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NOTES.

VARIATION IN CORMORANTS NEAR NGURU.

On 8th November, 1968, Bula Senapati shot a Cormorant near Nguru. The bird was jet-black apart from the white throat and the bare skin on the face. A full-size sketch of the head was made and sent to the British Museum who replied as follows:

" I think the Cormorant in question is almost certainly Phalacrocorax carbo with which your sketch agrees in bill-size and distribution of bare skin. It is, also, the only cormorant normally occurring there except for the much smaller P. africanus.

The race of Common Cormorant found in West Africa is P. carbo lucidus in which the throat and breast are usually white. We have, however, one specimen in which the white is restricted to the throat and only a little more extensive than is shown in your sketch. The Moroccan race P. carbo moroccanus, has white only on the throat and it is possible that your bird was a vagrant of this form although I think it more likely that it was a somewhat aberrant individual of lucidus stock with less white than usual."

In December, 1967, I saw a flock of six P. lucidus near Nguru. Of these four were typical lucidus with white breasts but two appeared to have all black breasts.

R. E. Sharland.

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THREE-BANDED PLOVER NEAR NGURU.

On 7th December, 1968, I caught and ringed a Three-banded Plover Afroxechus tricollaris near Nguru. The bird was recaptured again next morning.

Records in Nigeria and the Cameroons are now (amending Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. Vol. 5 No. 19) May, August, September, November and December.

R. E. Sharland.

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