



West African Ornithological Society
Société d'Ornithologie de l'Ouest
Africain



**Join the WAOS and support
the future availability of free
pdfs on this website.**

<http://malimbus.free.fr/member.htm>

If this link does not work, please copy it to your browser and try again.

If you want to print this pdf, we suggest you begin on the next page (2) to conserve paper.

**Devenez membre de la
SOOA et soutenez la
disponibilité future des pdfs
gratuits sur ce site.**

<http://malimbus.free.fr/adhesion.htm>

Si ce lien ne fonctionne pas, veuillez le copier pour votre navigateur et réessayer.

Si vous souhaitez imprimer ce pdf, nous vous suggérons de commencer par la page suivante
(2) pour économiser du papier.

N I G E R I A N

O R N I T H O L O G I S T S '

S O C I E T Y

BULLETIN

Vol. 10

No. 38

Nov. 1974

CONTENTS

Editorial.....	46
The New Check-List of Nigerian Birds. J.H.Elgood.....	48
Tern Numbers at Accra during Autumn. L.G.Grimes.....	50
Bat Hawks in Lagos and Benin City. J.B.Heigham.....	51
Grey Phalaropes near Lagos. J.F.Brown.....	53
Additions to Plateau Check List. J.R.Lang.....	54
A Roost of Pied Kingfishers. Netta Robinson.....	56
Initial Departure Directions of Waders. L.G.Grimes and G.Vanderstichelen....	62
Birds on the Kainji Lake Shore Area. C.Geerling & T.Afolayan...	64
Ringing in Nigeria 1972 & 1973, R.E.Sharland.....	69
Bannerman or Praed & Grant? G.D.Field.....	74
Receipt and Payments Account.....	80

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONTRIBUTORS

- Afolayan, T. Kainji Lake Research Project, P.M.B.666, New Bussa, Nigeria.
- Brown, J.F. c/o UAC of Nigeria Ltd., P.O.Box 507, Lagos, Nigeria.
- Elgood, J.H. 11 Parkside Avenue, Littlehampton, Sussex, U.K.
- Field, G.D. Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Geerling, C. B.P.271, Garoua, Cameroun.
- Grimes, L.G. Dept.Physics, University of Ghana, P.O.Box 63, Legon, Ghana.
- Heigham, J.B. c/o A.T.&P., PMB 4001, Sapele, Nigeria.
- Lang, J.R. Frampton House, Winterbourne, Strickland, Dorset, U.K.
- Robinson, Mrs N., 13 Watling Court, Vicars Cross, Chester, U.K.
- Sharland, R.E. 69 Avon Castle Drive, Ringwood, Hants., U.K.
- Vanderstichelen, G. Box 5060, Accra - North, Ghana.

THE NIGERIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: J.H.Elgood, 11 Parkside Avenue, Littlehampton, Sussex, U.K.

JOINT SECRETARY/TREASURER: R.E.Sharland, 69 Avon Castle Drive, Ringwood,
Hampshire, U.K.

J.B.Heigham, c/o A.T.P.Ltd., P.M.B.4001,
Sapele, Nigeria.

EDITOR: Dr C.H.Fry, Zoology Department, Tillydrone Avenue, Aberdeen,
AB9 2TN, U.K.

.....

EDITORIAL

In the previous issue of the Bulletin Bob Sharland outlined the reasons for the long delay in its appearance. Now that Hilary Fry and John Elgood have returned from the wilds of Australasia the Editorship of this number of the Bulletin has been something of a joint effort. Once more the physical production side has been undertaken by Mrs P.E.Warr, to whom we would like to express our gratitude. It is this journal that was our reason for originally constituting the Society.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, it is expected that Professor Brian Harris, at the Department of Biological Sciences, A.B.U., Zaria, will be taking over the Editorship in 1975 and this hand-over will be facilitated by the fact that two of us expect to be in Nigeria at the time of change. Hilary Fry will be visiting A.B.U. for the academic term from January to March 1975 and Bob Sharland is expecting to be taking up a new appointment, of longer duration, in Kano. It is very much hoped that this will not only smooth the way for the new Editorship, but will also help to give the Society in general something of a spur to the recruitment of new members.

The revival of the Bulletin depends, of course, on the submission by members of fresh material for inclusion. Dated lists of birds seen in little-visited areas are always acceptable and quite brief articles can be submitted to John Elgood at 11 Parkside Avenue, Littlehampton, Sussex or to Professor Brian Harris at A.B.U., Zaria.

Despite the article appearing elsewhere in this number which is somewhat critical of the final volumes of Mackworth-Praed and Grant's "African Handbook of Birds", we feel that the Nigerian Ornithologists'

Society should pay tribute to Cyril Mackworth-Praed who died at the age of 83 on 30th June 1974. Ever since his co-author, Capt Claud Grant, died in 1958, at a time when only the First Series for Eastern Africa had been completed, Col. Praed had worked alone for the completion of this mammoth task. In his last years it was only determination to complete the work that kept him going. Failing health had made life a struggle, and a less resolute man would have enjoyed a more leisurely and less painful retirement. A work on the scale of the now completed six volumes, covering the whole African Continent and its 1500 species of birds, is an undertaking so vast that inaccuracies are bound to be present, due partly to the continuous influx of new data and partly to failure in communication so that we, working in a comparatively small area of Africa, can spot details we know to be incorrect, or more often only half-truths. Nevertheless, we who came to Nigeria when even the eight-volume work of Bannerman was incomplete, would have given our right hands to have had 'Mackworth-Praed and Grant'. A very high proportion of the total avifauna is now illustrated in colour and the arrangement is so good that one can find the facts one is seeking with the minimum of unnecessary reading.

Finally, it could well be remarked that the existence of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society, with its publication of the Bulletin, is helping to ensure that future writers on African birds will have more data to hand than had either Bannerman or Mackworth-Praed and Grant.

R. E. Sharland,
C.H. Fry,
J.H. Elgood.

.....
Additions to Members' List in last issue:

- Allen, Mrs B.J. Federal Government College, PMB 105, Jos, Nigeria.
- Dibley, G.T. P.M.B. 3097, Kano, Nigeria.
- Drew, E.R. S.U.M. Gindiri, Nigeria.
- Faller, P.D.A. P.O.Box 513, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
- Greenland, S.W. P.O.Box 1854, Lagos, Nigeria.
- Harris, Prof. B.J. Dept. Biological Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.
- Insole, M. P.O.Box 5216, Lagos, Nigeria.
- Mathers, H.T. P.O.Box 369, Lagos, Nigeria.
- Nation, R. Dept Maths., Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.
- Porteus, C.S. P.M.B. 4001, Sapele, Nigeria.
- Watson, Dr. D.E. Dept. Biological Sciences, Univ. of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.