

which took to the forest life and became wild two centuries ago. They also believe that all descendants of this herd die in captivity.

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No. III Some Rare Birds of the Northern Provinces.

- * 1. *Ixobrychus eurhythmus* (Swinh.). Von Schrenck's Bittern.
An adult female of this rare bird was taken 2 May, 1936, at a small and almost dry "lick" (น้ำขี้) in mixed deciduous forest near Ban Mai Tong Hong, Chiengrai province (between Chieng Kham and Mu'ang To'ng).
- † 2. *Anas poecilorhyncha haringtoni* Oates. Burmese Grey Duck.
In the *Ibis*, 1920, under *Anas poecilorhyncha* Forst., Count Nils Gyldenstolpe writes that "a small party of ducks, probably belonging to this species, were observed in the Meh Ping River, a few miles south of Keng Soi, by the present author in 1914." Since that date the species has not been recorded from the Kingdom.
While investigating the birds of the great marsh at Me Chai, Chiengrai province, 9 and 10 May, 1936, I found at least fifty individuals of this large duck.
- * 3. *Himantopus himantopus himantopus* (Linn.). Black-winged Stilt.
I have long suspected the presence of the Stilt in North Siam, at least as a winter visitor, due to reports of a mysterious "snipe" which have reached me from time to time. On the marsh at Ban Me Chai a solitary bird was seen, 9 and 10 May, excessively wild and impossible to collect, but unmistakably a Stilt.
- * 4. *Sterna aurantia* Gray. Indian River-Tern.
The River-Tern is already known from Siam, but has not yet been recorded in the northern provinces. At least eight were present on the Me Kok river at Chiengrai, 6 and 7 May, 1936.
- * 5. *Dicrurus annectans* (Hodgs.). Crow-billed Drongo.
This species, not previously reported from the North, proves to be extremely common in the lowlands of Nan province, where it supplants *Dicrurus macrocerus*, the common species of other provinces.
- † 6. *Pteruthius melanotis* Hodgs. Black-eared Shrike-Babbler.
The female of a mated pair was taken on Doi Phu Kha, Nan province, at about 4,500 feet, 5 April, 1936.

* Not previously recorded from North Siam.

† Not previously recorded from Siam.

7. **Spizixos canifrons canifrons** Blyth. Finch-billed Bulbul.

The Finch-bill has been known from Siam by a single specimen taken on D^oi Chieng Dao some years ago. I found it very common in April on D^oi Phu Kha from 4,500 to 5,000 feet, at deserted Yao clearings (ไ้).

8. **Pycnonotus finlaysoni finlaysoni** Strickl. Stripe-throated Bulbul.

Count Gyldenstolpe records this bird as "commonly distributed throughout the whole country." This is not strictly the case, for in the greater part of North Siam it probably does not occur at all, and certainly not commonly. In these provinces it seems to be confined to districts watered by streams which flow into the Me Khong, where it is not uncommon but rather shy. It is called "nok phit dong" (นกพิชดง). In the more western provinces it is replaced by *Pycnonotus blanfordi blanfordi*, of similar habits and habitat.

* 9. **Zanthopygia narcissina zanthopygia** (A. Hay). Narcissine Fly-catcher.

An adult male was taken 2 April, 1936, at Ban Na K^o, near Mu'ang Pua (Nan province), in lowland evergreen forest.

† 10. **Seicercus affinis** (Horsf. & Moore). Allied Flycatcher-Warbler.

A female was collected 10 April, 1936, at the summit of D^oi Phu Kha, 5,500 feet.

† 11. **Emberiza fucata fucata** Fall. Chinese Grey-headed Bunting.

A female was taken at Ban Bu'a, Nan province, 21 April, 1936; another at Ban Tong Yang, Chiengrai province, 4 May. They were found on fallow ricefields in company with *Emberiza aureola*.

H. G. DEIGNAN.

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No. IV. Note on a "Sea-Squirt" Attached to Mollusk Stakes in the Gulf of Siam.

On June 1, 1936 (B. E. 2479), Swasdi Tiemmet, a Fishery Assistant at Phetburi, sent in a report to the Division of Fisheries at Bangkok concerning the result of the planting of mollusks (*Mytilus edulis*—หอยแมลงภู) at Phetburi. In his report he mentioned the damages of mollusk stakes due to teredos and to "Prieng Hoa Hom" (เพรียงหัวหอม). The latter was found in great numbers attaching

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