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News & Letters — Nouvelles & Lettres

Information on cuckoos and turacos requested

We are working on a new monograph, "Cuckoos and Turacos of the World", including anis, roadrunners, couas and coucals. The work will summarize published and unpublished information for each species in this surprisingly little known order, never before monographed. Colour plates will depict each species and a bibliography of the group will be compiled. An inventory, in electronic format, of museum holdings of type specimens and study skins will be released with the work.

We should welcome any published or unpublished information, trip reports or field observations of *e.g.* habitat preferences, identification tips, vagrancy, mortality, vocalizations, behaviour, diet, breeding, parasitic behaviour and juvenile plumages. Particularly useful would be information on the current status of cuckoo populations throughout the world and threats to their continued survival. Details of captive birds are also welcome.

Photographs loaned for reference will be returned in due course and all contributions will be gratefully acknowledged in the work. Please send information to:

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Request for records from the Republic of Benin

I am presently compiling a revised and annotated checklist for the Republic of Benin. I have had access to known published sources going back to the last century but I should be very happy to include unpublished records from those who have spent time in Benin (formerly Dahomey). These will be fully acknowledged in the publication.

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