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Short Notes — Notes Courtes

Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsobalito*, new to Cameroon and W Africa

On 11 February 1993, T. Edwards, I. Lewis and I saw two barbets near the bungalows of the Campement de Waza at Waza National Park in N Cameroon (11°25'N, 14°35'E). They were perched in the open, 6 m up in a small, bare tree, and were easily identified as Black-billed Barbets *Lybius guifsobalito*, a species with which I am familiar in E Africa, by their overall black plumage, red face and breast, yellow edges to the flight feathers, and thick, black bill. They were watched for several minutes at a distance of c. 15 m before they flew off. No calls were heard. They were not seen again.

The known range of the species extends from SE Sudan and Eritrea, south to NE Zaire, Uganda, W Kenya and NW Tanzania (Fry *et al.* 1988, Lewis & Pomeroy 1989, Speir 1990). Neither Louette (1981) nor Dowsett (1993) give any records of Black-billed Barbets in Cameroon or W Africa. This observation therefore appears to be the first for the region and was made at least 1800 km west of the species' previously known distribution. The species appears to be extending its range, having been first recorded in Kenya in 1965 and in Tanzania in 1990 (Britton 1980, Speir 1990).

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