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BIRDS OF NIGER -- In view of the excellent article on 'Birds of Niger' I
should like to put on record a few observations made over Christmas in
1956 when I visited Gwadabegi. Gwadabegi is about 100 miles North of
Maradi in the Northern part of Zone 3. (Giraudoux et. al. Malimbus 10:
1-140).

Struthio camelus - Ostrich. 20 seen on 26/12/56.

Sagittarius serpentarius - Secretary-bird. 1 seen 25/12/56.

Eupodotis ruficrista - Crested Bustard. A pair seen on 26/12/56.

Corvus rhipidurus - Fan-tailed Raven. 1 seen 26/12/56.

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REVIEW

BIRDS TO WATCH: THE ICBP WORLD CHECK-LIST OF THREATENED BIRDS by N.J.
Collar & P. Andrew, 1988. 320pp. ICBP Technical Publication No. 8,
I.C.B.P., Cambridge. £9.50 ISBN 0-946888-12-4.

If you want to get the most up to date and authoritative information on
threatened birds from around the world, this is your book. One thousand
species, or 11% of the world's avifauna, are given a paragraph each,
detailing distribution, threats and literature sources. Then follows
lists of the threatened species for each country and another for species
which are nearly threatened. If you can't afford Collar and Stuart's
"Threatened birds of Africa and related islands" then use this book to
identify the species which desperately need your attention. Looking
through the book, I found that West African countries hold populations of
up to 15 endangered species (Cameroun) and an average of 5 species per
country. If you want to find out which they are, in your country, buy
this book!