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# Notes on the birds of the coastal and Kindia areas, Guinea

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#### Summary

An avifaunal list is presented, summarizing observations made during a stay in Guinea from the end of May to mid-December 1991. Of a total of 268 species identified, seven are new to Guinea, bringing the total number of species known for the country to 606; of these, 66 were not previously recorded in the coastal region between Boffa and Forécariah and 163 in the region of Kindia. Recent papers on the Guinea avifauna are critically reviewed in an attempt to produce an accurate species list for the country.

#### Résumé

Une liste d'avifaune, synthétisant des observations faites au cours d'un séjour en Guinée de fin mai à mi-décembre 1991, est présentée. Sur un total de 268 espèces identifiées, sept sont nouvelles pour la Guinée; le total des espèces connues pour le pays est ainsi de 606. Parmi celles-ci, 66 sont nouvelles pour la région côtière entre Boffa et Forécariah et 163 pour la région de Kindia. Les articles récents sur l'avifaune guinéenne sont examinés de façon critique afin d'établir une liste exacte des espèces du pays.

#### Introduction

Morel & Morel (1988) synthesised what was then known of the composition and distribution of the avifauna of Guinea. The observations of Walsh (1987), in the north-east of the country, were not included in their list and complement it. Since then, surveys of birds have been carried out in the coastal wetlands (Altenburg & Van der Kamp 1989, 1991) and in the Diècké and Ziama forests, near the border with Liberia and Ivory Coast (Wilson 1990). A study to assess the impact of the cage bird trade on the population of Grey Parrots *Psittacus erithacus* in Guinea was carried out in 1991 (Dändliker 1992). Recently, an updated checklist for the country has been published (Dowsett 1993). A list for Macenta Prefecture in the southeast of the country, published shortly afterwards, includes 44 additional species (Halleux 1994).

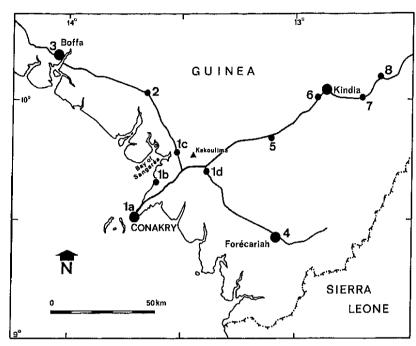


Figure 1. Map of the coastal and Kindia areas, Guinea, showing localities mentioned in the text: 1a Conakry Peninsula; 1b Kobaya; 1c Dubréka; 1d Coyah; 2 Wassou; 3 Boffa; 4 Forécariah; 5 Mambia; 6 Foulayah; 7 Koba; 8 Kolenté.

From the end of May to mid-December 1991, I resided in Conakry and made bird observations in the region of Kindia, described as less-prospected by Morel & Morel (1988) (20 one-day visits), and in the coastal area near Conakry, up to Boffa in the west and Forécariah in the east (16 one-day visits) (see Fig. 1 and Table 1). My stay coincided with the rainy season and early dry season. By the end of

Table 1. Gazetteer

	N	W		N	W
Boffa	10°12′	14°6′	Kindia	10°4′	12°51′
Conakry	9°31′	13°43′	Koba	10°0′	12°43′
Coyah	9°45′	13°26′	Kobaya	9°40′	13°36′
Dubréka	9°48′	13°31′	Kolenté	10°6′	12°37′
Forécariah	9°28′	13°6′	Mambia	9°50′	13°7′
Foulayah	10°2′	12°53′	Wassou	10°4′	13°40′

October the grasslands had become straw-coloured and from the beginning of November onwards bush-fires were started.

Of a total of 268 species identified, seven appear to be new to the country, as compared to the most recent checklist (Dowsett 1993) supplemented by the observations of Halleux (1994), while others represent new records for the Kindia (163 species) and coastal areas (66 species), as compared to the relevant published information (Richards 1982, Morel & Morel 1988, Altenburg & Van der Kamp 1991). These are included in the present list, comprising 184 species, which also includes a few species, listed as new to the country or the coastal area by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991), which were independently seen and identified by me. Ayres's Hawk Eagle Hieraaetus ayresii, already listed by Morel & Morel (1988) for the coastal area, has been included because its occurrence was doubted by Dowsett (1993), who excluded it from his country total. With one exception (Black-backed Cloud Cisticola Cisticola eximius, of which a detailed description is given), I was familiar with all the species from elsewhere in Africa. Species new to Guinea and those whose occurrence required proof are detailed below.

With these additions, the total number of species recorded in Guinea now stands at 606. This comprises the 552 species accepted by Dowsett (1993) augmented by 54 species figuring in the above-mentioned reports and in this paper (see Appendix). It should be noted that all of the previously published lists contain errors and were examined critically in an attempt to arrive at an exact country total. For example Morel & Morel (1988), when listing the species added by Walsh (1987), erroncously omit Hadada Ibis Bostrychia hagedash but mention Western Bronze-naped Pigeon Columba iriditorques, apparently overlooking the fact that the latter was already included in their list under the name C. malherbii. Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991) overlooked Walsh's records and incorrectly claimed eight "firsts" already recorded by him. Halleux (1994) seems to have been unaware of Altenburg & Van der Kamp's study and, consequently, incorrectly claimed four species as new for Guinea (White-rumped Swift Apus caffer, Black-and-white Flycatcher Bias musicus, Red-headed Quelea Quelea erythrops and Zebra Waxbill Amandava subflava). He also claimed Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush Stizorhina finschi and Kemp's Longbill Macrosphenus kempi as new species, overlooking the fact that they figure in Morel & Morel (1988) as S. fraseri and M. flavicans. Dowsett (1993) appears to have been unaware of Wilson's (1990) unpublished report; hence his omission of 31 species listed by Wilson (including eight records provided by Halleux); all these, except Nkulengu Rail Himantornis haematopus, were subsequently published by Halleux (1994).

#### Notes on selected species

Ayres's Hawk Eagle Hieraaetus ayresii. An adult near Wassou, 8 Dec. Rather stocky eagle; brown upperparts; white throat; white underparts heavily blotched

darkish; white shoulder-patches ("landing lights"); underwings heavily barred and spotted blackish; tail square, dark brown, with broad dark terminal band and three narrower bands. Previously recorded by Richards (1982) and included in Morel & Morel (1988); listed by Dowsett (1993) as requiring proof.

Arctic Tern Sterna paradisaea. A bird in non-breeding dress, probably a first-summer (second calendar year), foraging in Conakry harbour, 11-14 Jun. Description: cap black; forehead, crown and lores white; upperparts pale grey; faint, dusky carpal bar; wings with white trailing edge and no dark wedge on primaries; rump, deeply forked tail, and underparts white; underwing pure white with black tips to primaries forming neat narrow trailing edge; bill black. Included by Morel & Morel (1988) on the basis of recoveries of ringed birds; no localities given. Up to the end of 1991 there were three recoveries of birds ringed in Britain (Mead & Clark 1987; J.A. Clark in litt.); no localities published so far.

Mottled Swift Apus aequatorialis. Sightings all months Jun-Nov, singles and groups of up to 20, in both the coastal area (two localities) and around Kindia (four localities). Overall total more than 100 individuals. Larger and heavier than European Swift A. apus, with which it was often associated. In good light, showed dark brownish upperparts, white throat and greyish belly. Considering the frequency with which this species was observed, it seems remarkable that it was previously only recorded by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991), although Richards (1982) suspected its occurrence. Listed by Dowsett (1993) as requiring proof.

White-rumped Swift A. caffer. Three together near Dubréka, 30 Jun. Identified by long outer tail feathers and white, relatively narrow U-shaped rump patch. In the coastal area, previously recorded by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991); listed by Dowsett (1993) as requiring proof; listed by Halleux (1994) for Macenta.

Least Honeyguide Indicator exilis, A bird was tape-recorded, singing in the canopy of remnant forest, Centre de Recherches Agronomiques de Foulayah, 3 Nov. C. Chappuis (in litt.), confirmed the identity of the recording. First record for Guinea. Black-backed Cloud Cisticola Cisticola eximius. Discovered in moist grassland near Koba (20 km east of Kindia), Sep-Noy, In pairs, with a maximum of about 20 birds (8 Sep). Male: crown, sides of head and neck uniformly pale rufous-brown; no supercilium; upperparts boldly streaked with black; conspicuous orange-rufous rump, upper tail-coverts and lower flanks; wing feathers dark brown with pale edges; tail brownish-black above, white with subterminal black spots below: underparts whitish; legs and feet brownish pink; bill mainly horn-coloured. Female as male, but with forecrown indistinctly streaked. Voice: a distinctive, sharp, dissonant tchereet-tchereet; a series of rather thin tsree-tsree-tsree-tsree-... uttered during undulating display flight high above territory, sometimes accompanied by wing-snapping. The tchereet call was occasionally uttered during the display flight. The birds were very active and conspicuous in Sep, when females carrying food were observed. In Nov, however, when the grass had become dry

and bush-fires had been started, they were extremely shy and seemed to have almost disappeared (only three birds seen on three visits out of five; all three showed streaked crowns). First records for Guinea.

Lead-coloured Flycatcher Myloparus plumbeus. One singing bird seen well in wooded savanna, Mambia environs, 14 Jul and 2 Oct. First records for Guinea.

Rufous-winged Illadopsis Illadopsis rufescens. This species' distinctive, rhythmic song (which may be rendered tk-tk-tk-hu-hu-hu) was heard at two sites: once in a forest patch at the base of Mount Kakoulima, near Dubréka (30 Jun) and three times in the remnant forest of the Centre de Recherches Agricoles de Foulayah (Jul and Sep). First records for Guinea. The indication of this species' occurrence in Guinea by Allport et al. (1989) is an error (G. Allport pers. comm.).

West African Penduline Tit Anthoscopus parvulus. A single bird in wooded savanna, Koba, 10 Nov (with G. Dändliker). First record for Guinea.

Red-headed Quelea Quelea erythrops. Several sightings of males in breeding plumage, in grassland and cultivation, coastal and Kindia areas, Aug-Nov. Up to 40 birds together. Previously only recorded by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991) and Halleux (1994).

White-cheeked Oliveback Nesocharis capistrata. Three sightings of singles, in the coastal area near Forécariah (bushes along track), and in the Kindia area at Kolenté (moist grassland), Aug-Sep. First records for these areas. Recorded in Macenta by Halleux (1994)

Red-winged Pytilia Pytilia phoenicoptera. Two sightings of single males and two of a pair, in two localities in the Kindia area, Jul and Sep-Nov. First records for Guinea,

Crimson Seederacker *Pyrenestes sanguineus*, A male, corresponding to the description of *P. s. coccineus* (Mackworth-Praed & Grant 1973), at the edge of cultivation, Centre de Recherches Agricoles de Foulayah, 1 Sep. Previously only recorded in Macenta (Halleux 1994).

Zebra Waxbill Amandava subflava. Several sightings of flocks (2-80 birds) in grassland in the coastal area and near Kindia (Kolenté), Aug-Nov. Previously only recorded by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991) for the coastal area.

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*. A singing male near Wassou, coastal area (shrubs by cultivation), 22 Sep, and a pair near Mambia, Kindia area (wooded savanna), 21 Sep. First records for Guinea.

#### Systematic list

### Codes preceding species names

- <sup>1</sup> Species not included in Dowsett (1993) but added by Halleux (1994).
- <sup>2</sup> Species not included in Dowsett (1993) but added by this paper.
- \* Further information in text, above.

#### Areas and occurrence

- C Coastal area
- K Kindia area
- x Species recorded by me, but already listed by Morel & Morel (1988) for that area. One species, Quail Finch *Ortygospiza atricollis*, recorded by Richards (1982), has erroneously been omitted from the list of the coastal area by Morel & Morel (1988).
- xx Species new to the area.
- (xx) Species listed by Altenburg & Van der Kamp (1991) as new to the coastal area and independently observed there by me.

#### Localities (numbered on Fig. 1)

Only given for "xx" and "(xx)" species.

#### Coastal area:

- 1 Conakry peninsula (coast, city), Kobaya (mudflat in the Bay of Sangaréa), Dubréka environs (main road along escarpment; remnant forest at base of Mount Kakoulima) and Coyah environs (gallery forest 15 km north-east of Coyah along main road to Kindia).
- 2 Wassou environs (grassland, wooded savanna, cultivation).
- 3 Boffa and environs (grassland, wooded savanna, cultivation).
- 4 Forécariah and environs (cultivation and bushes).

#### Kindia area:

- 5 Mambia environs (grassland and wooded savanna).
- 6 Foulayah, Centre de Recherches Agronomiques (small patch of forest surrounded by grassland and cultivation along main road a few km south-west of Kindia).
- 7 Koba (grassland and wooded savanna along main road 20 km south-east of Kindia).
- 8 Kolenté, Projet agricole (cultivation, grassland, gallery forest).

Sequence and nomenclature follow Dowsett & Forbes-Watson (1993).

	С	K	Localities
Ardeidae			
Bubulcus ibis Cattle Egret	х	хx	5,8
Scopidae	.,	7676	5,0
Scopus umbretta Hamerkop	х	xx	5,6,7,8
Threskiornithidae	А	лл	3,0,7,0
Bostrychia hagedash Hadada Ibis	(xx)	хx	2,8
Anatidae	(AA)	λΛ	2,0
Dendrocygna viduata White-faced Whistling Duck	(22)	****	1.6
Anas acuta Northern Pintail	(xx)	XX	1,6 1
Accipitridae	(xx)		1
Pernis apivorus Honey Buzzard			2
Elanus caeruleus Black-shouldered Kite	XX		2
Milvus migrans Black Kite	X	XX	5,6,7,8
Gypohierax angolensis Palm-nut Vulture	X X	XX	5,6,7,8 5
Necrosyrtes monachus Hooded Vulture	X	XX XX	5,6,7,8
Gyps africanus White-backed Vulture	(xx)	XX	2,7,8
Circaetus cinerascens Western Banded Snake Eagle	XX	44	2,7,6
Polyboroides typus Harrier Hawk	(xx)	xx	1,2,8
Circus pygargus Montagu's Harrier	(xx)	74.74	1,2
Accipiter erythropus Western Little Sparrowhawk	(/	xx	6,8
A. badius Shikra	х	XX	7,8
Buteo auguralis Red-necked Buzzard		XX	6,7,8
*Hieraaetus ayresii Ayres's Hawk Eagle	х		2
Lophaetus occipitalis Long-crested Eagle	xx	XX	2,8
Falconidae			
Falco ardosiaceus Grey Kestrel	х	xx	8
Phasianidae			
Francolinus bicalcaratus Double-spurred Francolin	х	xx	5,6,7,8
Ptilopachus petrosus Stone Partridge	x	XX	5,7,8
Rallidae			-,.,-
Sarothrura pulchra White-spotted Flufftail	xx		5
Amaurornis flavirostra Black Crake	X	xx	6
Charadriidae			Ü
Charadrius marginatus White-fronted Plover	(xx)		1
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Scolopacidae Calidris canutus Red Knot	()		
C. alba Sanderling	(xx) (xx)		1
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Sternidae			
*Sterna paradisaea Arctic Tern	XX		1

	C	K	Localities
Columbidae			
Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Dove	х	XX	5,6,8
S. vinacea Vinaceous Dove	(xx)	x	1,2
S. semitorquata Red-eyed Dove	X	XX	ali
Treron australis Green Pigeon	xx	XX	2,5,7,8
Psittacidae	,		2,0,7,0
Psittacula krameri Rose-ringed Parakeet	(xx)		1
Musophagidae	()		•
Tauraco persa Guinea Turaco	х	xx	5,6,7,8
Crinifer piscator Western Grey Plantain-eater	x	XX	5,6,7,8
Cuculidae			2,0,7,0
Clamator levaillantii Levaillant's Cuckoo	(xx)	XX	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
Cuculus solitarius Red-chested Cuckoo	XX	XX	1,2,3,5,6
C. clamosus Black Cuckoo	1676	XX	6
Chrysococcyx cupreus Emerald Cuckoo	XX	XX	4,5,6,8
C. klaas Klaas's Cuckoo	X	XX	5,6
C. caprius Didric Cuckoo	X	XX	5,6,7,8
Ceuthmochares aereus Yellowbill	Α.	XX	6,7,8
Centropus grillii Black Coucal		XX	8
C. leucogaster Black-throated Coucal		XX	6
C. monachus Blue-headed Coucal		XX	8
C. senegalensis Senegal Coucal	х	XX	5,6,7,8
Strigidae	•	***	5,0,7,0
Bubo leucostictus Akun Eagle Owl		хx	6
Apodidae		****	Ü
¹Telacanthura ussheri Mottled Spinetail		хx	6
Cypsiurus parvus Palm Swift	х	XX	5,6,7,8
*Apus aequatorialis Mottled Swift	(xx)	XX	1,4,5,6,7,8
A. apus European Swift	X	XX	5,6,7,8
*A. caffer White-rumped Swift	(xx)	•	1
Alcedinidae	()		•
Halcyon malimbica Blue-breasted Kingfisher	х	хx	5,6,7
H. chelicuti Striped Kingfisher		XX	5,7,8
Meropidae		*	-,,,.
Merops hirundineus Swallow-tailed Bcc-eater	xx		2
M. albicollis White-throated Bee-eater	X	xx	5,6,7,8
M. apiaster European Bee-eater	xx	XX	2,7,8
Coraciidae			-1.10
Coracias cyanogaster Blue-bellied Roller	(xx)	х	2
Eurystomus glaucurus Broad-billed Roller	X	XX	8
Phoeniculidae	•		_
Phoeniculus purpureus Red-billed Wood Hoopoe	(xx)	ХX	2,6,7,8

	С	K	Localities
Bucerotidae			
Tockus fasciatus Pied Hornbill	х	XX	5,6,8
T. nasutus Grey Hornbill	(xx)	XX	1,2,5,6,7,8
Bycanistes fistulator Piping Hornbill	XX	XX	1,4,6
Capitonidae	1111	1271	., ., .
Pogoniulus bilineatus Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	xx	xx	2,3,5,6,7,8
Lybius vieilloti Vieillot's Barbet	XX	XX	2,5
L. bidentatus Double-toothed Barbet	xx		2
Indicatoridae			
Indicator indicator Greater Honeyguide	ХX	XX	2,5,6
<sup>2*</sup> I. exilis Least Honeyguide		XX	6
Picidae			
Campethera punctuligera Fine-spotted Woodpecker		XX	8
Dendropicos fuscescens Cardinal Woodpecker	xx	XX	2,5,6
Mesopicos goertae Grey Woodpecker	х	ХX	5
Picoides obsoletus Brown-backed Woodpecker	XX	XX	2,5,7,8
Alaudidae			
Galerida modesta Sun Lark	x	XX	5,7,8
Hirundinidae			
Psalidoprocne obscura Fanti Saw-wing	х	XX	5,6,7 <b>,</b> 8
Riparia riparia European Sand Martin		XX	7,8
R. paludicola African Sand Martin		XX	8
Pseudhirundo griseopyga Grey-rumped Swallow	XX	XX	2,4,5,7,8
Hirundo abyssinica Lesser Striped Swallow	х	XX	6,8
H. daurica Red-rumped Swallow		XX	5,6
H. preussi Preuss's Cliff Swallow		XX	5
H. fuligula Rock Martin		XX	5
H. leucosoma Pied-winged Swallow	XX	XX	2,3,5,8
H. lucida Red-chested Swallow	(xx)	X	1,2,4
Delichon urbica House Martin		XX	7
Motacillidae			_
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail		XX	7
Anthus leucophrys Plain-backed Pipit		XX	7,8
A. trivialis Tree Pipit	XX	XX	2,5
Pycnonotidae			
Andropadus virens Little Greenbul	XX	Х	1,2,4
A. gracilis Little Grey Greenbul		XX	6
A. gracilirostris Slender-billed Greenbul	Х	XX	5,6
Baeopogon indicator Honeyguide Bulbul		XX	6,8
Chlorocichla simplex Simple Leaflove	Х	XX	5,6,8
C. flavicollis Yellow-throated Leaflove		XX	5,6,8
Pyrrhurus scandens Leaflove	(xx)	XX	2,6,7,8

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Turdidae			
Turdus pelios West African Thrush	x	хx	5,6,7,8
Luscinia megarhynchos Nightingale	XX	XX	2,5,7,8
Cossypha albicapilla White-crowned Robin-Chat	x	xx	5,7,8
Saxicola rubetra Whinchat	x	XX	6,7,8
Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris Mocking Chat		XX	5
Sylviidae			
Melocichla mentalis Moustached Warbler	XX	XX	1,2,3,5,6,7,8
Acrocephalus arundinaceus Great Reed Warbler		XX	8
Hippolais polyglotta Melodious Warbler	(xx)	XX	2,6,7,8
Eremomela pusilla Green-backed Eremomela	XX	XX	2,5,7
Sylvietta virens Green Crombec		XX	6,7,8
S. denti Lemon-bellied Crombec		XX	5,6
S. brachyura Northern Crombec		XX	5
Phylloscopus trochilus Willow Warbler	х	XX	5,6,7
Hyliota flavigaster Yellow-bellied Hyliota		XX	5
Hylia prasina Green Hylia	XX	XX	1,2,6
Sylvia borin Garden Warbler	XX	XX	2,5,6
2*Cisticola eximius Black-backed Cloud Cisticola		XX	7
C. natalensis Croaking Cisticola	XX	XX	1,2,8
C. brachypterus Short-winged Cisticola	XX	ХX	all
C. lateralis Whistling Cisticola	XX	x	1,2,3,4
C. erythrops Red-faced Cisticola	XX	XX	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
C. cantans Singing Cisticola	x	XX	5,7,8
Prinia subflava Tawny-flanked Prinia	х	XX	5,6,7,8
Heliolais erythroptera Red-winged Warbler	XX	XX	2,8
Hypergerus atriceps Oriole-Warbler	Х	XX	8
Muscicapidae			
Melaenornis edolioides Western Black Flycatcher	X	XX	5,6,8
Ficedula hypoleuca Pied Flycatcher	X	XX	5,6,8
Muscicapa striata Spotted Flycatcher		XX	7
2*Myioparus plumbeus Lead-coloured Flycatcher		XX	5
Platysteiridae			
Batis senegalensis Senegal Batis		XX	5,7
Dyaphorophyia blissetti Red-cheeked Wattle-eye		XX	6
Platysteira cyanea Scarlet-spectacled Wattle-eye	х	XX	5,7,8
Monarchidae			_
Elminia longicauda Blue Flycatcher		XX	5
Timaliidae			
2*Illadopsis rufescens Rufous-winged Illadopsis	XX	XX	1,6
Turdoides plebejus Brown Babbler	X	XX	5,6,7,8

	С	K	Localities
T. reinwardii Blackcap Babbler	XX	XX	1,2,4,5,6,8
Phyllanthus atripennis Capuchin Babbler	АЛ	XX	5,8
Paridae		лл	5,0
Parus leucomelas White-winged Black Tit	ХX	xx	2,5
	AA	АА	۷,5
Remizidae  2* Anthoscopus parvulus West African Penduline Tit			7
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Nectariniidae			5.0
Anthreptes collaris Collared Sunbird		XX	5,6
Nectarinia olivacea Olive Sunbird	XX	XX	1,6,8
N. verticalis Green-headed Sunbird		XX	5,6
N. senegalensis Scarlet-chested Sunbird	XX		2
N. venusta Yellow-bellied Sunbird	X	XX	5,6,7,8
N. cuprea Copper Sunbird	(xx)	XX	all
N. coccinigaster Splendid Sunbird	(xx)	Х	2
Zosteropidae			
Zosterops senegalensis Yellow White-eye		XX	5,6,7,8
Oriolidae			
Oriolus auratus African Golden Oriole	xx	XX	2,3,6
Laniidae			
Corvinella corvina Yellow-billed Shrike	XX	XX	2,5,7,8
Malaconotidae			
Tchagra australis Brown-crowned Tchagra	XX		4
T. senegala Black-crowned Tchagra	XX	х	2,3,4
Laniarius turatii Turati's Boubou	X	XX	5,6,7,8
Malaconotus sulfureopectus Orange-breasted Bush Shrik	e xx	XX	2,3,5,6,7,8
M. blanchoti Grey-headed Bush Shrike		xx	8
Nicator chloris Western Nicator	х	XX	6
Prionopidae			
Prionops phunatus White Helmet Shrike		XX	7,8
Dicruridae			ŕ
Dicrurus ludwigii Square-tailed Drongo	xx	xx	2,5,6,8
D. adsimilis Fork-tailed Drongo	XX	X	2,5,0,0
Corvidae		••	-
Ptilostomus afer Piapiac	х	xx	6
Corvus albus Pied Crow		XX	5,6,7,8
Sturnidae	X	ΛΛ	3,0,7,6
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Cinnyricinclus leucogaster Amethyst Starling	Х	XX	O
Passeridae			670
Passer griseus Grey-headed Sparrow	Х	XX	5,7,8

	С	K	Localities
Ploceidae			
Ploceus nigerrimus Vieillot's Black Weaver	XX	XX	4,5,6,8
P. cucullatus Village Weaver	х	XX	5,6,7,8
*Quelea erythrops Red-headed Quelea	(xx)	ХX	4,6,7,8
Euplectes afer Yellow-crowned Bishop	(xx)	XX	1,8
E. hordeaceus Fire-crowned Bishop	x	XX	5,6,7,8
E. macrourus Yellow-mantled Whydah	х	XX	5,6,7,8
Estrildidae			
Nigrita bicolor Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch		xx	5,6
1*Nesocharis capistrata White-cheeked Oliveback	XX	XX	4,8
Pytilia hypogrammica Yellow-winged Pytilia		XX	5,6,8
2*P. phoenicoptera Red-winged Pytilia		XX	5,6
*Pyrenestes sanguineus Crimson Seedcracker		XX	6
Mandingoa nitidula Green Twinspot		XX	6
Euschistospiza dybowskii Dybowski's Twinspot	xx	XX	2,5,8
Lagonosticta rufopicta Brown Firefinch	XX	x	1
L. senegala Red-billed Firefinch	х	XX	7,8
L. rara Black-bellied Firefinch	XX	ХX	2,3,5,7,8
L. rubricata Blue-billed Firefinch	xx	XX	4,5,6,8
Estrilda melpoda Orange-cheeked Waxbill	х	XX	5,6,7,8
E. astrild Common Waxbill		XX	8
Uraeginthus bengalus Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu		XX	7
*Amandaya subflaya Zebra Waxbill	(xx)	XX	2,8
Ortygospiza atricollis Quailfinch	x	XX	4,7,8
Lonchura cucullata Bronze Mannikin	x	XX	5,6,7,8
L. bicolor Black-and-white Mannikin		XX	6,7
Viduidae			
Vidua chalybeata Village Indigobird		XX	5,8
V. macroura Pin-tailed Whydah	x	XX	5,6,7,8
V. paradisaea Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	(xx)	XX	2,5,7,8
Fringillidae			
Serinus mozambicus Yellow-fronted Canary	xx	XX	1,2,5,6,7
Emberizidae			
2* Emberiza cabanisi Cabanis's Bunting	xx	XX	2, 5

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#### Appendix

## Additions to Dowsett's (1993) species list for Guinea

Total additions, 54 species.

Note that Thick-billed Honeyguide *Indicator conirostris* (Halleux 1994) is lumped with *I. minor* by Dowsett & Forbes-Watson (1993). References are: AV = Altenburg & Van Der Kamp (1991); H = Halleux (1994); MM = Morel & Morel (1988); W = Wilson (1990); D = this study.

Tachybaptus ruficollis Little Grebe	W, H
Aviceda cuculoides Cuckoo Falcon	W, H
Dryotriorchis spectabilis Congo Serpent Eagle	H
Accipiter erythropus Western Little Sparrowhawk	W, H, D
A. melanoleucus Black Sparrowhawk	Н
Urotriorchis macrourus Long-tailed Hawk	Н
Hieraaetus ayresii Ayres's Hawk Eagle	MM, D
Falco biarmicus Lanner	H
Himantornis haematopus Nkulengu Rail	W
Crecopsis egregia African Crake	H
Porphyrio alleni Allen's Gallinule	H
Gallinula angulata Lesser Moorhen	H
Cuculus gularis African Cuckoo	H
Telacanthura ussheri Mottled Spinetail	W, H, D
Raphidura sabini Sabine's Spinetail	W, H
Apus aequatorialis Mottled Swift	AV, D
A. caffer White-rumped Swift	AV, H, D
Phoeniculus bollei White-headed Wood Hoopoe	W, H
P castaneiceps Forest Wood Hoopoe	H
Ceratogymna atrata Black-casqued Hornbill	W, H
Buccanodon duchailhui Yellow-spotted Barbet	H
Melichneutes robustus Lyre-tailed Honeyguide	H
Indicator exilis Least Honeyguide	D
Campethera caroli Brown-eared Woodpecker	W, H
Pseudhirundo griseopyga Grey-rumped Swallow	H, D
Hirundo nigrita White-throated Blue Swallow	H
Motacilla clara Mountain Wagtail	W, H
	H
Coracina azurea Blue Cuckoo-shrike	W, H
Andropadus ansorgei Ansorge's Greenbul	H
	W, H
	W, H
Alethe poliocephala Brown-chested Alethe	W, H

Cisticola eximius Black-backed Cloud Cisticola	D
Apalis nigriceps Black-capped Apalis	W, H
Drymocichla incana Red-winged Grey Warbler	H
Melaenornis annamarulae Nimba Flycatcher	W, H
Muscicapa olivascens Olivaceous Flycatcher	W, H
Myioparus plumbeus Lead-coloured Flycatcher	D
Dyaphorophyia concreta Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye	W, H
Illadopsis cleaveri Blackcap Illadopsis	W, H
I. rufescens Rufous-winged Illadopsis	D
Parus funereus Dusky Tit	W, H
Anthoscopus parvulus West African Penduline Tit	D
Dryoscopus sabini Sabine's Puffback	W, H
Tchagra minuta Marsh Tchagra	H
Malaconotus multicolor Many-coloured Bush Shrike	W, H
Ploceus albinucha Maxwell's Black Weaver	W, H
Amblyospiza albifrons Thick-billed Weaver	H
Parmoptila rubrifrons Red-faced Flowerpecker	Н
Nesocharis capistrata White-cheeked Oliveback	H, D
Pytilia phoenicoptera Red-winged Pytilia	D
Pyrenestes sanguineus Crimson Seedcracker	H, D
Emberiza cabanisi Cabanis's Bunting	D



Singing Bush Lark – Alouette chanteuse – Mirafra cantillans Photo: Michael Gore