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FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE ZARIA CHECK LIST.

The following further additions should be made to the Check List for the Zaria area, published by Fry (1965). Including additions notified in the Bulletin since 1965, the total for the Zaria area now stands at about 374 species.

A Mosque Swallow Hirundo senegalensis was seen in company with a large flock of Rufous-chested Swallows Hirundo senirufa on 16th May 1969, by N.J.S., A.P., and Frank Walsh, at the N.T.C. dam at Sanaru. A single bird was also seen by N.J.S. in similar circumstances at the same place on 28th May, 1969.

Senegal Thick-knee Oediceramus senegalensis: Good views were obtained by N.J.S. of a single bird in flight and on the ground in the marsh downstream from the dam on the N.T.C. farm, Sanaru, on 28th May, 1969.

European Quail Coturnix coturnix: A bird of this species was positively identified in open cotton fields on the farm of the Institute of Agricultural Research, Sanaru by A.P. on 4th March, 1969. Another bird has also been seen by A.P. in a grass-scrub area on the southern edge of the Ahmadu Bello University campus on 6th January, 1970.

Hottentot Teal Anas hottentota: A bird of this distinctive species was present on the N.T.C. lake at Sanaru on 26th April, 3rd and 12th May, 1970 in the company of a Ferruginous Duck Nyroca nyroca (A.P.). The species is a bird rarely recorded in Nigeria although it appears to occur regularly in small numbers in the lake chad area.

REFERENCE.

Fry, C.H. (1965) Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. 2 68-79, 91-101.

N.J. Skinner & A. Pettet.

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BIRDS OF VICTORIA ISLAND.

In the bar-graph appended to my article "Birds Observed on Victoria Island, Lagos" which was published in Bull. Niger. Orn. Soc. 6(24) there was not room to show the letter B which had been included in the manuscript against the names of the birds known to breed on Victoria Island. Only those birds whose nests, eggs or young or a combination of these have been observed on the Island were included in the list which is as follows:-

African Green-backed Heron	<u>Butorides striatus</u>
African Cuckoo	<u>Crocopsis agraria</u>
Senegal Thick-knee	<u>Oediceramus senegalensis</u>

Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Kittlitz's Sand Plover	<i>Leucopolijs pecuarius</i>
Didric Cuckoo	<i>Lanpronorpha caprius</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Scotornis clinacurus</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Rufous Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo senirufa</i>
Fiscal Shrike	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Piapiac	<i>Ptilostonus afer</i>
Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Plesiositagra cucullatus</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
Quail-Finch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>

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