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Notes on Birds of Plateau Province (over 3,000 ft.) with a New Record.

Lesser Striped Swallow Hirundo abyssinica In contrast to what seems to have become this bird's normal nesting site - the eaves and walls of human dwellings, two pairs were observed nesting under the rock overhang at Dogon Dutse, Jos.

Buckley's Bush-Lark Mirafra buckleyi This lark, according to the literature, is the only West African lark which drums its wings in a series of stalling loops high in the sky before plummeting back to earth. Although the bird has not yet been positively identified close-to, this display has been observed in at least two places on the Plateau amongst rocky hills. The writer is open to correction on the identification *.

Lemon-rumped Tinker-Bird Pogoniulus leucolaima A single individual was seen in the Kigom Hills; it was observed from above, so that the rump, which was greenish-yellow, was well shown, and it was thought to be the present species, not the Yellow-throated Tinker-Bird P. subsulphureus. This is a new record for the Plateau.

Yellow-throated Long-claw Macronyx croceus A pair was observed in Jos nest building in May, 1966. A clutch of three eggs was laid but only one hatched and fledged, although it was not seen with its parents a few weeks later. The same pair built a second nest about 50 yards away in September and hatched four eggs. However only two of the young fledged - perhaps four mouths were too many to feed and only the strongest survived, though no carcasses were found near the nest.

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New Records for Zaria. A Bonelli's Warbler Phylloscopus bonelli was netted at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, on 8th December 1966, extending its known range in West Africa one degree to the South. A Jack Snipe Lymnocyptes minimus was seen on the River Galma, Zaria, on 18th December 1966. On 29th December 1966 a Great Reed Warbler Acrocephalus arundinaceus was identified on the Galma, after good views were obtained.

Two further species which have not been hitherto recorded in the Zaria area now have some claim to admission, having been brought alive to the Zoology Department, Ahmadu Bello University, reputedly captured locally. These are a Rosy Pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus (28th October, 1966) and a White Stork Ciconia ciconia (8th December, 1966). The pelican was in excellent condition, and three days after it was examined two were said to have been seen at the N.T.C. Dam, Samaru, Zaria. Regrettably the race of the bird, which was not purchased, was not recorded. The stork was in poor condition, with clipped wings, and despite protestations to the contrary had probably been brought down from

*See opposite