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ADDITIONS TO LOCAL AVIFAUNAS

Topo Island. I have made two visits to Topo Island from 24th to 27th April 1964 and from 23rd to 25th October 1964. During these visits I have recorded a number of species not mentioned by Button or Fry (Bull. N.O.S. 2 5-8). I should point out that the part of Topo I visited is not identical with the area covered by Button, but extends a further mile or so to the East beyond the 'assemblage of buildings' which, incidentally, includes a non-catering rest-house. At the extreme eastern end of this area is a small patch of forest bordering on the lagoon.

The following species appeared to be fairly common and were frequently seen during both visits :

<i>Cameroptera brevicaudata</i>	Grey-backed Cameroptera
<i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i>	Chestnut-winged Starling
<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Fiscal Shrike

Several individuals of L. collaris seem to frequent the area to the East of the cattle enclosure - about a mile to the East of the rest-house, but were not observed elsewhere.

The following species were only recorded on one occasion, although in most cases more than one individual was seen :

<i>Mesopicos goertae</i>	Grey Woodpecker (April)
<i>Viango australis</i>	Green Fruit-Pigeon (April)
<i>Scotornis climacurus</i>	Long-tailed Nightjar (April)
<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	Orange-cheeked Waxbill (April)
<i>Lamprocolius purpureus</i>	Purple Glossy Starling (April)
<i>Hyphantornis brachypterus</i>	Spectacled Weaver (April)
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher (24-25.x.1964)

Button refers to the fact that several dry-season visitors remain at Topo later than they do on the mainland at Ilaro 45 miles to the North. A flock of 20-30 Cattle Egrets Bubulcus ibis were still at Topo on 27th April 1964 and a similar flock had arrived by 24th October 1964. Several individuals of the Blue-headed Wagtail Budytes flavus flavus were also recorded as late as 26th April 1964. Quite a large number of White-throated Bee-eaters Aethops albicollis were recorded on both the April and October visits.

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Malamfatori, Lake Chad. Four additional species of birds have been observed in the Malamfatori area since January (Bull. N.O.S. 4 : 7-15).

Nyroca nyroca Ferruginous Duck - flocks of up to about 150 seen frequently in flight over the marshes during January, February and March, 1965.

Porzana porzana Spotted Crake - one in thick reed beds on the lake shore on 15th March 1965. Streaked upper parts, dark vertical stripes on the flanks, pale yellowish-buff undertail coverts and bright orange-red at the base of the bill were all clearly seen. (This species is not given in Bannerman, but is given as 'rare' in Elgood's Provisional check-list of the birds of Nigeria, Bull. N.O.S. 1 p.16; the combination of plumage features mentioned, particularly undertail coverts