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FOODS OF SOME CAMEROONIAN BIRDS - The following records were made in Cameroon during 1974-75 at the sites described on page 133. Site numbers (see map, page 134) are in parenthesis after the dates.

Polyboroides radiatus - December 74 (7), nuts of oil palm (Elaeis guineensis).  
Milvus migrans - May 74 (1), live mouse; April 74 (2), carcass of guinea fowl.

Numida meleagris - July 75 (1), swarming termites.

Treron waalia - July 75 (1), Celtis interifolia fruit; May 75 (4), Ficus sp. fruit.

Poicephalus senegalus - July 74 and May 75 (4), Lannea sp. fruit; January 75 (4), Combretum paniculatum flowers.

Psittacus erithacus - October 74 (7), Dacryodes edulis fruit; December 74 (7), nuts of oil palm (Elaeis guineensis).

Musophaga violacea - February 75 (4), Combretum sp. seed; April 75 (4), Ficus fruit.

Crinifer piscator - July 75 (4), Lannea fruit.

Corythaecola cristata - December 74 (7), Canthium fruit.

Tockus erythrorhynchus - March 75 (1), steadily worked an area of woodland floor, turning aside dry grass, wood, elephant boli, etc. to harvest invertebrates.

Lybius dubius - February 75 (4), Diospyros mesipiliformis fruit.

L. leucocephalus - March 75 (1), Ficus fruit.

Cinnyricinclus leucogaster - July 74 (4), Lannea fruit.

Ptilostomus afer - June 75 (4), termites in thin, earth tunnels on a tree-trunk.

Pycnonotus barbatus - July 75 (1), Boscia senegalensis fruit; February 75 (4), Celtis interifolia flowers; November 74 (7), Ficus fruit.

Ixonotus guttatus - December 74 (7), Ficus fruit.

Antheptes collaris - October 74 (7), a female feeding on caterpillars shook each one against a branch before eating it.

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HARASSMENT OF MONKEYS BY CAMEROONIAN BIRDS - During studies of the Green Monkey Cercopithecus aethiops tantalus in le Parc National de la Benoue (see pp. 133f.), three species of birds were observed to make diving attacks on the monkeys.

Throughout the latter part of April and early May 1975, drongos Dicrurus adsimilis frequently made diving attacks when the monkeys were walking or foraging in open woodland. These attacks were always accompanied by harsh cries, and the birds occasionally struck the monkeys on the head or shoulders. The monkeys sometimes flinched, but otherwise paid little attention to the attacks. So characteristic was the drongos' reaction to the monkeys, that I often used their cries to locate my study group. On one occasion, a female monkey that had wandered away from the main body of the group did likewise when she appeared to be alerted by the cries of the drongos. She climbed onto a termite mound, looked in their direction and then headed off towards the other monkeys.