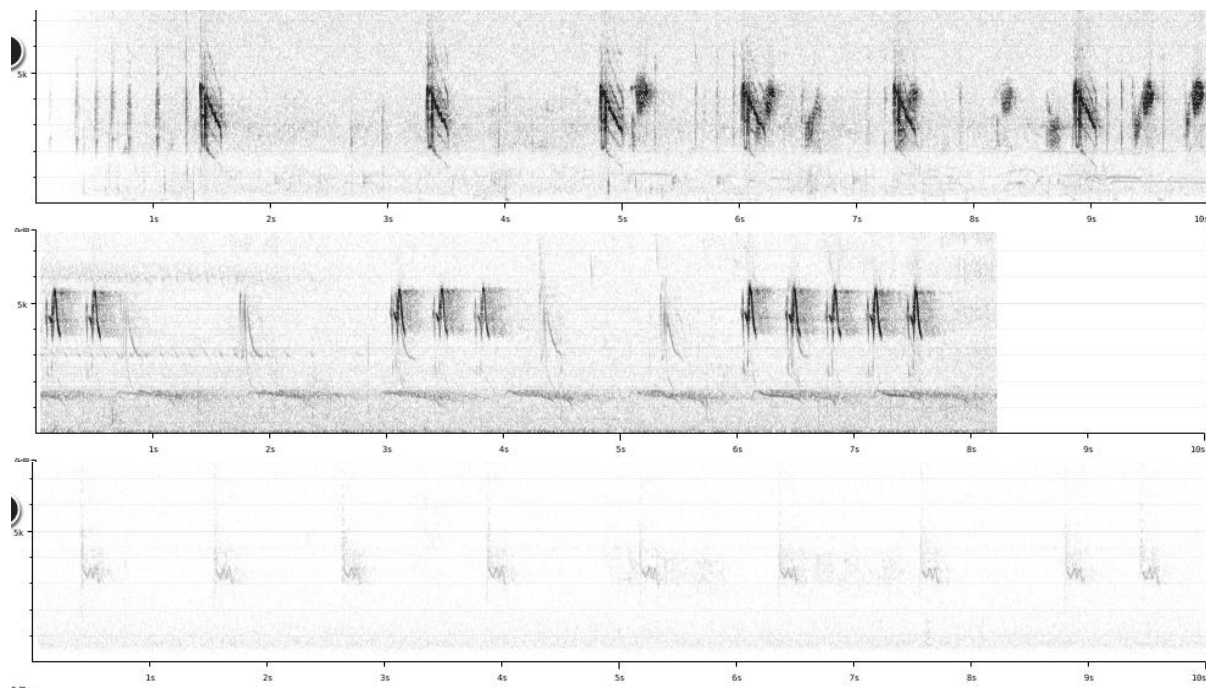
Song in all races is a fairly complex note repeated at a steady pace. Comparison of song of the different races:

### nominate



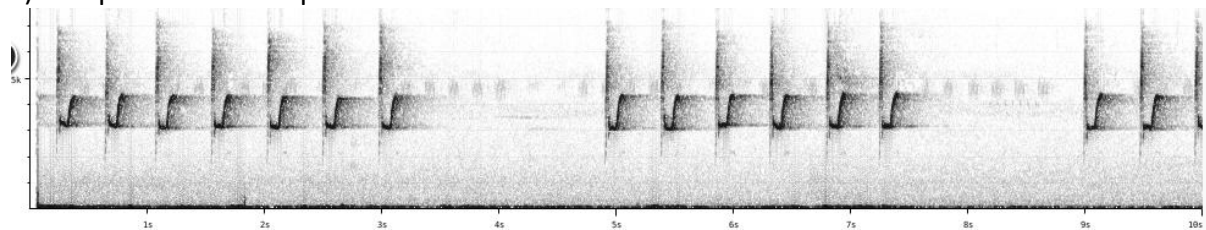
### khasiana



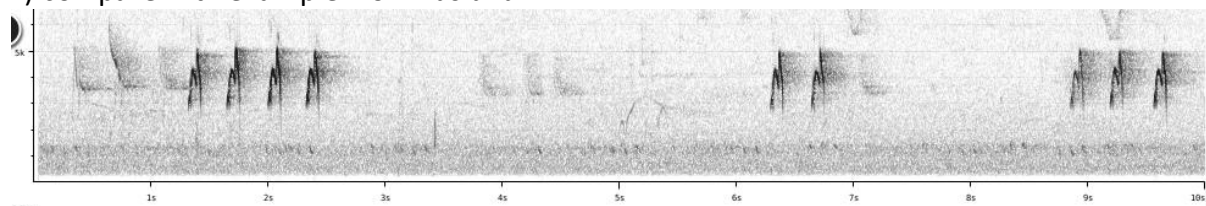


Selected recordings from **other races**:

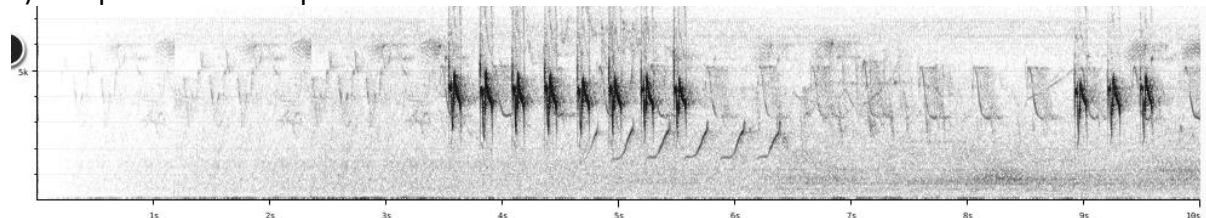
1) compare with example 1 and 2 of *hasiana*:



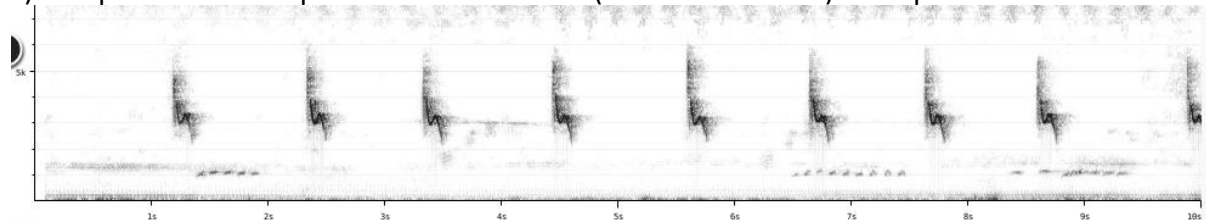
2) compare with example 4 of *hasiana*:



3) compare with example 2 of nominate:

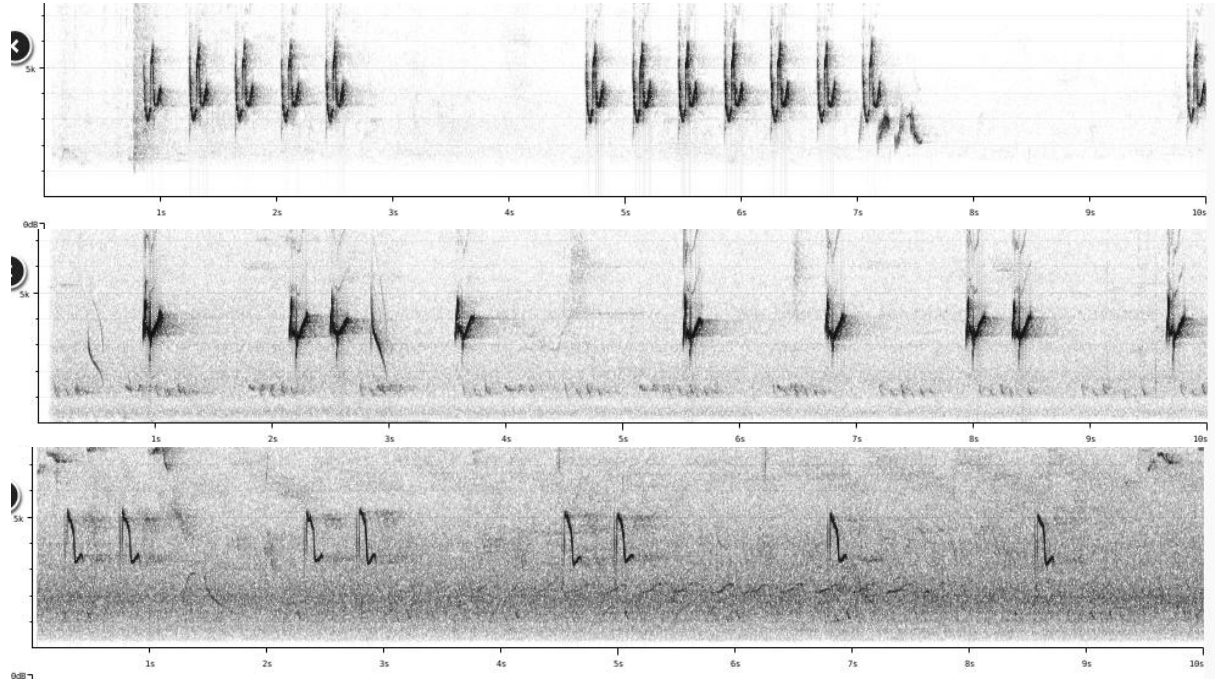


4) compare with example 3 of nominate and (to a lesser extent) example 5 of *hasiana*:





and other variants:



It would seem that with increasing availability of recordings, there is also an increasing overlap in vocabulary. The vocal difference between nominate/*khasiana* and other races is seemingly much less pronounced than indicated by Rasmussen et al. (2012).

There may obviously be slight differences in vocabulary, but from the above it would seem that *khasiana* differs vocally as much from nominate (or more) as from other races.

A more in depth study would be needed to identify truly unique characters of nominate and/or *khasiana*.

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