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Gymnobucco peli Bristle-nosed Bar Pogoniulus leucolaima Lemon-rumped Tink Indicator minor Lesser Honey-guid Moloney's Akalat Phylloscopus sibilatrix Wood Warbler Apalis rufogularis Slate-breasted For Eremomela badiceps Rufous-crowned Er Lamprocolius purpureus Purple Glossy State-throated Brownitra cyanolaema Blue-throated Brownitra Cyanolaema

Bristle-nosed Barbet Occasional, Ipake For.
Lemon-rumped Tinker-Bird Frequent.
Lesser Honey-guide Occasional, Ipake.
Moloney's Akalat Netted Ipake, 6.vi.65
Wood Warbler Occasional dry season, Ipake
Slate-breasted Forest-Warbler Frequent, Ipake.
Rufous-crowned Eremomela Frequent /college.
Purple Glossy Starling Dry season, Egbado
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird Occasional, Ipake.

Status re-assessments:

Gymnogenys typicus W. fr. Harrier-Hawk Frequent all year round. Corythornis leucogaster White-bellied Kingfisher Rare, Ipake. Halcyon leucocephala Grey-headed Kingfisher Occasional, dry season. Lophoceros camurus Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill Frequent. Illadopsis rufescens Rufous-winged Akalat Delete - most definitely I.rufipennis.

Saxicola rubetra Whinchat Frequent, dry season 1964/5. /season. Campephaga phoenicoa Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike Occasional, dry Chaunonotus sabini Sabine's Puff-backed Shrike Frequent.

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Plateau Province Over 3,000 ft. An adult Skimmer Rynchops flavirostris was watched at Pan Yam Fish-farm, Plateau, on 11th April 1965.

D. Ebbutt

Malamfatori, Lake Chad. Five additional species have been observed in the Malamfatori area since April, 1965 (see Bull. N.O.S. #: 7-15 & 5: 18-19). These are:

Leucopolius marginatus White-fronted Sand-Plover - up to 5 on the sandy shores of Lake Chad near Malamfatori between 26th May and 4th June 1965.

Arenaria interpres Turnstone - one flying northwards up the lake shore on 1st January 1965.

Phyllolais pulchella Acacia Warbler - about 4 in Acacia nilotica woodland on the banks of the Komodougu Yobe near Yo. We have also seen this species on several occasions in A. raddiana woodland near Kukawa and in A. sayel near Maiduguri. P. pulchella appears to be thinly but widely distributed in suitable habitats throughout the Sudan and Sahel savannahs of North-East Bornu. It may be of interest to add that the focus of distribution of this species lies to the East in the Sudan and Abyssinia and that Bornu apparently lies to the extreme West of its range.

Dicruruw adsimilis Glossy-backed Drongo - one in Acacia raddiana bush near Arege on 14th May 1965. D. adsimilis has been seen regularly in the more wooded portions of the Sahel savannah between Kukawa and Arege. It has been observed at all seasons of the year and is probably resident. The present record is the furthest North that we have seen the species in Bornu and the first time it has appeared in the Malamfatori area which is 13° 30' N. and probably lies at the extreme northern limit of its range.