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and bill colour, is diagnostic of the present species. -Ed.)

Bucorvus abyssinicus Ground Hornbill - one on dry flats between Abadam and Yo on 18th March 1965.

Oenanthe deserti Desert Wheatear - a single example on the dunes near the lake shore, 15th February, 1965.

In addition, European Coots Fulica atra (see Fry, Bull. N.O.S. 2 : 13; Hopson, Bull. N.O.S. 4 : 12 & 15) were seen regularly in small numbers during January, February and March 1965 on the marshes at Malamfatori. They were at all times extremely shy and invariably kept to the densest cover of Polygonum and Echinochloa. For this reason it is likely that we have overlooked the species previously and that it is in fact a regular winter visitor to the area. The habitat is different from that of F. atra wintering in the British Isles which in our experience are usually seen on open water rather than in thick vegetation.

J. & A.J.Hopson

Plateau Province over 3,000 ft. With reference to the Provisional check-list of the birds of Plateau Province over 3,000 feet (Ebbutt et al., Bull. N.O.S. 3 : 9-14) and the Additions (Sharland, Bull. N.O.S. 4 : 18-19), the following birds may be added :

- Rostratula benghalensis Painted Snipe. One, Sabon Gida, 23.x.'64  
Erolia testacea Curlew Sandpiper. One, Sabon Gida 23.x.1964  
Glottis stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper. Two, Pan Yam Fish-farm, 3.ii.'65  
Rhinoptilus chalcopterus Bronze-winged Courser. One found dead Vom, 24.xi.1964  
Charadrius dubius Little Ringed Plover. One shot Sabon Gida  
Hippolais pallida opaca Olivaceous Warbler.  
Sylvia atricapilla Blackcap. One netted Vom, 22.xi.1964

D.Ebbutt & V.W.Smith

Mambila Plateau. D.Ebbutt was able to spend some two days on the Mambila Plateau from 23rd February, 1965 and has deposited a full list of the birds he recorded at three localities with the Editor - Mayo Selbe at the foot of the escarpment at 1,000 ft.; the escarpment; and the Plateau proper. Ebbutt records most of the species noted by Boulter (The Mambila Plateau, Bull. N.O.S. 4 : 17-18) and his more interesting records are listed below :

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| <u>Sphenorhynchus abdimii</u>    | Abdim's Stork          | 1, Plateau  |
| <u>Sagittarius serpentarius</u>  | Secretary-Bird         | several, Plateau  |
| <u>Pseudogyps africanus</u>      | White-backed Vulture   | several, Plateau & Escarpment   |
| <u>Aquila rapax</u>              | Tawny Eagle            | 2, Plateau; 1, Escarpment   |
| <u>Neotis denhami</u>            | Denham's Bustard       | 2, Plateau, where apparently commoner around Christmas;<br>1, Mayo Selbe  |
| <u>Streptopelia semitorquata</u> | Red-eyed Turtle-Dove   | Common, Mayo Selbe  |
| <u>S. vinacea</u>                | Vinaceous Dove         | Common, Mayo Selbe  |
| <u>S. hypopyrrhus</u>            | Adamawa Turtle-Dove    | 1, Plateau  |
| <u>S. decipiens</u>              | Niger Mourning Dove    | Very common, Plateau  |
| <u>Colius striatus</u>           | Bar-breasted Mousebird | 4, Plateau  |
| <u>Micropus melba</u>            | Alpine Swift           | 200+, Plateau. This large flock was under observation for some minutes in a valley North of Gembu. Might this be the winter quarters of the species? They were larger |

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