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for an owl. I kept the bird for nearly two days during which time it refused all food, and I released it.

As far as I know this bird has not been recorded in the Western region of Ghana, it was in fact caught only 12 miles from the Ivory Coast border, which suggests it may also occur there. I would be most interested to hear anyone else's comments and recent sightings.

S. M. Jeffrey.

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SABINE'S AND LITTLE GULLS AT LAGOS.

Although the Sabine's Gull Xema sabinii and the Little Gull Larus minutus have been previously recorded in Nigeria only once, the months of December and January 1969/70 have brought second records of both species, and these were multiple in the case of the latter.

The first Little Gull was seen off the Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island on 15th December and from 20th December to 18th January, no less than five individuals (including the original but no more than three on one day) frequented the lagoon mouth and Lighthouse Beach, Tarkwa. All the birds were in sub-adult plumage, showing black in a striking 'zig-zag' on the upper wings, the crown and face and terminally on the tail. These parts contrasted with the grey of the mantle and the otherwise white plumage. One possessed a black bar on the fore-edge of the mantle. At least two appeared ill, with very abraded plumage.

The Sabine's Gull appeared on 11th January following an influx of sea-birds and waders during squally weather. It was seen in company with a Little Gull, two Black-headed Gulls Larus ridibundus and many terns Sterna spp. and Chlidonias nigra. Whilst on the ground the bird combined puzzlingly the look of a Little Gull and a Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla but when it took flight at c25 yards, I was able to see clearly a partial greyish hood (bordered basally with a dark line) and the diagnostic pattern of black, white and dark grey triangles on the wings. The mantle was also a clear dark grey and thus the bird was apparently an adult.

I have considerable experience of both the above species and in particular had seen Sabine's Gulls off Co. Kerry, Ireland only two months before the Lagos bird.

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