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moustachial streak on the face.

On 18th March one of the young was out of the nest, sitting on a near-by leaf-setsa of the palm. This young bird was killed by a boy with a catapult on 20th. Its wing-spread was found to be 15".

On 25th March the second bird was out of the nest, and two days later had flown to another tree 500 ft away. During the nest four days, it took short flights to near-by trees and then began to hunt with its parents, returning during the day and at night to roost in an Isoberlinia near my house. The Red-necked Kestrels were not seen in my compound after 7th April, but then Village Weavers Plesiositagra cucullatus, which had nested in the Borassus in previous years, appeared.

A Red-necked Kestrel was observed in a Borassus palm at Miango, Jos, on 7th April, 1966. There were young birds in the tree, for I could hear their shrill cries although I did not see them.

H.H.Gray

Another Record of the Striped Crake. D. Wells' note on the occurrence of a Striped Crake (Porzana marginalis (Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. 3 (9) : 13) prompts me to tender my only record in Nigeria of this elusive bird. In the evening of 2nd December, 1950, an adult flew into my bungalow at Cowan Estate, Ajegbodudu, Sapele, Warri Province, after dark. It was caught and examined fully in the hand, and agreed exactly with the description in Bannerman (1933, Birds of Tropical West Africa, Vol II : 17.).

Whether this bird was a migrant or locally resident is not known, although the species associated with it by Bannerman (1953 Vol VIII : 152), Porphyryla alleni, Gallinula angulata and Actophilornis africanus were all present on the estate in the rainy season (June to October), when the swampy ponds fill up with water. These species seemed to disappear in the dry season when the ponds dried out. I, too, am of the opinion that this species is not so rare as records suggest.

A. Macdonald

Egg of the Adamawan Turtle-Dove. At Mafako, Plateau Province, a pair of Adamawan Turtle-Doves Streptopelia hypopyrrhus were seen building their nest in a small dense 15 ft.-high Mango tree on 28th November, 1965. By the 30th the nest was complete and the first and only egg laid. By December 2nd the nest had been deserted, so the egg was taken. It is a typical white turtle-dove's egg, and is apparently the first one known, although this species is common on the Plateau. It measured 22 x 27.5 mm.

J.R.Lang

European Scops Owls. D.R.Wells' note on the migrant Scops Owl Otus scops at Ibadan (1966, Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. 3 (9) : 10-11) raises some interesting points on the dates of records of this