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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is the first Nigerian Ornithologists' Bulletin to be produced at the Department of Zoology, University of Ibadan, and only whilst preparing it for circulation can one appreciate the amount of somewhat arduous work involved.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that we acknowledge the kindness of Dr. J. G. E. Lewis of the Department of Zoology, Ahmadu Bello University who, after Hilary Fry left the country, continued to process the bulletin for the Society.

## CORRIGENDUM

Even though Volume 4, No.16. of the Bulletin was rather late, it was produced in all haste, in an attempt to recoup some of the ever increasing backlog in time with which it was appearing. Subsequently, several errors occurred which are listed below:-

Editorial.	for Bulletin Vol.14. No.16	read Bulletin Vol.4. No.16.
Editorial.	for Prof. Lewis	read Dr. Lewis.
Page 2.	for BANKERS' ORDER FORM	read BANKERS' ORDER FORM.
Page 3.(line 10.)	for period 8/23rd January	read 18/23rd January.
Page 5.(line 34.)	for <u>Arias querquedula</u>	read <u>Anas querquedula</u>
Page 6.(line 5.)	for <u>Sarcidiornis melanotus</u>	read <u>Sarcidiornis melanotus</u>
Page 7.(line 34.)	for <u>Anus punctata</u>	read <u>Anas punctata</u>
Page 10.(line 17.)	for <u>Milvius migrans</u>	read <u>Milvus migrans</u>
Page 10.(line 60.)	for ...material form mate	read ...material from mate.
Page 14.(line 13.)	for <u>Cinnyris chloropygius</u>	read <u>Cinnyris chloropygius</u>
Page 17.	for this page read page 18.	
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Original page 17.(line 1.)	for <u>Spermestes cucullatus</u>	read <u>Spermestes cucullatus</u> .
"	page 17.(line 19.)For c ose	read close.
"	page 18.(lines 13 & 33) insert 1 s for	July a male.
"	page 18.(line 44.) for June 6962	read June 1962
Page 19.(references)	for Birds of West & Tropical Africa	read Birds of West & Equatorial Africa.
Page 20.(line 19.)	for 26 October	read 26th October
Page 20.(lines 20 & 24)	inset 1 s for Plover and single.	
Page 21.(line 12.)	for 14/15 October	read 14/15th October
Page 23.	4 lines were omitted from Mr. R. E. Sharland's note on Wheatears in Winter-Quarters. The fourth paragraph should read; ..... 50 miles of Kano until 1st March 1967 when I found another (slightly paler than the first). This one used a small tree as its main perching post in the Wireless Telegraphic Station in Kano. Presumably the same.....	

The Treasurer has informed me that there are still a great many subscriptions still outstanding from 1967 and 1968. He would be most grateful if members, who have not paid would do so as soon as possible.

Roy H. Parker.

## Editorial

We must apologise again for the delay in the appearance of the Bulletin. As subscribers may know, the actual processing of the Journal has been done at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, the typed skins being despatched from Ilaro in the Western State. It is intended to remedy this unsatisfactory dispersal of effort as from May of this year. Mr. R. Parker and Dr. R. Ashford of the Department of Zoology, University College of Ibadan, have generously offered to take over the management and production of the Bulletin. Contributions for Bulletin No. 18 should accordingly be sent either to the Secretary, Bob Sharland or to Mr. R. Parker. On June 4th I shall be returning to England - probably for good. Happily, friendships made while 'birding' in Nigeria can be maintained and renewed in the old country. On the other hand, farewells will have to be made to the Andropadi, the Cisticolae - and the ever elusive Pitta! I wish the Society many years of fruitful activity.

Members will be sorry to hear of the sudden illness suffered by Mrs. G. Pettitt, which necessitated an operation in England. Garth Pettitt of the British High Commission in Lagos, whose expertise in oceanic bird studies was beginning to prove a boon to the society, had to return to London with his family. We wish Mrs. Pettitt a speedy recovery and hope that Garth will soon be seen again at Tarkwa Bay and Ikoyi Bund.

The second B.T.O./B.O.U. expedition to Lake Chad to study the main passage of Palaearctic migrants during April and May proved highly successful. The party, which included Mr. I.J. Ferguson-Lees and Dr. C.H. Fry, as well as Nigeria-based members of the society, were able to use the facilities of the Federal Fisheries Service, Malam Fatori through the good offices of Tony and Jane Hopson. Mr. M.J. Dowsett is now well installed at the Malam Fatori Bird Observatory and is netting ringing and recording with immense devotion.

J.A. Button.