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In 1980 when I first listed M. violacea, I had just come to CAR from eight years in Arli and Pendjari Parks (Burkina and Benin), where this species is common. The violet-coloured turaco one finds at Bamingui is uncommon, seldom seen well, and with my preconceived notions, was misidentified. Although Fry et al. (1988) indicate that perhaps M. violacea and M. rossae are sympatric in nearby Manovo-Gouda-Saint Floris National Park, I would hesitate to make that claim for Bamingui-Bangoran. The bird seen in December 1988 was M. rossae. Crinifer piscator and Colius striatus are found in western CAR, and I was not surprised to find them at Bamingui.

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#### WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT (APUS CAFFER) - NEW TO MALI

On 11 November 1988 we observed a party of ten White-rumped Swifts Apus caffer near Sotuba, on the south bank of the Niger river opposite Bamako (12°39N 8°00W). The birds were flying amongst Little Swifts A. affinis and Palm Swifts Cypselurus parvus. There is no record of this species from Mali either in Lamarche (1980, Malimbus 2: 121-158) or Fry et al. (1988, The Birds of Africa, Vol. 3. Academic Press, London). However, the species has been recorded from three countries bordering Mali: Senegal (Fry et al. (1988), Burkina Faso (Holyoak & Seddon 1989, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club 109: 205-216) and Mauritania (Maininger et al. 1990, Malimbus 12: 19-24).

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