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Red-fronted Ant-pecker Parmoptila rubrifrons. A party of three males and one female was seen working its way through the forest edge at Yapo. The party kept low and in cover. A number of times a male was seen to give a weak 'pee-you' call, during which it opened its bill surprisingly wide. Thiollay (1985) mentioned P. woodhousei (jamesoni) as occurring, but the birds which I saw resembled P. rubrifrons as illustrated in Mackworth Praed & Grant (1973).

Red-winged Pytilia Pytilia phoenicoptera. A pair was seen well at the edge of a small pool in Comoe National Park.

Black-faced Firefinch Lagonosticta larvata. Three birds of the dull West African race togoensis were seen in Commoe National Park.

Gazetteer:

Abidjan 5°19N, 4°01W Tai (Forest station) 5°50N, 7°25W Tapo Forest 5°60N, 5°04W Lambto 6°13N, 5°02W

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CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRDS OF BAMINGUI-BANGORAN NATIONAL PARK, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Two hundred and seventy eight bird species were identified in the Central African Republic's Bamingul-Bangoran National Park (Green 1983, 1984). I returned to work in western CAR during 1988-90 and began to suspect that certain species might have been misidentified. Bamingui lay outside their known ranges, and I was seeing different, closely related species in western CAR. During a visit to Bamingui in December 1988, I saw and confirmed that three species should be changed.

Violet Turaco, Musophaga violacea, Eastern Grey Plantain-eater Crinifer zonurus and Blue-naped Mousebird Colius macrourus should be replaced by Ross's Turaco M. rossae, Grey Plantain-eater C. piscator and Speckled Mousebird C. striatus.

In 1980 when I first listed M. violacea, I had just come to CAR from eight years in Arli and Pendiari Parks (Burkina and Benin), where this species is common. The violet-coloured turaco one finds at Bamingui is uncommon, seldom seen well, and with my preconceived notions, was misidentified. Although Fry et al. (1988) indicate that perhaps M. violacea and M. rossae are sympatric in nearby Manovo-Gouda-Saint Floris National Park, I would hesitate to make that claim for Bamingui-Bangoran. The bird seen in December 1988 was M. rossae. Crinifer piscator and Colius striatus are found in western CAR, and I was not surprised to find them at Baminoui.

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WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT (APUS CAFFER) - NEW TO MALI

On 11 November 1988 we observed a party of ten White-rumped Swifts Apus caffer near Sotuba, on the south bank of the Niger river opposite Bamako (12°39N 8°00W). The birds were flying amongst Little Swifts A. affinis and Palm Swifts Cypsiurus parvus. There is no record of this species from Mali either in Lamarche (1980, Malimbus 2: 121-158) or Fry et al. (1988, The Birds of Africa, Vol. 3. Academic Press, London). However, the species has been recorded from three countries bordering Mali: Senegal (Fry et al. (1988), Burkina Faso (Holyoak & Seddon 1989, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club 109 : 205-216) and Mauritania (Meininger et al. 1990. Malimbus 12: 19-24).

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