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SEVEN NEW SPECIES FOR CONAKRY, CHINEA - In what appears to be the first paper on the birds of Conakry and environs, Republic of Guinea, D.K. Richards (Malimbus 4: 93-103) describes observations on 178 species made during the course of nine months residence there from 1979 to 1981. I spent the period 12-26 March 1984 in Conakry and observed birds for 13 hours. Most of my observations were made near the Grand Hotel de l'Indépendance, at the extreme southwest tip of the peninsula, an area where Richards apparently made no observations. I also paid a short visit to an area of secondary forest some 25 km northeast of the hotel.

I saw 55 species. My notes on most of these birds correspond well with what was reported by Richards. But I identified seven species which are not mentioned or were not certainly identified by him; they are:

Falco peregrinus One around the hotel on 13 March.

Sterna sandvicensis A total of 11 identified from 16 to 25 March, resting on the shore or fishing over the ocean. All the black-beaked terms seen closely had a yellow tip to the beak. I saw no example of Sterna nilotica. though Richards assessed it as the commonest term in the area.

Sterna nigra 13 seen in small parties off-shore on 16 and 17 March.

Hirundo daurica Three hawking around the hotel and resting on wires with H. rustica on 25 March.

Laniarius ferrugineus A single bird in secondary forest on 18 March. Ptilostomus afer About 15 in two localities in the city of Conakry on 18 March.

Ficidula hypoleuca One in secondary forest on 18 March.