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## Short Notes — Notes Courtes

### First record of Scaly-fronted Warbler *Spiloptila clamans* in Cameroon

On 21 December 1996, in an area of dry, open scrub c. 65 km north of Maroua, northern Cameroon (14°9'0"N, 11°2'24"E), Jürgen Lehnert drew attention to a party of six small passerines that were flitting from bush to bush. They were identified as Scaly-fronted Warblers *Spiloptila clamans* by their small size, buffy-brown backs, black and white foreheads and wing coverts, and very mobile tails with white tips and black subterminal bands. Nik Borrow, a member of the party, was familiar with this species in Senegal. This record, which has already been briefly mentioned but not fully documented by Robertson (1996) and Urban *et al.* (1997), is the first for the species in Cameroon.

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### Perrin's Bush-Shrike *Telophorus viridis*, new to Gabon

Perrin's Bush-Shrike *Telophorus viridis* is found in dense habitats, from coastal thickets and overgrown clearings to montane forests, from extreme southern coastal Congo-Brazzaville at Pointe Noire south through SW and south-central Congo-Kinshasa, NW Zambia to central Angola (Mackworth-Praed & Grant 1963, Dowsett & Forbes-Watson 1993, Dowsett-Lemaire *et al.* 1993). We saw a male of this species in April 1995 on the Bateke Plateau east of Leconi in SE Gabon. This is the first known sighting of this species for Gabon.

The bird was heard singing naturally from a dense thicket at the edge of an isolated forest patch in the grassland that covers the Plateau. We made tape recordings of its natural song, as well as calls given in response to playback of its own song. These recordings are archived at the Library of Natural Sounds, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.