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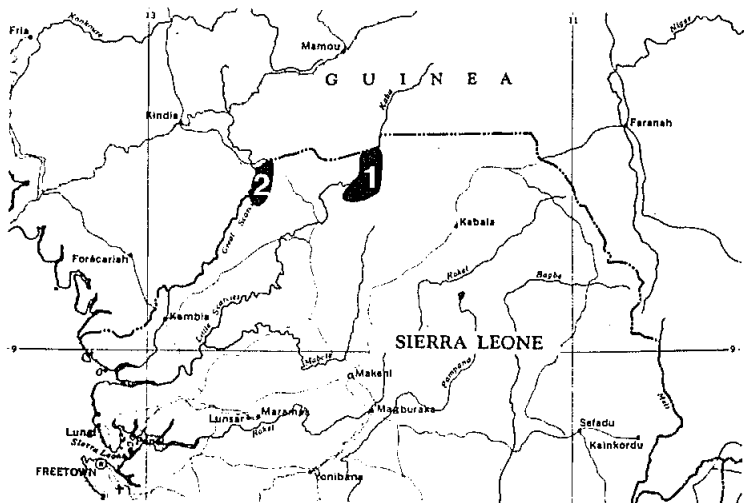
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BIRDS OF OUTAMBA AREA, NORTHWEST SIERRA LEONE - Harding & Harding (1982, *Malimbus* 4: 64-68) listed the birds they observed during a survey in the Kilimi region of northwest Sierra Leone. As part of a wildlife survey in Sierra Leone I visited the headquarters of the proposed Outamba Kilimi National Park, located several km outside the boundary of the Outamba region. Outamba (Fig. 1, 1) is an area of 740 km<sup>2</sup> at 09°35'-55' N, 11°55'-12°30' W; Kilimi (2) covers an area of 240 km<sup>2</sup> at 09°43' N, 12°32' W.



I used the park headquarters as a base during my survey of areas surrounding the Outamba region during June and July 1983. Though political difficulties restricted access to the park itself, similar habitats outside the park, near the villages of Kotor and Fintonia (12°13' W, 09°37' N), were surveyed. In addition, animals in the park itself were observed from a canoe.

As with Kilimi, the Outamba region includes a variety of habitats, ranging from savanna to swamps and woodland. A number of birds appearing in Harding & Harding's list, compiled after dry-season observation, were not observed during my brief survey made in the rainy season. I identified 104 bird species, 60 of which were included in Harding & Harding's list; Table 1 gives the 44 additional ones.

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Table 1

Abundance: A = 1 sighting; B = 2 or more sightings  
 Habitat: A = riparian; B = hillland; C = swamp; D = deciduous forest; E = savanna woodland;  
 F = human habitation

	ABUNDANCE:						HABITAT:						ABUNDANCE:						HABITAT:																	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C	D	E	F												
<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	A							X																												
<i>I. sturmi</i>	A							X																												
<i>Tigriornis leucolopha</i>	A							X																												
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	B							X																												
<i>Melierax metabates</i>	A											X																								
<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	A											X																								
<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>	A											X																								
<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	A											X																								
<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	A											X																								
<i>C. levaillantii</i>	B											X																								
<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	B											X																								
<i>C. canorus</i>	A											X																								
<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	A											X																								
<i>Ceratogymna eisata</i>	B											X																								
<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	A											X																								
<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	B											X																								
<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>	B											X																								
<i>Prionops caniceps</i>	A											X																								
<i>Laniarus ferrugineus</i>	B											X																								
<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>	A											X																								
<i>Lamprolornis chloropterus</i>	B											X																								
<i>Chlorocichla simplex</i>	A											X																								