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EDITORIAL

Nigerian ornithology has suffered greatly in its development from the fact that a regrettably high proportion of bird-watchers in the country are not permanent residents; and observations accumulated within the space of a few short years have all too often left Nigeria unpublished, or, if published, then perhaps in a museum journal inaccessible to the majority of ornithologists on the spot. The need has been felt for an organ in which to disseminate knowledge of the birds, and largely to the end the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society has recently been formed. It is hoped that this its first Bulletin will pave the way for a long series linking successive and contemporaneous observers in Nigeria in the furtherance of the country's ornithology.

Without being too pretentious, it is desirable that the Bulletin adopt a standard format; only to this extent have contributions to the present issue been edited. Contributors are requested to adhere to the following conventions :

1. Dates to be written e.g. 23rd September 1959 (or, in tables, 23.ix.1959).
2. Both English and scientific names to be used at the first mention of a species.
3. Nomenclature should follow Bannerman, D.A., The Birds of West and Equatorial Africa (2 Vols.), 1953, or give reasons for departure from this work. Order and nomenclature of birds not in Bannerman should follow Voous, K.H., Atlas of European Birds, 1960, and Chapin, J.P., The Birds of the Belgian Congo (4 pts.), 1932-1954.
4. Trinomials to be avoided except where subspecific identity is without doubt or where necessary to discussion.
5. Scientific names to be underlined, except when tabulated.

To ease the editorial burden, it would be greatly appreciated if lengthier contributions could be submitted typed on stencils.

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