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Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*, a new bird for Gabon

On 19 August 1993, I saw two small warblers high in the canopy of a patch of primary forest, along the roadside on route N4, about 1 km west of Bokaboka, Ogooué-Ivindo province, Gabon (*c.* 0°58'N, 13°45'E). I recognised them as Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*, a species with which I am familiar from East Africa. My companions, N. Gardner, A. Hatfield, B. Reed and R. Webb, all agreed with the identification. The male showed a jet black head and throat with a broad white moustachial stripe, bright yellow underparts and olive-green upperparts with white edges to the secondaries and tertials; its graduated tail was black with small white tips. The female was similar but duller, with a greyish head and throat. The combination of yellow underparts, white edges to the inner remiges and broad moustachial stripe eliminated the superficially similar Masked Apalis *A. binotata*, which is known to occur in the area.

Black-throated Apalis is not listed for Gabon by Dowsett (1993) and this would appear to be the first record for the country. The occurrence of this species in Gabon is not altogether surprising as birds of the nominate race *jacksoni* have been obtained from the Dja River area, Cameroon (Louette 1981) and the species has recently been recorded in the Odzala National Park, Congo (R.J. Dowsett *in litt.*).

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Description des œufs et du nid de la Prinia aquatique *Prinia fluviatilis*

Ce n'est qu'en 1974 que Chappuis proposa de scinder *Prinia subflava* en deux espèces: la Prinia aquatique *P. fluviatilis* et la Prinia modeste *P. subflava*, sur la base de différences d'habitat, de morphologie et de vocalisations (Chappuis 1974), mais les deux espèces ont seulement été décrites quelques années plus tard (Chappuis *et al.* 1989, 1993).

Les observations sur la nidification de *Prinia subflava* (c'est-à-dire de *fluviatilis* et de *subflava* confondus) sont nombreuses mais il est quasiment impossible de savoir