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## N O T E S

White Storks at Kaduna and Zaria. Mr M. Skilleter has written as follows :  
 "Kaduna racecourse...saw what seemed to be the northward passage of several  
 White Storks Ciconia ciconia - I say 'seemed' because they may have been  
 immatures which moved locally rather than to Europe. Four arrived on the  
 evening of 12th May (1967), two remained on 13th, there were seven on 14th  
 and two from 15th to 18th, when they finally left. Four were seen by me  
 at Kaduna Airport on 22nd May. The only previous record I have for Kaduna  
 is three immatures which summered on the race-course from 21st April until  
 17th September 1960."

Six White Storks which stayed at Samaru, Zaria from 15th to about 20th  
 June 1967 constitute the first record of the species from the Zaria area.  
 There were four adults and two immature birds, and they were seen by a number  
 of observers. Mention was made in Bull. Niger. Orn. Soc. 3 (12) : 100 of  
 a captive White Stork at Zaria which was thought to have been brought down  
 from the species' wintering quarters in the Hadejia area; this was certainly  
 the case with another captive adult acquired by a Samaru householder in  
 late May.

Editor

An Identity for Palearctic Buzzards in West Africa. In Bull. Niger. Orn.  
 Soc. 3 (12) : 95 I reported seeing a buzzard Buteo sp. north of Sokoto in  
 January and argued in favour of it being B. rufinus, although it was not  
 possible to make a definitive identification. I have subsequently learned  
 (G. Morel, pers. comm.) that two Stoppe Buzzards B. (b.) vulpinus were  
 collected on 14th February 1967 near Thios, 50 miles east of Dakar, Senegal.  
 The specimens were identified in Paris, and are the first record of the  
 species in Senegal. The inference is that the Sokoto bird may well have  
 been B. b. vulpinus, and so might a buzzard seen by J.S.Ash, I.J.Ferguson-  
 Leos and the author near Malamfatori, Lako Chad, in late March. C.H.Fry

Records of the Cuckoo-Falcon near Zaria. On 5th May 1967 I had a good  
 view of a pair of Cuckoo-Falcons Aviceda cuculoides in Dunbi Wood, 17 miles  
 south of Zaria. What was doubtless the same species had been glimpsed there  
 a fortnight previously without being recognised, and one or two Cuckoo-