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Hirundo (aethiopica)	(Ethiopian) Swallow	40	Nectarinia pulchella	Beautiful Long-tailed Sunbird	2
Laniarius barbarus	Barbary Shrike	1	Plesiositagra cucullatus	Village Weaver	1
Corvus albus	Pied Crow	4	Euplectes hordacea	Fire-crowned Bishop	4
Ptilostomus afer	Black Magpie	13	Lagonosticta senegala	Senegal Fire-Finch	20

5th September. Grey Phalarope, Wilson's Petrel, Sandwich Tern.

6th September. Freetown from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs. The hills above the town were visited; they consist of mature secondary growth with cultivated clearings along the streams; the avifauna apparently bears a close similarity to that at Ilaro (Western Nigeria) with two exceptions - Hooded Vultures and Crimson Seed-crackers Pyrenestes sanguineus (coccineus) were seen at Freetown.

The following species were noted :

Necrosyrtes monachus	Hooded Vulture	4	Andropadus virens	Little Green Bulbul	8
Turturoena iriditorques	Bronze-naped Pigeon	2	Melocichla montalis	Mustached Scrub-Warbler	2
Turtur afer	Red-billed Wood-Dove	1	Hirundo sonirufa	Rufous Chested Swallow	4
Turacus persa	Gold Coast Touraco	2	Dryoscopus gambensis	Gambian Puff-backed Shrike	2
Centropus senegalensis	Senegal Coucal	3	Tchagra senegala	Black-crowned Tchagra	2
Colletoptera affinis	Little African Swift	3	Nicator chloris	Green Nicator	1
Cypsiurus parvus	Palm Swift	2	Zosterops senegalensis	Yellow White-eye	1
Pogonotulus scolopaceus	Speckled Tinker-bird	1	Cinnyris chloropygius	Olive-bellied Sunbird	1
Hypergerus atriceps	Oriole Dabbler	2	Hylia prasina	Green Hylia	1
Pycnonotus barbatus	Common Bulbul	4	Spermestes cucullatus	Bronze Mannakin	1
Pyrrhurus simplex	Simple Leaflove	1	S. poensis	Blue-billed Mannikin	2
Baeopogon indicator	White-tailed Greenbul	2	Pyrenestes sanguineus	S. Leone Crimson Seed-Cracker	2
Phyllastrephus baumanni	Baumann's Greenbul	4	coccineus		

In Freetown Harbour : Wilson's Petrel, Whimbrel, Black Tern, Royal Tern, Sandwich Tern and Grey Phalarope.

7th September. Wilson's Petrel at stern, and 4 Sandwich Terns.

8th September. Pomarine Skua, Black Tern and Wilson's Petrel.

9th September. Ship docked at Tamo harbour, and we paid a visit to Sekume Lagoon 4 miles to the West, from 1030 to 1230 hrs. This is a shallow brackish lagoon on the Accra Plain savannah. Birds recorded :

Anhinga rufa	African Darter	15	Sterna sandvicensis	Sandwich Tern	4
Casmerodius albus	Great White Heron	12	S. maxima	Royal Tern	60
Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	10	S. albifrons	Little Tern	25
Butorides striatus	Green-backed Heron	1	Streptopelia semitorquata	Red-eyed Turtle-Dove	3
Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite	1	Stigmatopelia senegalensis	Laughing Dove	6
Squatarola squatarola	Grey Plover	1	Colletoptera affinis	Little African Swift	20
Leucopolijs pecuarius	Kittlitz' Sand-Plover	6	Coryle rudis	Pied Kingfisher	8
Actitis hypoleucos	Common Sandpiper	6	Motacilla alba	White Wagtail	1
Tringa ochropus	Green Sandpiper	1	Macronyx croceus	Yellow-throated Long-claw	8
Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel	6	Hirundo aethiopica	Ethiopian Swallow	6
Glottis nebularius	Greenshank	5	Cisticola sp.		6
Glaucola pratincola	W. Afr. Pratincolo	60	Cinnyrus cupreus	Copper Sunbird	1

ADDITIONS TO LOCAL AVIFAUNAS

Ilaro. A number of additional species have been observed at Ilaro, Western Region, since the account given in Bull. N.O.S. 1 (1964, p.5-7). Further work since September 1964, when I returned from leave, necessitates a reassessment of the status of some of the birds appearing in the original list.

Additional species :

Machaerhamphus alcinus	Bat Hawk	Occasional visitor
Coturnix delegorguei	Harlequin Quail	Rare visitor (see p.)
Afroxyechus forbesi	Forbes' Banded Plover	Frequent, dry season '64/5

Gymnobucco peli	Bristle-nosed Barbet	Occasional, Ipake For.
Pogoniulus leucolaima	Lemon-rumped Tinker-Bird	Frequent.
Indicator minor	Lesser Honey-guide	Occasional, Ipake.
Illadopsis moloneyanus	Moloney's Akalat	Netted Ipake, 6.vi.65
Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Wood Warbler	Occasional dry season, Ipake
Apalis rufogularis	Slate-breasted Forest-Warbler	Frequent, Ipake.
Eremomela badiceps	Rufous-crowned Eremomela	Frequent /college.
Lamprocolius purpureus	Purple Glossy Starling	Dry season, Egbado
Cyanomitra cyano-laema	Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Occasional, Ipake.

Status re-assessments :

Gymnogenys typicus	W. fr. Harrier-Hawk	Frequent all year round.
Corythornis leucogaster	White-bellied Kingfisher	Rare, Ipake.
Halcyon leucocephala	Grey-headed Kingfisher	Occasional, dry season.
Lophoceros camurus	Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	Frequent.
Illadopsis rufescens	Rufous-winged Akalat	<u>Delete</u> - most definitely I. rufipennis.
Saxicola rubetra	Whinchat	Frequent, dry season 1964/5. /season.
Campephaga phoenicea	Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike	Occasional, dry
Chaunonotus sabinii	Sabine's Puff-backed Shrike	Frequent.

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Plateau Province Over 3,000 ft. An adult Skimmer Rynchops flavirostris was watched at Pan Yam Fish-farm, Plateau, on 11th April 1965.

D. Ebbutt

Malamfatori, Lake Chad. Five additional species have been observed in the Malamfatori area since April, 1965 (see Bull. N.O.S. 4 : 7-15 & 5 : 18-19). These are :

Leucopoliis marginatus White-fronted Sand-Plover - up to 5 on the sandy shores of Lake Chad near Malamfatori between 26th May and 4th June 1965.

Arenaria interpres Turnstone - one flying northwards up the lake shore on 1st January 1965.

Phyllolais pulchella Acacia Warbler - about 4 in Acacia nilotica woodland on the banks of the Komodougu Yobe near Yo. We have also seen this species on several occasions in A. raddiana woodland near Kukawa and in A. sayel near Maiduguri. P. pulchella appears to be thinly but widely distributed in suitable habitats throughout the Sudan and Sahel savannahs of North-East Bornu. It may be of interest to add that the focus of distribution of this species lies to the East in the Sudan and Abyssinia and that Bornu apparently lies to the extreme West of its range.

Dicrurus adsimilis Glossy-backed Drongo - one in Acacia raddiana bush near Arege on 14th May 1965. D. adsimilis has been seen regularly in the more wooded portions of the Sahel savannah between Kukawa and Arege. It has been observed at all seasons of the year and is probably resident. The present record is the furthest North that we have seen the species in Bornu and the first time it has appeared in the Malamfatori area which is 13° 30' N. and probably lies at the extreme northern limit of its range.