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		1964	Total to date
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	15	25
Chiffchaff	<i>Ph. collybita</i>	1	1
Wood Warbler	<i>Ph. sibilatrix</i>	3	6
Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Ph. bonelli</i>	1	1
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscica striata</i>	56	72
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	39	109
Collared Flycatcher	<i>F. albicollis</i>	4	13
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	-	3
Tree Pipit	<i>A. trivialis</i>	26	39
Red-throated Pipit	<i>A. cervinus</i>	-	117
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	14
Yellow wagtails	<i>Budytes f. flavus</i>	3,227	7,261
	<i>B.f. thunbergi</i>	4	17
	<i>B.f. faldegg</i>	1	7
	<i>B.f. superciliaris</i>	1	1
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	4
Isabelline Shrike	<i>L. isabellinus</i>	-	1
Crotolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	2	2
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	-	58
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	54 species	3,754	10,100
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Non-palaeartic-migrants	136 species	101	4,520
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GRAND TOTAL	190 species	3,855	14,620

#### A WEEK AT BOKKOS

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Bokkos (9° 20' N., 9° 00' E.) lies at the southern end of the Jos Plateau, at an altitude of just over 4,000 ft. Although within the area covered by the 'Provisional Check-list of the Birds of the Plateau Province over 3,000 feet' (Ebbutt et al., Bull. N.O.S. 1964) these notes may be of interest because they were made during one week (27th September to 4th October, 1964) at a time when there was a considerable movement of migrants. Breeding notes on some of the species have also been included.

The countryside is open grassland, favoured by the Fulani for grazing their cattle; rocky outcrops predominate. The main areas covered were approximately two miles radius of Bokkos and Daffo (11 miles West), and the road between these two villages.

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*. Brood of half-grown ducklings on river.

Harriers *Circus* sp. None seen.

Bush Fowl *Francolinus bicalcaratus*. One killed contained a shelled egg.

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*. One female seen; from its anxious behaviour, it seemed to have a nest or young nearby.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*. Few seen on river.

Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus. One seen on marshy ground.

European Swift Micropus apus. 3 moving South on late afternoon of 1st October.

Little Swift Colletoptera affinis. About half a dozen pairs feeding young in nests in Bokkos rest-house garage.

White-throated Bee-eater Amrops albicollis. Flock of about 30 passing southwards high up on 2nd October.

Red-capped Lark Calandrella cinerea. Two pairs in the vicinity of Bokkos rest-house, showing imminent signs of breeding; one bird seen carrying grass.

Blue-headed Wagtail Budytes flavus flavus. None seen until 3rd October (the author was working with cattle every day and can be emphatic on this point). On 3rd October, flocks, about 30 in each, were seen with two herds of cattle about 5 miles West of Bokkos. The following day some were seen with cattle at Barakin Ladi (about 20 miles North), but there were none with cattle in the Vom area (about 40 miles North) or at a known wagtail roost near Vom until 9th October. All birds seen at Bokkos appeared to be of the race given above.

Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca. One seen in bushes and stunted trees at Bokkos rest-house on 2nd October, and during the afternoon was seen to fly boldly off southwards until out of sight.

Bheatear Oenanthe oenanthe. None seen.

Whinchat Saxicola rubetra. There was always one in the cover at Bokkos rest-house. On 29th September one was mist-netted at the rest-house and ringed. This bird was recaptured on 30th, with another which was also ringed. Both had moved elsewhere by 1st October, their place being taken by unringed birds. In the surrounding grassland, numbers increased considerably on 3rd October, every little vantage point being occupied by a Whinchat.

European Swallow Hirundo rustica. A few were seen on passage.

Woodchat Lanius senator. None seen.

Copper Sunbird Cinnyris cupreus. A pair were nesting in thick vegetation in a very deep water-course. No nest was found, but the female was seen twice carrying food.

Yellow-fronted Canary Serinus mozambicus. One of a pair was watched building a very delicate cup in a fork of a low bush along the Richa road on 3rd October.

In addition to the species which have been listed above, the following species were seen or heard at least once during the week. Species which were regularly seen and well distributed are indicated by 'X'.

7. Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	
Hammerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trionoceph occipitalis</i>	
Common Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	X
Lanner	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	X
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
Bataleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	
Red-tailed Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	
Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	
Rock Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>	
Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	
Senegal Wattle Plover	<i>Afribyx senegallus</i>	
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	X
Adamawa Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia hypopyrrhus</i>	
Red-eyed Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	X
Laughing Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i>	
Spotted Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	
Didric Cuckoo	<i>Lampromorpha caprius</i>	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	
Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	X
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	
Senegal Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	
Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	
Black-throated Honey-guide	<i>Indiactor indicator</i>	
Buckley's Bush-Lark	<i>Mirafra buckleyi</i>	X
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	X
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	
Yellow-throated Leaf-love	<i>Pyrrhurus flavicollis</i>	
Red-tailed Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	
Ant-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i>	X
Fantail Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	
Rock-loving Grass-Warbler	<i>Cisticola emini</i>	X
Rufous Grass-Warbler	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	X
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo rufula</i>	X
Bell-Shrike	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	X
Yellow-billed Oxpecker,	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	X
Rock Bunting	<i>Fringillaria tahapisi</i>	X
Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	X
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus itagra cucullatus</i>	X
Orange Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	X
Yellow-mantle Whydah	<i>Coliuspasser macrourus</i>	X
Long-tailed Black Whydah	<i>Coliuspasser ardens</i>	
Bronze Mannakin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	X
Quail Finch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	X
Red-cheeked Gordon-blen	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	X
Combassou sp.	<i>Hypochera sp.</i>	
Pintailed Whydah	<i>Videa macroura</i>	

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BY STALKING

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Finding photography 'at the nest' almost an impossibility in this country, firstly for lack of time, and secondly because of the insecurity of hides, the very presence of materials proving attractive to the local population, I decided to try the stalking method.