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Additions to Local Avifaunas.

- Ibadan Podica senegalensis Finfoot : one on the University fishpond on 30th June 1966.
- Stercorarius sp. Skua: One was seen flying with Black Kites Milvus migrans and resting on the roof of the University College Hospital, Ibadan, some time in mid-winter of 1965-66.
- Monticola solitarius Blue Rock-Thrush : a male was seen at the Shasha Forest rest-house off the Ibadan-Ife road in January 1966. S.G.Cowper
- Tringa Totanus Redshank : 1 Eleiyele Reservoir 24th April 1965.
- T. nebularia Greenshank : small numbers during April and May at Eleiyele Reservoir. During the autumn migration period the reservoir is flooded and feeding areas are much restricted.
- Scopelus aterrimus Lesser Wood-Hoopoe : 2 in Cassava gardens adjacent to the University of Ife (Ibadan) campus on 15th March 1967.
- Cuculus gularis Yellow-billed Cuckoo : several seen and heard in the vicinity of Eleiyele Reservoir on 16th and 18th April 1967.
- Pitta angolensis Angola Pitta : a live adult was brought to the University of Ife Zoology Department by C. Everard in March 1967. It was reportedly caught in the vicinity of Moor Plantation, Ibadan.
- Supplementary Records 1967.
- Tringa erythropus Dusky Redshank : 1 Eleiyele Reservoir 16th April/
Crecopsis egregia African Crake : a bird was knocked down by a motorbike near the University of Ife (Ibadan) campus on 7th August 1966. It was later examined by me.
- Lissotis melanogaster Black-bellied Bustard : A female was shot on the University of Ife farm on 19th March 1967. Local shooters have reported sightings during the dry season of birds which could only have been small bustards, of ? this species. D.R.Wells
- Plateau Province over 3000 ft. Butastur rufipennis Grasshopper Buzzard : 1 near Kigom on 16th April 1967. J.Lang & P.J.E.Woods
- Caprimulgus europaeus European Nightjar : (see p. 38).
- Muscicapa gambagae gambagae Gambaga Dusky Flycatcher : On 22nd November 1965 one specimen was netted in my garden in Vom. Measurements were as follows : wing 72 mm; bill 13; tarsus 15; tail 58; weight 11.0 gms. The bird was ringed, and was recaptured two days later. V.W.Smith
- Topo Island The following records are new or supplementary ; all were made on a visit on 24th January 1967 :
- Sterna sandvicensis Sandwich Tern : 3.
- Numenius arquata Curlew : 1.
- Crocethia alba Sanderling : 1.
- Larus fuscus Lesser Black-backed Gull : about 300. F.Walsh
- Zaria The additions of White Stork, Cuckoo-Falcon and White-bellied Kingfisher to the Zaria list are noted on pp. 37 and 38. It is

worth noticing here that a Narina Trogon Apaloderma narina was seen by R.E.Sharland at Dan Gora wood, 55 miles north-east of Zaria near the Kano road on 23rd May 1967. Dan Gora lies a little outside what I have defined for listing purposes as the Zaria area.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Mr P.L.Britton, c/o Balovale Secondary School, P.O.Box 22, Balovale, Zambia, is anxious to obtain weight data on Pycnonotus barbatus the Common Bulbul in Nigeria and elsewhere. With any available weights he would appreciate ancillary information - locality, date, time, age, sex and measurements.