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REICHENBACH'S SUNBIRD *Nectarinia reichenbachii* NEW TO IVORY COAST - During a brief visit to Ivory Coast in September-October 1983 I saw single examples of what could only have been male Reichenbach's Sunbirds *Nectarinia reichenbachii*, at two localities 10 km apart. The first was a fleeting and unsatisfactory view in the newly-established Parc National d'Azagny, at the western end of Ebrié lagoon which extends for some 90 km west of Abidjan; the second, a week later, was at Grand-Lahou, 05°09'N, 05°01'W on Bandama River. The first bird was with Collared Sunbirds *Anthreptes collaris*, Olive Sunbirds *N. olivacea* and Olive-bellied Sunbirds *N. chloropygia* in scattered trees and shrubs in a grassy area near thick forest; the second one, which gave much better views, was in flowering trees in a hotel garden. It had metallic blue head and throat, olive green upperparts, grey breast, and yellow on the belly and undertail coverts. This combination of features rules out *A. collaris*, the Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *N. cyanolaema* and the Yellow-bellied Sunbird *N. venusta*, the most similar species which occur in Ivory Coast.

Reichenbach's Sunbird occurs sparsely throughout the Congo basin, is locally common in Gabon and Cameroon (Serle & Morel 1977), a "very local not uncommon resident" near rivers, lagoons and gardens in south Nigeria (Elgood, *The Birds of Nigeria*, 1982), and occurs sparingly in Ghana (Serle & Morel 1977), but has not been reported hitherto in Ivory Coast (Thiollay, 1985 *Malimbus* 7).

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ORIOLE RABBLER *Hypergerus atriceps* NEAR COAST OF IVORY COAST - During a visit to Parc National d'Azagny in October 1983 I came across several Oriole babblers *Hypergerus atriceps* in heavy forest with clearings. The Parc is on the coast of Ivory Coast, in the forest zone 90 km west of Abidjan. Thiollay (1985, *Malimbus* 7: 45) states that the species is widespread in Ivory Coast north of 07°30'N and rarer south to Lamto, 06°13'N.

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RINGING IN NIGERIA 1984 - No ringing was carried out in 1984 but three recoveries were reported:

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

Ringed 5 February 1978, Kazaure (Nigeria) 12°40'N, 08°25'E

Shot 14 August 1978, Dunai River, Odessa (USSR) 45°20'N, 29°40'E

House Martin *Delichon urbica*

Ringed 10 September 1983, Rye Meads (UK) 51°47'N, 0°0'E

Caught by child 26 February 1984, Ikwo (Nigeria) 06°05'N 08°06'E

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Ringed 6 February 1973, Vom (Nigeria) 09°50'N, 08°50'E

Caught by cat 22 July 1980, Malaska, Oulu (Finland) 64°24'N 26°20'E

Ringed 8 March 1977, Kano (Nigeria) 12°00'N, 08°32'E

Found dead 16 July 1981, Kozellets, Chernigov (USSR) 50°55'N, 31°00'E  
(4787 km, 1591 days).

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