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Some Recaptures of Resident Birds

Each autumn for the past five years I have put up nets for migrants in a stretch of Acacia hedge on the outskirts of Kano.

This type of habitat holds a very high bird population in the autumn, but it becomes drier and drier. I
have tried putting out nets in January and in April but found
that I caught very few migrants (only I Whitethroat and I
Tree Pipit in two weeks in April ).

I have summarised below the recaptures of Resident birds in subsequent seasons and added a similar recapture by V. Smith in Vom of a Camaroptera.

Red -Cheeked Cordon Bleu: Uraezinthus bengalus

Ring 2152 . Ringed 5.xi.65 ; recaught 17.ix.67

Melba Finch : Pytilia melba

Ring 16319 . Ringed II.x.63; recaught IO.x.64 and 4.1.66

Singing Bush Warbler: Cisticola cantans

Ring I8908 . Ringed 22.x.64 ; recaught 25.x.65 and 26.iv.67

 18847
 14.x.64
 16.x.66

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 27.x.65
 6.x.67

Barbary Shrike : Laniarius barbarus

Ring 16323. Ringed 12.x.63; recaught 4.1.66

Grey-Backed Camaroptera : Camaroptera brevicaudata

Ring 2745 . Ringed Vom 20.ix.6I; recaught Vom 18.x.63

Snowy-Crowned Robin Chat : Cossypha nivelcapilla

Ring I6318 . Ringed II.x. 63 ; recaught 24.ix.64 I6314 9.x.63 ; recaught 24.ix.64 I0. x.64,9.x.66,7.x.67

The first five species are resident in Kano all the year round but the last is a Wet Season visitor. The recovery dates suggest that it is very regular in its habits.