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Preponderance of records from December onwards is of interest. It indicates (a) that Ibadan lies off the autumn migration route or (b) that, due either to late migration from the breeding range (Hartert's record in Bannerman, 1933, for the Bilma Oasis 350 miles North of Lake Chad, was for early December), or slow filtering movements within the winter range, the southern limits of this range are not reached until late in the season.

Smith (Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. 6 : 26-34 and erratum 7 : 84) has recorded migrants at Vom, again with no records before December and with a preponderance of records during the latter half of March. He also mentions a December record from Sokoto. The identity of a scops owl seen by the author catching insects round a light at Shaganu in Ilorin Province on 27th December 1965 was not ascertained. Apparently the earliest record in winter is Fry's (Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc. 4 1965 : 2-5) of one netted in Sokoto Province on 30th November, 1964.

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#### BIRDS OF ILESHA

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( The authors have deposited with the Editor a full account of the birds observed by them at Ilesha, 75 miles East by North of Ibadan, in Oyo Province, during twelve months from December 1963. The area is a mosaic of savannah and forest similar to that described by Elgood & Sibley (1964) for Ibadan, and all the species noted by the Robinsons were recorded also, and in similar seasons and abundance, by Elgood & Sibley. Thus only a few records are given in full below, the remaining species being check-listed. - Editor).

To the West of Ilesha the country is broken with rocky outcrops and intermittent farmed valleys, and to the North there are large cultivated areas in savannah; otherwise the country is "derived forest". Most observations were made on the New Reservation, a ½-mile square area of gardens surrounded by farmland.

Tambourine Dove Tympanistra tympanistra. A single record, in March.

Senegal Coucal Centropus senegalensis A nestling brought to us by a farmer in August.

Standard-winged Nightjar, Macrodipteryx longipennis Resident.

Grey-headed Kingfisher Halcyon leucocephala Resident; very frequent.

Buff-headed Wood-Hoopoe Phoeniculus bollei Resident and observed frequently, usually in the mornings.

Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata Single birds seen occasionally in January 1965.

Woodchat Lanius senator Single birds noted occasionally in December and January.

Red-headed Dioch Quelea erythroptera One male seen in June, feeding in the compound; the red head of the breeding plumage being just discernible.

Red-bellied Weaver / Ibadan Malimbe Malimbus erythrogaster / ibadanensis One seen in farmland in January. If the former species, this record would represent a considerable extension of range to the North-West; if the latter, which seems more probable, a small extension in the range of this little-known malimbe to the East.

<u>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</u>	<u>Hirundo aethiopica</u>
<u>Elanus caeruleus</u>	<u>Dicrurus adsimilis</u>
<u>Accipiter badius</u>	<u>Corvinella corvina</u>
<u>Turtur afer</u>	<u>Laniarius ferrugineus</u>
<u>Stroptopelia semitorquata</u>	<u>Oriolus nigripennis</u>
<u>Lampromorpha caprius</u>	<u>Corvus albus</u>
<u>Lampromorpha klasi</u>	<u>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</u>
<u>Halcyon senegalensis</u>	<u>Zosterops senegalensis</u>
<u>Ispidina picta</u>	<u>Cinnyris coccinigaster</u>
<u>Aerops albicollis</u>	<u>Cinnyris chloropygius</u>
<u>Lophoceros semifasciatus</u>	<u>Cinnyris cupreus</u>
<u>Lophoceros nasutus</u>	<u>Cyanomitra olivacea</u>
<u>Gymnobucco calvus</u>	<u>Anthreptes collaris</u>
<u>Mesopicos goertae</u>	<u>Passer griseus</u>
<u>Crinifer piscator</u>	<u>Coliuspasser macrourus</u>
<u>Budytes flavus</u>	<u>Cinnamoptyx castaneofuscus</u>
<u>Motacilla aguimp</u>	<u>Malimbus rubricollis</u>
<u>Anthus leucophrys</u>	<u>Malimbus scutatus</u>
<u>Pycnonotus barbatus</u>	<u>Malimbus nitens</u>
<u>Tchitreia smithii</u>	<u>Vidua macroura</u>
<u>Saxicola rubetra</u>	<u>Estrilda melpoda</u>
<u>Turdus libonyanus</u>	<u>Nigrita canicapilla</u>
<u>Cameroptera brevicaudata</u>	<u>Hypochera chalybeata</u>
<u>Phylloscopus trochilus</u>	<u>Spermestes poensis</u>
<u>Hirundo rustica</u>	<u>Spermestes cucullatus</u>

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