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The following notes were taken from visits to the bund which runs from Turnbull Road, Ikoyi to Ikoyi Park. Observations of the Palearctic species are fairly comprehensive, but Ethiopian species mentioned are not as I am not yet familiar with the fauna. Visits were made on the following dates: October 7th, 21st, 24th, 26th; November 6th, 13th, 23rd, 26th, and 29th.

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*): one usually present.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*): seven on 7th October, single birds 20th October, 6th November, and 26th November.

Green-backed Heron (*Butorides striatus*): at least three always present.

Black Crake (*Limnocorax flavirostra*): at least five.

White-fronted Sandplover (*Leucopoliis marginatus*): one 24th October, one 23rd November.

Grey Plover (*Squatarola squatarola*): one to three most days.

Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*): 26 bird/days, Maximum ten on 26 October.

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*): 112 bird/days with peak 40 on 24th October.

Little Stint (*Erolia minuta*): noted from 21st October to 6th November, 46 bird/days with peak of 21 on 26th October. A single bird with an injured wing present on 26th November.

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*): thirty-six bird/days, birds being noted from 24th October.

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*): single birds 26th October and 6th November.

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*): single birds 7th October, 26th, and 6th November.

Greenshank (*Glottis nebularius*): nineteen bird/days.

Marsh Sandpiper (*Glottis stagnatilis*): one 26th October.

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*): two on 7th October, one on 24th, three on 26th. One 20th November in the mangroves of Victoria Island. One 23rd November and two 29th.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*): a few always present in the mangroves. 88 bird/days recorded.

Red-eyed Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*): roosts regularly in the bushes.

Red-billed Wood-Dove (*Turtur afer*): present in small numbers.

White-throated Bee-eater (*Aerops albicollis*): present from 6th November. Maximum of eight.

Yellow Wagtail (*Budytes flava*): two from 26th October onwards.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*): one 6th November.

Scarlet-spectacled Flycatcher (*Platysteira cyanea*): observed on two occasions.

Blue Fairy Flycatcher (*Erannornis longicauda*): noted twice.

Bell Shrike (Lanius ferrugineus): one 21st October.

Purple Glossy Starling (Lamprocolius purpureus): single bird noted.

Splendid Glossy Starling (Lamprocolius splendidus): a party roosts regularly in the trees.

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LIGHTHOUSE BEACH, TARKWA, LAGOS.

The following notes were made from visits to Lighthouse Beach during the first two months of my stay in Lagos. Visits were made on September 24th, 30th, October 1st, 14th, 15th, 22nd, 28th, 29th and November 5th, 19th and 25th.

White-fronted Sandplover (Leucopoliis marginatus): present most days, maximum 15 on weekend 14/15 October.

Grey Plover (Squatarola squatarola): present on most days, maximum five on 19th November.

Ringed Plover (Charadrius hiaticula): single birds 22nd October and 19th November.

Little Stint (Erolia minuta): one 5th November.

Knot (Calidris canutus): five on 1st October, two on 22nd October, one 19th November.

Sanderling (Crocethia alba): up to 120 recorded in the first two miles of the beach from the surfing end.

Turnstone (Arenaria interpres): one 14 and 15th October, and one 22nd.

Common Sandpiper (Actitis hypoleucos): up to 10 most days.

Greenshank (Glottis nebularius): up to five throughout the period.

Bar-tailed Godwit (Limosa lapponica): two on 30th September, one 1st October, ten 14th/15th October, one 22nd October.

Whimbrel (Numenius phaeopus): peak of 400 on 30th September; 100 on weekend 14th/15th October, 15 on 22nd, and handfuls thereafter.

Grey Pratincole (Galachrysis cinerea): one on 1st October, 18 on 14th/15th.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (Larus fuscus): up to 150 immatures present on the shore throughout the period.

Sabine's Gull (Xema sabini): on 25th November an adult bird was observed in the tern flock on the shore at the Tarkwa end on the beach. It was first noticed as a small gull, rather less than the size of the Sandwich Terns but taller; colouration white except for a grey mantle, black primaries with no mirrors, white head, which shaded into greyish with a blurry collar, not as sharp as a juvenile Kittiwake's. Head very rounded, like a small Common Gull's. Bill and legs colourless greyish brown with a very obvious white mark on the tip of the upper mandible. It was watched for about two minutes at close range through x 10 binoculars.