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Columba iriditorques, recorded by Walsh in Guinea, but rather C. malherbi, which is restricted to the Gulf of Guinea islands of Sao Tome, Principe and Pagalu. In an attempt to avoid this confusion, we actually listed the species as the "Gulf of Guinea Bronze-naped Pigeon". We hope that this clarifies the situation.

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N.J. Collar, ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DL, England.

WALSH REPLIES - Stuart and Collar's criticism is quite correct. The error arose owing to my use of Serle, W., Morel, G.J. & Hartwig, W. (1977, A Field Guide to the Birds of West Africa, Collins, London), who follow White (C.M.N., 1965, Revised Checklist of African Non-Passerine Birds, Lusaka, Gov. Printer.) in considering iriditorques as a subspecies of malherbi. It should be pointed out that Cheke, R.A., Walsh J.F. & Sowah, S.A. (1986, Malimbus 8: 51-72) made the same mistake in their discussion.

J.F. Walsh, OMS/ONCHO, B.P. 36, Kara, Togo.

CORRIGENDUM

Walsh: 1987: Malimbus 9: 105-121.

Page 120, paragraph 1, line 8: after "was regularly" insert "seen in the Sassandra basin. This spectacular species is now rarely"...

BIRDS OF THE UPPER LIMPOPO RIVER VALLEY by D. H Day, 1987, Southern Birds 14, pp 76, 13 figs, ISBN 0-620-10489-9. SA R6.00, from PO Box 650284, Benmore 2010, RSA.

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THE BIRDS OF AFRICA, VOL. 2. Ed by E.K. Urban, C.H. Fry & S. Keith. 1986. 552pp. Academic Press, London. £71.50 ISBN 0-12-137302-9.

The second volume of this important work will be welcomed by all concerned with African birds, apart from its price! It is much easier to review the first volume of a major work and presumably all subsequent