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seldom been remarked hitherto, are that *H. senegaloides* has a longer, broader bill than *H. senegalensis* but is smaller post-cranially, both in south-east Africa and in east Africa (*H. senegaloides* has a cline of markedly decreasing size from Natal, wing c. 106 mm, north to Kenya, wing c. 96 mm). In addition to the bill-colour difference, *H. senegaloides* has the greater under primary coverts black-tipped; in *H. senegalensis* they are white. The last character probably gives characteristically different appearances to the outstretched wings of each species during its territorial pivoting display (Greig-Smith, *Ostrich* 49, 1978, see pp. 71-72; Fry, *Ibis* 122, 1980, see p. 61 where the remark about *H. senegaloides* is incorrect). Ornithologists should be on the look-out particularly for field differences in displays and songs.

Finally, it may be remarked that the problem of lower mandible colour is not confined to *H. senegalensis*. Some museum specimens of *M. malimbicus* have 'red' in the lower mandible, which is normally all black, and one fledgling has an all-red bill (BMNH reg. no. 1911.12.23.3880, Principe Is., 2 Mar 1909).

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ADDITIONS TO LOCAL AVIFAUNAS: KANO STATE - The following species are additional to those previously reported for Kano State, Nigeria, by Sharland & Wilkinson (*Malimbus* 3, 1981: 7-30) and Wilkinson & Aidley (*Malimbus* 4, 1982: 107). For details of localities see Sharland & Wilkinson (op. cit.).

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* Two present on the shore of Tiga Lake from 15 to 27 January 1983, accompanied by a third individual on 21 January.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* Also recorded from Tiga Lake; two on 14 January and three on 21 January 1983; at least one remained until 16 February.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica* Single birds at Falgore on 9 March, 19 March and 18 June 1983; all records were from the same riverine locality and may be of a single individual.

Blue-bellied Roller *Coracias cyanogaster* Single birds in different localities within Falgore Game Reserve on 18 August, 8 September and 20 October 1982, and on 16 January and 10 July 1983.

Rock-loving Cisticola *Cisticola aberrans* A singing male clearly seen on the inselbergs at Rano on 21 September 1980. We thank D. O'Connor for pointing out this omission from previous lists.

Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei* Three records from a river-side locality in Falgore; single males on 21 December 1982 and 9 March 1983, a pair on 2 February 1983.

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