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Grey-headed Sparrow Passer griseus: Recorded at Galmi on 10/6: at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Buffalo Weaver Bubalornis albirostris: Recorded at Maradi on 13/6, feeding on ground in company with Spreo pulcher.

Village Weaver Ploceus cucullatus: Seen at Galmi on 10/6: at Maradi on 13/6: at Zinder on 16/6: at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Bronze Mannikin Lonchura cucullata: Recorded at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Cut-throat Weaver Amadina fasciata: Recorded at Galmi on 10/6.

Senegal Fire-Finch Lagonostica senegala: Recorded at Galmi on 10/6: at Maradi on 13/6: at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Bar-breasted Fire-Finch Lagonostica rufopicta: Recorded at Zinder on 16/6.

Red-cheeked Cordon-Blue Estrilda bengala: Recorded at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Orange-cheeked Waxbill Estrilda melopoda: Recorded at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Senegal Combassou Vidua chalybeata: Recorded at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

Pin-tailed Whydah Vidua macroura: Recorded at Cotonou on 4/6: at Angara-Debou on 22/6.

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FURTHER NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF MAMBILLA PLATEAU

By

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On 22nd and 23rd April, 1971, I visited the Mambilla Plateau in the southern corner of North-East State to see the medical work of the Mambilla Baptist Mission there. Also, I spent part of one day at Serti, 30 miles north of the Plateau. The elevation at Serti is about 1,500 feet. The vegetation there is of wet guinea savanna type, with some forest

trees near streams. Birds seen at Serti are similar to those in other guinea savanna areas. Here is a list of Serti birds:

Long-tailed Cormorant Phalacrocorax africanus - 1 at Kam River.
African Green-backed Heron Butorides striatus -- 1 at Kam River.
Abdim's Stork Ciconia abdimii flock of 12.
Hooded Vulture Neophron monachus
Red-necked Buzzard Buteo auguralis
Black Kite Milvus migrans
Black-shouldered Kite Elanus caeruleus
Fish Eagle Haliaeetus vocifer: 1 at Kam River
Double-spurred Francolin Francolinus bicalcaratus
Wattled Plover Vanellus senegallus: 4 at Serti airfield
Egyptian Plover Pluvianus aegyptius at Kam River
Grey Pratincole Glareola cinerea: 1 at Kam River
Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata
Vinaceous Dove Streptopelia vinacea
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove Turtur afer
Green Pigeon Treron australis
White-crested Turaco Tauraco leucolophus at Serti & Kam River
Grey Plantain Eater Crinifer piscator
African Cuckoo Cuculus canorus
Senegal Coucal Centropus senegalensis
Little Swift Apus affinis
Palm Swift Cypsiurus parvus
Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis at Kam River
Grey-headed Kingfisher Halcyon leucocapala from Serti to Mayo Selbe
Abyssinian Roller Coracias abyssinica: 1 seen
Senegal Hoopoe Upupa epops: 1 seen
Grey Hornbill Tockus nasutus
Yellow-fronted Tinker-bird Pogoniulus chrysoconus
Buff-spotted Woodpecker Campethera nivosa
Ethiopian Swallow Hirundo aethiopica
Mosque Swallow Hirundo senegalensis
Shari Rough-winged Swallow Psalidoprocne pristoptera
Blue-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava flava
Long-crested Helmet Shrike Prionops plumata
Black-crowned Tchagra Tchagra senegala
Bell Shrike Laniarius ferrugineus
Purple Glossy Starling Laprotornis purpureiceps
Amethyst Starling Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
Common Bulbul Pycnonotus barbatus
Yellow-throated Leaf-love Chloricichla flavicollis
Simple Leaf-love Chloricichla simplex - at banks of Kam River,
singing in bushes
Sudan Brown Babbler Turdoides plebeja
White-fronted Ant-Chat Myrmecocichla albifrons
Green-backed Eremomela Eremomela pusilla
Scarlet-spectacled Flycatcher Platysteira cyanea

Blue Fairy Flycatcher Trochocercus longicauda
White-shouldered Black Tit Parus leucomelas
Splendid Sunbird Nectarinia coccinigaster
Green White-eye Zosterops senegalensis
Yellow-fronted Canary Serinus mozambicus
Village Weaver Ploceus cucullatus
Yellow-mantled Whydah Euplectes macrourus
Greyheaded Sparrow Passer griseus
Orange-cheeked Waxbill Estrilda melpoda
Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu Estrilda bengala
Senegal Fire-Finch Lagonosticta senegala
Bronze Mannikin Lonchura cucullata

Birds between Mayo Selbe and top of Plateau, along route of escarpment road, elevations 2000 to 4000 feet, along 9 miles of road:

Solitary Cuckoo Cuculus solitarius
Bar-breasted Mousebird Colius striatus
Lesser Wood-Hoopoe Phoeniculus aterrimus
Lemon-rumped Tinker Bird Pogoniulus leucolaima - species
identification not certain, could also be P. subsulphureus
Shari Roughwinged Swallow Psalidoprocne pristoptera
Square-tailed Rough-Winged Swallow Psalidoprocne nitens
Singing Bush-Warbler Cisticola cantans

Birds on the Mambilla Plateau:

The journey from the northern edge of the Plateau, at Tungan Amadu, south to Gembu, the Divisional Headquarters town, is 45 miles. From there a steep road descends down to the Donga River, and we crossed by poled barge and travelled on a very steep mountain track to Warwar, 14 miles south-east of Gembu. Birds seen on the Plateau listed here are additions to the list of H. Boulter (1965 N.O.S. Bull. 1, (4): 17-18) and D. Ebbutt and D.E. Macgregor (1965 N.O.S. Bull. 1, (5): 19-20). Most of the birds in these 2 lists I saw also, including:

Ruppel's Griffon Gyps ruppellii: 1 at Mai Samari
White-backed Vulture Pseudogyps africanus at Mai Samari & Warwar
Secretary Bird Sagittarius serpentarius: 1 near Guroje
Denham's Bustard Neotis denhami: 2 near Guroje

One further comment: Abdim's Stork, Ciconia abdimii is very numerous, and I saw over 1,000 on the journey. These storks associate with herds of cows. The previous observers were on the Plateau in the dry season, so the storks probably had not yet arrived in full numbers.

New Records for Mambilla Plateau:

European Stork Ciconia ciconia 2 seen near Mai Samari on 23rd April, 1971, with a group of Abdim's Storks, Ciconia abdimii. Bannerman describes the last date for the European Stork in West Africa as 30th March.

Black-headed Heron Ardea melanocephala: 2 seen
Cattle Egret Ardeola ibis: 12 seen
Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus: 1 near Guroje
Red-necked Buzzard Buteo auguralis: 3 near Mai Samari
Black Kite Milvus migrans: 3 seen
Lanner Falco biarmicus common
Grey Kestrel Falco ardosiaceus a few
Guinea Fowl Numida meleagris: 6 near Warwar
Senegal Coucal Centropus senegalensis near Warwar
White-crested Turaco Tauraco leucolophus: 2 heard at Warwar
Pied Crow Corvus albus
Ethiopian Swallow Hirundo aethiopica common
Mosque Swallow Hirundo senegalensis: 5
European House Martin Delichon urbica: 4 near Guroje
Yellow-throated Longclaw Macronyx croceus (elev. 4,500 ft.)
common on Plateau
Kurrichane Thrush Turdus pelios at Warwar
Moustached Warbler Sphenoeacus mentalis near Guroje
Bell Shrike Laniarius ferrugineus at Warwar
Woodchat Lanius senator: 4 seen
Grey-headed Sparrow Passer griseus at Warwar
Village Weaver Ploceus cucullatus at Mai Samari

One further comment: Blue-headed Wagtails were still present at Serti and on the Mambilla Plateau, Whinchats also on the Plateau. They have disappeared from the Takum area, where I live, since late March.

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INTERESTING RECORDS FOR THE IBADAN AREA

By

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The following notes are based on sporadic watching and more intensive netting in the Ibadan area (as defined by Elgood & Sibley, 1964) between early 1969 and mid-1971. Those species marked with an asterisk appear to be new to the Ibadan avifauna.

African Little Grebe Podiceps ruficollis

This species can often be seen on the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) lake and Eleiyele reservoir. Once some twenty birds were counted on the latter.