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SYNOPSIS OF THE STATUS OF BIRDS AT ILARO

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There follows a list of birds noted at Ilaro, 40 miles South-West of Abeokuta, Western Region, from September 1962 to April 1964. The observations were mainly on the Egbado College compound, on the periphery of the town; the College is surrounded by thick bush, and although the region is heavily cultivated, there are many local stands of very tall timber. Ilaro lies near the boundary of forest and Derived Savannah. Identification has been confirmed in a large number of cases - particularly of the shy dense-tangle-frequenting species - by examination in the hand of mist-netted birds.

a = abundant      f = frequent      o = occasional      r = rare

d = dry season (hence od = occasional in dry season)

Ipake is the Ilaro Forest Reserve, 8 miles South of the town.

? or (?) queries status, not identification.

<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Cattle Egret	ad	<i>Phoeniculus bollei</i>	Buff-headed Wood Hoopoe	f
<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	West African Cuckoo-Falcon	r	<i>Corythornis leucogaster</i>	White-bellied Kingfisher	f
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	West African Black Kite	fd	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	Pigmy Kingfisher	f
<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Black-shouldered Kite	o	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Senegal Kingfisher	f
<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	Lizard Buzzard	f	<i>H. leucocephala</i>	Grey-headed Kingfisher	o
<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	Palm-Nut Vulture	o	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>	Rosy Bee-eater	f
<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Shikra	f	<i>Aerops albicollis</i>	White-throated Bee-eater	ad
<i>A. macroscelides</i>	West African Goshawk	f	<i>Melittophagus gularis</i>	Black Bee-eater	r
<i>Gymnogenys typicus</i>	West African Harrier-Hawk	f (in rains)	<i>Bycanistes sharpei</i>	Laughing Hornbill	f
<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>	Double-spurred Francolin	f (" ? )	<i>Lophoceros semifasciatus</i>	Allied Hornbill	a
<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Red-eyed Turtle Dove	f	<i>L. caninus</i>	Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	o
<i>Tympanistra tympanistra</i>	Tambourine Dove	f	<i>L. hartlaubi</i>	Black Dwarf Hornbill	r
<i>Turtur afer</i>	Red-billed Wood Dove	a	<i>Tropicranus albocristatus</i>	White-crested Hornbill	f
<i>Vinago australis</i>	Green Fruit Pigeon	a	<i>Tricholaema flavipunctata</i>	Hairy-breasted Toothbill	f
<i>Tyto alba</i>	African Barn Owl	f	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	Naked-faced Barbet	a
<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>	White-faced Owl	f	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>	Lemon-throated Tinker-bird	f
<i>Turacus persa</i>	Gold Coast Touraco	a	<i>P. scolopaceus</i>	Speckled Tinker-bird	f
<i>Corythaoida cristata</i>	Giant Blue Plantain Eater	a	<i>Trachylaemus purpuratus</i>	Yellow-billed Barbet	f
<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	Grey Plantain Eater	f	<i>Indicator exilis</i>	Least Honey-guide	r
<i>Cuculus clamorus</i>	Black Cuckoo	f (in rains?)	<i>Campethera nivosa</i>	Buff-spotted Woodpecker	o
<i>C. solitarius</i>	Red-chested Cuckoo	f (in rains?)	<i>Mesopicos pyrrhogaster</i>	Fire-bellied Woodpecker	f
<i>Glamator levaillantii</i>	Levaillant's Cuckoo	r	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	African Pied Wagtail	f
<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	Emerald Cuckoo	f	<i>Budytes flavus</i>	Blue-headed Wagtail	ad
<i>Lampronorpha caprius</i>	Didric Cuckoo	f	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Plain-backed Pipit	a
<i>L. klassi</i>	Klaas' Cuckoo	f	<i>A. trivialis</i>	Tree Pipit	fd
<i>Centropus grillii</i>	Black-bellied Coucal	r	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	Yellow-throated Longclaw	f
<i>C. leucogaster</i>	Black-throated Coucal	f	<i>Illadopsis rufescens</i>	Rufous-winged Akalat	f
<i>C. senegalensis</i>	Senegal Coucal	f	<i>Macrosphenus kempii</i>	Kemp's Bush-creeper	f
<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>	Yellowbill	a	<i>M. concolor</i>	Olive Bush-creeper (status?)	
<i>Caprimulgus nigriscapularis</i>	Black-shouldered Nightjar	f	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Common Bulbul	a
<i>Macrodipteryx longipennis</i>	Standard Winged Nightjar	o	<i>Trichophorus barbatus</i>	Bearded Bulbul	f
<i>Scotornis climacurus</i>	Long-tailed Nightjar	ad	<i>T. calurus</i>	White-bearded Bulbul	f
<i>Micropus apus</i>	Common Swift	a (eve of rains)	<i>Bleda canicapilla</i>	Grey-headed Bristle-bill	f
<i>Colaptes affinis</i>	Little African Swift	f	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>	Swamp Bulbul	f
<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Palm Swift	f	<i>Pyrrhurus simplex</i>	Simple Leaf-love	f
<i>Eurystomus afer</i>	Broad-billed Roller	fd	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	White-tailed Greenbul	f
<i>E. gularis</i>	Blue-throated Roller	o	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>	White-throated Greenbul	f

<i>Phyllastrephus baumanni</i>	Baumann's Greenbul	f	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	Velvet-mantled Drongo	a
<i>Andropadus curvirostris</i>	Sombre Bulbul	f	<i>Signodus caniceps</i>	Red-billed Shrike	f
<i>A. gracilis</i>	Little Grey Bulbul	o	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Woodchat	od
<i>A. latirostris</i>	Yellow-whiskered Bulbul	f	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	Bell-Shrike	o
<i>A. virens</i>	Little Green Bulbul	a	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	Gambian Puff-backed Shrike	a
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher	r	<i>Chaunonotus sabinii</i>	Sabino's Puff-backed Shrike	r
<i>Bias musicus</i>	Black and White Flycatcher	o	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>	Senegal Tchagra	r
<i>Dyaphorophya castanea</i>	Chestnut Wattle-eye	o	<i>Malaconotus cruentus</i>	Fiery-breasted Bush-Shrike	o
<i>D. blissetti</i>	Blissett's Wattle-eye	f	<i>Chlorophoneus multicolor</i>	Many-coloured Bush-Shrike	o
<i>Erythrocerus meallii</i>	Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	f	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	West African Nicator	f
<i>Trochocercus nitens</i>	Crested Flycatcher	f	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	African Golden Oriole	f
<i>Tchitrea viridis</i>	Paradise Flycatcher	r	<i>O. nigripennis</i>	Black-winged Oriole	f
<i>T. smithii</i>	Fagan's Paradise Flycatcher	a	<i>O. brachyrhynchus</i>	Black-headed Oriole	t
<i>Turdus libonyanus</i>	Kurrichano Thrush	f	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Amethyst Starling	od
<i>Noocossyphus poensis</i>	White-tailed Ant-Thrush	f	<i>Lamprocolius splendidus</i>	Splendid Glossy Starling	fd (?)
<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Whinchat	od	<i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i>	Chestnut-winged Starling	od (?)
<i>Cossypha cyanocamptor</i>	Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	f	<i>Pooecoptera lugubris</i>	Narrow-tailed Starling	od (?)
<i>C. nivalicapilla</i>	Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	o (?)	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	Olive-bellied Sunbird	f
<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Nightingale	fd	<i>Chalcomitra adelberti</i>	Buff-throated Sunbird	o
<i>Stiphrornis erythrothorax</i>	Forest Robin	f (?)	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	Olive Sunbird	f
<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Garden Warbler	od	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>	Collared Sunbird	a
<i>Sylvietta flaviventris</i>	White-bellied Grombec	f	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	Green Hylia	f
<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>	Green-backed Camaroptera	f	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Grey-headed Sparrow	f
<i>C. brevicaudata</i>	Grey-backed Camaroptera	a	<i>Melanopteryx albinucha</i>	White-naped Black Weaver	o
<i>C. superciliaris</i>	Yellow-browed Camaroptera	f	<i>Cinnamopteryx castaneofuscus</i>	Chestnut-and-Black Weaver	a
<i>Molocichia mentalis</i>	Moustached Scrub-Warbler	f (rains)	<i>Melanoploceus tricolor</i>	Yellow-mantled Weaver	f
<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>	Whistling Grass-Warbler	f	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Village Weaver	a
<i>Prinia subflava</i>	West African Prinia	f	<i>Pachyphantus pachyrhynchus</i>	Compact Weaver	o
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	European Swallow	f (eve of rains)	<i>Hyphantornis brachypterus</i>	Swainson's Spectacled Weaver	a
<i>H. aethiops</i>	Ethiopian Swallow	f	<i>Malimbus malimbicus</i>	Crested Weaver	f
<i>H. leucosoma</i>	Pied-winged Swallow	o	<i>M. rubricollis</i>	Rod-headed Weaver	a
<i>H. cantrufa</i>	Gordon's Rufous-chested Swallow	f	<i>M. ibadanensis</i>	Ibadan Weaver	o
<i>Campophaga phoenicea</i>	Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike	o	<i>M. nitens</i>	Gray's Blue-billed Weaver	f
<i>Cyanograucalus azureus</i>	Blue Cuckoo-Shrike	f	<i>M. scutatus</i>	Red-vented Weaver	a
			<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	Bronze Mannikin	a
			<i>S. poensis</i>	Blue-billed Mannikin	f
			<i>Migritia canicapilla</i>	Grey-crowned Negro-Finch	a
			<i>M. luteifrons</i>	Pale-fronted Negro-Finch	o
			<i>Spermophaga haematina</i>	Blue-billed Weaver	f
			<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i>	Bar-breasted Fire-Finch	r
			<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Pin-tailed Whydah	fd

#### SHY OR RARE FOREST BIRDS AT ILARO : THE VALUE OF MIST-NETTING

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It is notoriously difficult to discover much about the birds inhabiting dense secondary forest, owing to the impenetrability of such forest and the shyness of the birds. In 1960-1962 I was resident in Abeokuta, and paid several weekend visits to Ipake Forest Reserve, Ilaro; it was only after several visits compounded of frustrating glimpses and unidentified calls that I started using mist-nets in the Reserve, and immediately caught a number of birds whose presence was hitherto unsuspected. These included forms such as the Green Hylia Hylia prasina and the Olive Sunbird Cyanomitra olivacea which, although common enough, had been overlooked previously being somewhat nondescript; very shy birds like the Forest Robin Stiphrornis erythrothorax and the White-tailed Ant-Thrush Noocossyphus poensis; and birds which are probably rare rather than shy, e.g. the White-bellied King-