

A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE BIRDS OF BANGKOK.

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The following list, comprising 127 species, is the result of observations made, and specimens procured, during several years of desultory study of the bird-life of Bangkok, followed by a year of more systematic collecting since the formation of the Society.

The numbers marked with an asterisk (*) relate to species of which either no specimens have been obtained (although the occurrence of the birds is believed to be tolerably certain) or of which the identification has not yet been definitely established. These birds are eight in number and it is hoped that members will endeavour to assist in clearing up the doubts regarding them by procuring and examining specimens. I shall be very glad to undertake the examination of these or any other birds which may be sent to me, as to the identity of which members may be uncertain.

The numbers in brackets are those of the same birds in Oates' and Blanford's volumes in the *Fauna of British India*, and both the classification and the nomenclature are also taken from that work.

The list is, doubtless, still far from complete, as a number of additions have been made to it even during the last few weeks, almost up to the date of going to press. Any new birds which members may be able to procure will be duly acknowledged and incorporated in the serial paper, which I hope to commence in the next number of the Journal, giving some account of the appearance, habits, &c., of the birds of this locality.

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ORDER—PASSERES.

FAMILY *Corvidae*—CROWS.

- 1 (4) *Corvus macrorhynchos*. The Jungle Crow.
 2 (21) *Crypsirhina varians*. The Black Racket-tailed Magpie.

FAMILY *Crateropodidae*—LAUGHING THRUSHES,

BABBLERS, BULBULS, &c.

- 3 (176) *Mixornis rubricapillus*. The Yellow-breasted Babbler.
 4 (243) *Aegithina tiphia*. The Common Iora.
 5 (288) *Otocompsa emeria*. The Bengal Red-whiskered Bulbul.
 6 (298) *Pyenonotus analis*. The Yellow-vented Bulbul.
 7 (307) *Pyenonotus plumosus*. The Large Olive Bulbul.

FAMILY *Dicruridae*. DRONGOS OR KING-CROWS.

- 8 (327) *Dicrurus ater*. The Black Drongo.
 9 (332) *Dicrurus leucogenys*. The White-cheeked Drongo.
 10 (340) *Dissemurus paradiseus*. The Larger Racket-tailed Drongo.

FAMILY *Sylviidae*—WARBLERS.

- 11 (363) *Acrocephalus stentoreus*. The Indian Great Reed-Warbler.
 12 (364) *Acrocephalus orientalis*. The Eastern Great Reed-Warbler.
 13 (374) *Orthotomus sutorius*. The Indian Tailor-bird.
 14 (375) *Orthotomus atrigularis*. The Black-throated Tailor-bird.
 15 (381) *Cisticola cursitans*. The Rufous Fantail-Warbler.
 16 (393) *Arundinax aëdon*. The Thick-billed Warbler.
 17 (410) *Phylloscopus fuscatus*. The Dusky Willow-Warbler.
 18 (417) *Phylloscopus superciliosus*. The Crowned Willow-Warbler.

- 19 (420) *Acanthopneuste borealis*. The Arctic Willow Warbler.
 20 (423) *Acanthopneuste plumbeitarsus*. Middendorff's Willow-Warbler.
 21 (468) *Prinia blanfordi*. The Burmese Wren-Warbler.

FAMILY *Laniidae*—SHRIKES.

- 22 (475) *Lanius nigriceps*. The Black-headed Shrike.
 23 (481) *Lanius cristatus*. The Brown Shrike.
 24 (500) *Pericrotus peregrinus*. The Small Minivet.
 25 (503) *Pericrotus cinereus*. The Ashy Minivet.
 26 (512) *Artamus fuscus*. The Ashy Swallow-Shrike.

FAMILY *Oriolidae*—ORIOLES.

- 27 (514) *Oriolus indicus*. The Black-naped Oriole.
 28 (521) *Oriolus melanocephalus*. The Indian Black-headed Oriole.

FAMILY *Sturnidae*—STARLINGS AND MYNAS.

- 29 (536) *Sturnia sinensis*. The Chinese Myna.
 30 (546) *Graculipica nigricollis*. The Black-necked Myna.
 31 (553) *Aethiopsar grandis*. The Siamese Myna.
 32 (556) *Sturnopastor superciliaris*. The Burmese Pied Myna.

FAMILY *Muscicapidae*—FLYCATCHERS.

- 33 (562) *Siphia albicilla*. The Eastern Red-breasted Flycatcher.
 34 (579) *Stoparola melanops*. The Verditer Flycatcher.
 35 (588) *Alseonax latirostris*. The Brown Flycatcher.
 *36 (599) *Tersiphone affinis*. The Burmese Paradise Flycatcher.
 37 (601) *Hypothymis azurea*. The Indian Black-naped Flycatcher.
 38 (606) *Rhipidura javanica*. The Java Fantail Flycatcher.

FAMILY *Turdidae*—THRUSHES.

- 39 (610) Pratincola maura. The Indian Bush-Chat.
 40 (611) Pratincola leucura. The White-tailed Bush-Chat.
 41 (650) Calliope camtschatkensis. The Common Ruby-throat.
 42 (663) Copsychus saularis. The Magpie-Robin.
 43 (692) Petrophila solitaria. The Eastern Blue Rock-Thrush.
 44 (693) Petrophila cyanus. The Western Blue Rock-Thrush.

FAMILY *Ploceidae*—WEAVER BIRDS.

- 45 (721) Ploceus megarhynchus. The Eastern Baya.
 46 (723) Ploceus manyar. The Striated Weaver-bird.
 47 (727) Uroloncha acuticauda. Hodgson's Munia.
 48 (735) Uroloncha punctulata. The Spotted Munia.

FAMILY *Fringillidae*—FINCHES

- 49 (779) Passer montanus. The Tree-Sparrow.
 50 (781) Passer flaveolus. The Pegu House-Sparrow.

FAMILY *Hirundinidae*—SWALLOWS.

- 51 (814) Hirundo gutturalis. The Eastern Swallow.

FAMILY *Motacillidae*—WAGTAILS.

- 52 (826) Motacilla alba. The White Wagtail.
 53 (833) Motacilla borealis. The Grey-headed Wagtail.
 54 (839) Limonidromus indicus. The Forest-Wagtail.
 55 (845) Anthus richardi. Richard's Pipit.
 56 (847) Anthus rufulus. The Indian Pipit.

FAMILY *Alaudidae*—LARKS.

- 57 (869) Mirafra cantillans. The Singing Bush-Lark.

FAMILY *Nectariniidae*—SUN-BIRDS.

- 58 (898) Arachnothera flammaxillaris. The Burmese Yellow-breasted Sun-bird.

- 59 (903) Anthothreptes malaccensis. The Brown-throated Sun-bird,

- 60 (911) Chalcoparia phoenicotis. The Ruby-Cheek.

FAMILY Dicaeidae—FLOWER PECKERS.

- 61 (912) Dicaeum cruentatum. The Scarlet-backed Flower-pecker.

ORDER PICI.

FAMILY Picidae—WOODPECKERS.

- 62 (950) Gecinus occipitalis. The Black-naped Green Woodpecker.

- 63 (970) Dendrocopus pectoralis. The Spotted-breasted Pied Woodpecker.

ORDER—ZYGODACTYLI.

FAMILY Capitonidae—BARBETS.

- 64 (1019) Xantholaema haematocephala. The Crimson-breasted Barbet.

ORDER—ANISODACTYLI.

FAMILY Coraciidae—ROLLERS.

- 65 (1023) Coracias affinis. The Burmese Roller.

FAMILY Meropidae—BEE-EATERS.

- 66 (1027) Merops philippinus. The Blue-tailed Bee-eater.

FAMILY Alcedinidae—KINGFISHERS.

- 67 (1033) Ceryle varia. The Indian Pied Kingfisher.

- 68 (1035) Alcedo ispida. The Common Kingfisher.

- 69 (1043) Pelargopsis gurial. The Brown-headed Stork-billed Kingfisher.

- 70 (1044) Halcyon smyrnensis. The White-breasted Kingfisher.

- 71 (1045) Halcyon pileata. The Black-capped Kingfisher.

- 72 (1047) Sauropatis chloris. The White-collared Kingfisher.

ORDER—MACROCHIRES.

FAMILY *Cypselidae*—SWIFTS.

- 73 (1071) *Cypselus pacificus*. The Large White-rumped Swift.
 74 (1081) *Collocalia fuciphaga*. The Indian Edible-nest Swiftlet.

FAMILY *Caprimulgidae*—NIGHTJARS.

- 75 (1091) *Caprimulgus asiaticus*. The Common Indian Nightjar.
 *76 (1093) *Caprimulgus macrurus*. Horsfield's Nightjar.

ORDER—OCOCCYGES.

FAMILY *Cuculidae*—CUCKOOS.

- 77 (1108) *Hierococcyx sparverioides*. The Large Hawk-Cuckoo.
 78 (1113) *Cacomantis merulinus*. The Rufous-bellied Cuckoo.
 79 (1114) *Penthoceryx sonnerati*. The Banded Bay Cuckoo.
 80 (1116) *Chrysococcyx maculatus*. The Emerald Cuckoo.
 81 (1119) *Coccyztes coromandus*. The Red-winged Crested Cuckoo.
 82 (1120) *Eudynamis honorata*. The Indian Koel.
 83 (1130) *Centropus sinensis*. The Common Coucal or Crow-Pheasant.
 84 (1133) *Centropus bengalensis*. The Lesser Coucal.

ORDER—PSITTACI.

FAMILY *Psittacidae*—PARROTS.

- 85 (1138) *Palaeornis torquatus*. The Rose-ringed Paroquet.

ORDER—STRIGES.

FAMILY *Strigidae*—OWLS.

- 86 (1152) *Strix flammea*. The Screech Owl.

FAMILY *Asionidae*—OWLS.

- 87 (1173) *Scops giu*. The Scops Owl.
 88 (1178) *Scops bakkamoena*. The Collared Scops Owl.

- 89 (1187) *Ninox scutulata*. The Brown Hawk-Owl.

ORDER—ACCIPITRES.

FAMILY *Vulturidae*—VULTURES.

- *90 (1191) *Otogyps calvus*. The Black Vulture.

- *91 (1196) *Pseudogyps bengalensis*. The Indian White-backed Vulture.

FAMILY *Falconidae*—EAGLES, KITES, FALCONS, ETC..

- 92 (1228) *Haliastur indus*. The Brahminy Kite.

- 93 (1229) *Milvus govinda*. The Common Pariah Kite.

- 94 (1230) *Milvus melanotis*. The Large Indian Kite.

- 95 (1232) *Elanus caeruleus*. The Black-winged Kite.

- 96 (1236) *Circus melanoleucus*. The Pied Harrier.

- 97 (1237) *Circus aeruginosus*. The Marsh-Harrier.

- 98 (1244) *Astur badius*. The Shikra.

ORDER—COLUMBAE.

FAMILY *Columbidae*—PIGEONS AND DOVES.

- 99 (1279) *Osmotreron vernans*. The Pink-necked Green Pigeon.

- *100 (1308) *Turtur tigrinus*. The Malay Spotted Dove.

- 101 (1311) *Oenopelia tranquebarica*. The Red Turtle-Dove.

- 102 (1315) *Geopelia striata*. The Barred Ground-Dove.

ORDER—GALLINAE.

FAMILY *Phasianidae*—PHEASANTS.

- *103 (1354) *Excalfactoria chinensis*. The Blue-breasted Quail.

- *104 (1374) *Francolinus chinensis*. The Eastern or Chinese Francolin.

ORDER—GRALLAE.

FAMILY *Rallidae*—RAILS.

- 105 (1389) *Hypotaenidia striata*. The Blue-breasted Banded Rail.

- 106 (1398) *Amaurornis fuscus*. The Ruddy Crake.

- 107 (1401) *Amaurornis phoenicurus*. The White-breasted Water-hen.

- 108 (1403) *Gallicrex cinerea*. The Water-Cock.

ORDER—LIMICOLAE.

FAMILY *Glareolidae*—COURSERS AND PRATINCOLES.

- 109 (1425) *Glareola orientalis*. The large Indian Pratincole or Swallow-Plover.

FAMILY *Charadriidae*—PLOVERS, SANDPIPERs AND SNIPES.

- 110 (1432) *Sacrogrammus atrinuchalis*. The Burmese Wattled Lapwing.

- 111 (1439) *Charadrius fulvus*. The Eastern Golden Plover.

- 112 (1447) *Aegialitis dubia*. The Little Ringed Plover.

- 113 (1460) *Totanus hypoleucus*. The Common Sandpiper.

- 114 (1461) *Totanus glareola*. The Wood Sandpiper.

- 115 (1462) *Totanus ochropus*. The Green Sandpiper.

- 116 (1484) *Gallinago coelestis*. The Fantail Snipe.

- 117 (1485) *Gallinago stenura*. The Pintail Snipe.

- 118 (1488) *Rostratula capensis*. The Painted Snipe.

ORDER—GAVIAE.

FAMILY *Laridae*—GULLS AND TERNS.

- 119 (1496) *Hydrochelidon hybrida*. The Whiskered Tern.

ORDER—HERODIONES.

FAMILY *Ardeidae*—HERONS.

- 120 (1562) *Bubulcus coromandus*. The Cattle Egret.

- 121 (1565) *Ardeola grayi*. The Pond Heron.

- 122 (1568) *Nycticorax griseus*. The Night Heron.

- 123 (1571) *Ardetta sinensis*. The Yellow Bittern.

- 124 (1572) *Ardetta cinnamomea*. The Chestnut Bittern.

- 125 (1573) *Dupetor flavigollis*. The Black Bittern.

ORDER—ANSERES.

FAMILY *Anatidae*—SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS.

- 126 (1589) *Dendrocygna javanica*. The Whistling Teal.

- *127 (1601) *Querquedula circia*. The Garganey or Blue-winged Teal.