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ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF BIRDS

OF MALAM'FATORI, LAKE CHAD.

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Hopson (1965, Bull.Niger.Orn.Soc. 1(4):7-15) describes the avifauna of Malam'fatori on the Nigerian shore of Lake Chad (13°37'N., 13°20'E.). He lists 262 species recorded within a 15 mile radius of that village, and another 4 from just outside (Ostrich, struthio camelus; Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus; Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus; and Savile's Pygmy Bustard Eupodotis ruficrista (Lophotis saviloi)). Further notes by Hopson and others add a further 25 species to the Malam'fatori list (Bull.Niger.Orn.Soc. 2(5):18-19; 2(6):52-53; 2(7):84; 3(10):42-43).

The present paper records a further 43 species from the Malam'fatori area, marked with an asterisk in the list below, bringing the total number of species recorded within 15 miles of Malam'fatori at the end of 1968 to 330. In addition, a few amendments are made to the published list. However, although much knowledge has been gained since 1965 on the status of migrants, especially Palearctic, in the area, this is not discussed here as detailed papers will be published elsewhere.

Abbreviations used are as in Hopson (1965, 1(4):11), with the addition of BNOS = Bull.Niger.Orn.Soc. Nomenclature generally follows White (1960-1965, Revised Check List Afr.Bds., Lusaka), and where Bannerman (1953, Bds. West & Equatorial Africa, 2 vols.) uses different scientific names, these are given in parentheses.

- * Bittern Botaurus stellaris: Pal; one seen, rice fields at Yo, 7th October 1966. (A.J.Hopson, J.Hopson).
- * Pochard Aythya (Nyroca) forina: Pal; occ. (up to 20), Dec-Feb, flooded flats near Yo (A.J.H., J.H.).
- * Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus: 4 at Daya, 16th January 1967, and two at Abadan, 23rd February 1967 (A.J.H., J.H.).
- * Shikra Accipiter badius: WS. occ. (not seen prior to August 1967).
- * Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus: occ. March-August.
- * Quail Coturnix coturnix: Pal. occ. March, once September.
- * Purple Gallinule Porphyrio porphyrio (madagascarensis): 2 at Yobe River mouth 2nd July 1967 (A.J.H., J.H.). (Present throughout the year on other parts of the Lake.)
- * Demoiselle Crane Anthropoides virgo: Pal. one at Daya for a week early April 1967 (Ibis, 1967, 109: 483), and three flew N. 17th May 1967. (J.H.)
- * Greater Sandplover Charadrius leschenaultii: Pal. singles collected 2nd and 21st August 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(19):61).
- * Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus: Pal. one collected 20th August 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(19):62), one seen 7th-26th September 1968, with 2 on 10th September (R.J.Dowsett).

- * Terek Sandpiper Xenus cinereus: Pal. 4 (including one collected and one ringed) 21st August - 2nd September 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(19):63) one staying to 19th September (R.J.D.).
Turnstone Arenaria interpres: the date of the one previously recorded should be 1st June 1965, not January.
- * Dunlin Calidris (Erolia) alpina: Pal. one seen 6th September 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(20):94).
- * Temminck's Stint Calidris (Erolia) temminckii: Pal. occ. March/April, fr. August/October.
- * Sanderling Calidris (Crocethia) alba: Pal. once April, occ. August 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(19):63).
- * Broad-billed Sandpiper Limicola falcinellus: Pal. one 20th & 21st August 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(19):61).
- * Black-winged Pratincole Glarcola nordmanni: Pal. one seen 9th & 11th September 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(20):95).
Collared Pratincole Glarcola (Galachrysis) nuchalis: this species was included by Hopson (1965) by a slip of the pen; G. (G.) cinerea, Grey Pratincole is meant.
- * Caspian Tern Hydroprogne tschegrava (caspia): Pal. occ. March, September, November, December.
Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida (leucopareia): Pal. occ. throughout year.
- * Black Tern Chlidonias nigra: Pal. one seen 20th September 1968 (BNOS, 1968, 5(20):95).
- * Little Tern Sterna albifrons: irregular Malam'fatori, perhaps resident elsewhere on the Lake, breeds.
- * European Turtle Dove Streptopelia turtur: Pal. locally common March/April, occ. September.
- * Grey Cuckoo Cuculus canorus/gularis: Pal? one seen 21st August 1968 (R.J.D., R. H. Parker).
- * Pallid Swift Apus pallidus: Pal. one seen 14th September 1968 (R.J.D.).
Pygmy Kingfisher Ispidina picta: WS occ. July-September.
- * European Bee-eater Merops apiaster: Pal. twice September/October 1968 (R.J.D.).
- * Rufous-crowned Roller Coracias naevia (naevius): one seen on Arege dunes, 19th September 1967 (A.J.H., J.H.).
- * Scops Owl Otus scops (senegalensis): Res. heard occ. throughout the year.
European Hoopoe Upupa e. epops: Pal. occ. March/April and September/October.
Senegal Hoopoe Upupa epops senegalensis: Res. frequent.
- * Black-throated Honeyguide Indicator indicator: an immature seen in neens at Malam'fatori 28th August 1968 (R.J.D.).

- *Least Grey Woodpecker Dendropicos elachus: one seen 27th March 1967 (Ibis, 1967, 109 : 485).
- Sudan Sand Martin Riparia paludicola: Res. occ.
- *House Martin Delichon urbica: Pal. occ. August/September 1968 (R.J.D.).
- *Tree Pipit Anthus trivialis: Pal. thrice April, twice September/October 1968.
- *Swamp Flycatcher Muscicapa (Alseonax) aquatica: Res. frequent.
- Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca: Pal. twice May, occ. September.
- *Collared Flycatcher Ficedula albicollis: Pal. occ. September.
- *Paradise Flycatcher Torpisphono (Tchitrea) viridis: one seen in neems at Malamfatori. 6th October 1968 (R.J.D.)
- White-rumped Black Chat Oenanthe leucopyga: the date of the one previously recorded should be 30th July 1963.
- *Blythe's Reed Warbler Acrocephalus dumetorum: Pal? occ. March/April.
- *Rufous Cane Warbler Acrocephalus (Calamoecetor) rufescens: Res. occ.
- Icterine Warbler Hippolias icterina: Pal. frequent April/May and September/October.
- Melodious Warbler Hippolias polyglotta: Unrecorded to date.
- *Savi's Warbler Locustella luscinioides: Pal. singles 29th March 1967 and 18th April 1968.
- *Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita: Pal. two caught 7th October 1966, and once heard September.
- *Wood Warbler Phylloscopus sibilatrix: Pal. occ. April/May, frequent August/October.
- Willow Warbler Phylloscopus trochilus: Pal. frequent March/April and August/October, occ. November/February.
- *Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla: Pal. occ. March/May.
- *Barred Warbler Sylvia nisoria: Pal. one collected 17th October 1968 (BNOS 1968, 5 (20):94).
- *Swainson's Glossy Starling Lamprolornis (Lamprocolius) chloropterus: occ. March/June (several birds handled). The presence of L. chalybaceus has also been confirmed by the collection of specimens from Acacia by R.J.D.
- Pygmy Sunbird Anthreptes (Hedypina) platura: Res. frequent October-April, occ. May-September.
- *Scarlet-chested Sunbird Nectarinia (Chalcomitra) senegalensis: a male seen in neems at Malamfatori, July 1968 (R.J.D.).
- Black-rumped Waxbill Estrilda troglodytes: Res. occ. (locally frequent December-April).
- *Quail Finch Ortygospiza atricollis: Res. occ.
- Senegal Combassou Vidua (Hypochoera) chalybeata: Res. frequent.
- Boardtailed Paradise Whydah Vidua (Stejnegeria) orientalis: Res. occ.