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A supplementary gazetteer for the birds of Ghana

A number of localities mentioned in Grimes (1987) do not appear in the gazetteer to that work. I give their coordinates or approximate locations here. Localities have been traced using various maps and gazetteers, and double-checked where possible. A few localities are explained in notes and a few alternative spellings included. FR is an abbreviation for Forest Reserve.

Abrobonko, Sweet (Kakum) river mouth ¹	5°6'N, 1°19'W
Abutia Kloe	6°29'N, 0°21'E
Adidome	6°4'N, 0°31'E
Agyabura (Bura river) FR.....	5°50'N, 2°18'W
Akosombo.....	6°17'N, 0°3'E
Akwapim ²	c. 5°45'N, 0°15'W
Ammins (Amisa) lagoon.....	5°12'N, 1°1'W
Anjuanema Mt, Mpraeso	6°34'N, 0°46'W
Anum	6°29'N, 0°9'E

Awatotse (Apototse).....	6°58'N, 0°29'E
Ayimensa, Akwapim ridge.....	5°47'N, 0°11'W
Big Ada.....	5°49'N, 0°37'E
Bimbile (correctly Babile), SSE of Lawra.....	10°31'N, 2°50'W
Bimpong FR.....	5°43'N, 1°28'W
Birim river.....	c. 5°55'N, 1°9'W
Black Volta road bridge (Buipe).....	8°48'N, 1°34'W
Bososo (Bosusu).....	6°18'N, 0°25'W
Brimsu reservoir.....	5°13'N, 1°16'W
Bui rapids.....	8°16'N, 2°16'W
Bunso (Bunsu).....	6°17'N, 0°28'W
Cape St Paul.....	5°49'N, 0°57'E
Christianborg, Accra.....	5°32'N, 0°11'W
Denkera (Denkyera) ³	5°59'N, 1°45'W
Densu river, near Accra.....	5°31'N, 0°20'W
Fantee (Fanti) ⁴	c. 5°10'N, 1°12'W
Fort Victoria, Cape Coast.....	5°7'N, 1°15'W
Game (Afe game) Mt.....	6°36'N, 0°31'E
Hwini river, Takoradi.....	4°53'N, 1°47'W
Jamestown Harbour, Accra.....	5°31'N, 0°12'W
Kafaba ⁵	8°29'N, 0°44'W
Kazarako (Kayereku), Denkera region.....	5°36'N, 1°38'W
Klouto, Togo.....	6°57'N, 0°34'E
Korle river mouth, Accra.....	5°31'N, 0°13'W
Kpota.....	6°17'N, 0°48'E
Kulnaba (or Kologo), S of Navrongo (Hall 1980).....	10°44'N, 1°5'W
Kulpawn–White Volta confluence.....	10°29'N, 1°4'W
Kwissa (Kwisa).....	6°17'N, 1°30'W
Kwobia (Kpabiya) ⁶	9°15'N, 0°15'W
Labadi beach, Accra.....	5°33'N, 0°9'W
Lartey (Lateh).....	5°56'N, 0°4'W
Madina, Legon.....	5°41'N, 0°10'W
Mamfe.....	5°56'N, 0°7'W
Monse hills (Kunsimua hill) ⁷	6°10'N, 1°26'W
Muni lagoon (Muni-Pomadze), Winneba.....	5°19'N, 0°40'W
Navasco (Navrongo secondary school).....	10°55'N, 1°3'W
Ningo hill.....	6°3'N, 0°11'E
Osu, Accra.....	5°32'N, 0°11'W
Oti (Otti) lake, Dumbai.....	8°4'N, 0°14'E
Panbros salt pans.....	5°31'N, 0°19'W
Pra Anum FR.....	6°15'N, 1°10'W
Quamin-fio ⁸	Not precisely located

Songaw (Songor) lagoon	5°49'N, 0°28'E
Tampiong reservoir.....	9°35'N, 0°40'W
Techiman	7°35'N, 1°56'W
Tesano, Accra.....	5°33'N, 0°13'W
Totope, near Songor lagoon.....	5°46'N, 0°33'E
Volta river mouth.....	5°45'N, 0°40'E

¹Abrobonko is the type locality of *Artomyias ussheri*, collected by Mosse on 14 Jan 1871. The locality was well-known at the time; Shelley & Buckley (1872, p. 282) wrote of the roads out of Cape Coast: “the other, leaving the town westward, leads to Denkera, by way of Abrobonko and Bula” (the last place not traced). Abrobonko is between Cape Coast and Elmina, on the lower Sweet (Kakum) river (M. LeCroy *in litt.*), the mouth of which is at 5°6'N, 1°19'W.

²Akwapim (Aguapim) is an extensive area of escarpment. Grimes (1987) mentioned it in his gazetteer under Akropong. “Akwapim”, without elaboration, was the type locality of *Dendropicos gabonensis lugubris* and *Ceyx lecontei ruficeps*, both described by Hartlaub. Collections were made by Basel missionaries based at Akropong, and it is likely that all records from that period relate to the Akropong area.

³Denkera was an important collecting area and the type locality of *Bostrychia rara*, *Bubo shelleyi*, *Apaloderma narina constantia*, *Zoothera p. princei*, *Onychognathus fulgidus harterti*, *Parmoptila r. rubrifrons* and *Malimbus scutatus rubroperonatus*. Grimes (1987, p. 15) suggested that Denkera “almost certainly refers to the area inland from the coast, bordering the Ivory Coast and stretching as far north as Wiawso, through which the river Tano flows”. I believe this situates Denkera too far west. In 1870–1, when S.T.D. Aubinn collected the above birds for H.T. Ussher, the latter was Administrator, based at Cape Coast. Denkyira was a region of the Akan empire, centred on the gold-rich area inland from and essentially north of Elmina (see Bannerman 1948, p. 115 footnote, and Fage 1992, p. 137). The holotype of *O. f. harterti* is from Fort Denkera, Fantee, and the holotype of *B. rara* is labelled from the “Orfee” river, Denkera. These two would seem to be from the area of Dunkwa, on the Offin river. For practical purposes, therefore, “Denkera” can be taken as the region centred on Dunkwa at 5°59'N, 1°45'W. Support for this comes from another collecting locality of that period, namely Kazeraku (Keyeraku), at 56°N, 1°38'W, midway between Cape Coast and Dunkwa, on the road taken in those days to the gold mines further north.

⁴Denkera was in “the interior of Fanti” (or Fantee), itself the type locality of some 25 avian taxa. Fante was originally a kingdom around Mankesim, just east of Saltpond. In 1868 an enlarged Fante Confederation was founded there (Fage 1992), while Ussher was Administrator. “Fanti” as understood by Ussher can thus be considered to be the region inland from Cape Coast and Elmina, within which the present-day Kakum National Park and other protected areas preserve much of the forest environment.

⁵Kafaba is further north than the Akwapim Hills, the area suggested by Grimes (1987: *Campethera cailliautii*).

⁶Kwobia is the type locality of *Glaucidium perlatum albiventer*, collected by Boyd Alexander, whose account (Alexander 1902, see map p. 279) shows that his Kwobia is what is today Kpabiya, and not to be confused with Kwobirra at 9°44'N, 1°6'W).

⁷Monse hills. This is another of Boyd Alexander's collecting localities, shown on his map, and clearly what is also known as Kunsimua hill, near Kwissa.

⁸Quamin-fio was some 10 miles inland from Accra, whence recorded *Caprimulgus natalensis* amongst other species (Shelley & Buckley 1872, p. 285); it is perhaps the same as Kwaman at 5°47'N, 0°10'W.

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