

SOME ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO  
THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE BIRDS  
OF KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK.

by

E. C. DICKINSON & J. A. TUBB

INTRODUCTION.

It was originally our intention to revise completely the Preliminary List published by *Dickinson* in 1963 but time has not been sufficient for this. This paper however goes part way towards it.

The publication of *Deignan's* "Checklist of the Birds of the Thailand" in 1963 has given us new standards in latin nomenclature to follow and therefore an appendix to this paper lists the changes which should be made in *Dickinson* (1963) if reference is to be made to the "Checklist".

One mistaken identification and two other errors have been found and are corrected hereunder; a number of the tentative identifications made can be confirmed and 38 additional species can be added to the list.

It is outside the scope of this paper to cover the additional knowledge of seasonal distribution that has been gained from continued visits. We hope eventually to make the planned revision.

NOMENCLATURE/REFERENCES.

For the purposes of continuity we have compromised—the nomenclature and order followed throughout this paper is that of *Deignan* (1963). References, however, are given as before to *Deignan's* "Birds of Northern Thailand" (1945) shown as "D", and in the case of illustrations being present in *Smythies' "Birds of Burma"* (1953) of the birds covered we have referred to it as "S" with the appropriate plate no. in Roman numerals.

DATES & COVERAGE.

It has proved possible to fill the main gaps in seasonal coverage of the park and one or both of us has visited the park on the following dates since mid-August 1963:

7-8.9.63	9-13.4.64
11-13.10.63	1-3.5.64
1-3.11.63	22-26.5.64
21-22.12.63	6-7.6.64
11-12.1.64	4-5.7.63
1-2.2.64	23-24.7.64
27-29.3.64	15-16.8.64

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

**Cattle Egret.**( *Bubulcus ibis* )

( D. 36., S. XXVIII ).

One was seen on the lake edge from 11th-13th April 1964.  
( J.A.T., E.C.D., R.E. ).

**Little Cinnamon Bittern.**( *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* )

( D. 41., S. XXVIII ).

One was seen on rocks along the river on 1.5.64. Too small to  
have been *Goisakius melanolophus*. ( E.C.D. )

**Black-shouldered Kite.**( *Elanus caeruleus* )

( D. 56., S. XX ).

First seen at Khao Yai 12.10.63 ( E.C.D., R.E., P.A.R. ). During  
July 1964 seen on 4th, 16th and 27th ( E.C.D., J.M. )

**Shikra.**( *Accipiter badius* )

( D. 63., S. XX ).

First seen 8.9.63 at Viewpoint ( E.C.D., J.A.T. ) Since then in  
October, December and May.

**Mountain Hawk Eagle.**( *Spizaetus nipalensis* )

( D. 70 ).

First record thought to be a bird found injured and kept for a  
time early in 1964 by *Khun Phairote* ( P.F.C., V.M.S.C. ). Seen  
wild 10.4.64. ( J.A.T. ), 11.4.64. ( E.C.D. ) and 26.5.64. ( J.A.T. ).

**Chinese Francolin.**( *Francolinus pintadeanus* )

( D. 86., S. XXII ).

Heard calling in the lalang near the camp on 16.7.64 by J.M.,  
judged from direction of call to be a bird in the wild, and none  
are known to be kept at the camp.



**White-winged Black Tern.** (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

One bird in almost full winter plumage was hawking over the lake on 7.9.63 but gone the following day (P.F.C., E.C.D., R.E., J.A.T.).

**Pompadour Green Pigeon.** (*Treron pompadora*)

(D. 144).

Seen 24.5.64 and 26.5.64 (J.A.T.).

**Green Imperial Pigeon** (*Ducula aenea*)

(D. 148., S. XXI).

One seen near the barrier bridge on 7.9.63. (J.A.T., E.C.D.)

**Brown Fish Owl.** (*Ketupa zeylonensis*)

(D. 177, S. XVIII).

Seen on 12.4.64 and 13.4.64 at a pool along the Lam Tha Krong near Wang Champi (J.A.T., R.E., E.C.D.).

**Barred Owlet.** (*Glaucidium cuculoides*)

(D. 179., S. XVIII).

Seen 20.8.63 (R.N.).

**White-throated Spine-tailed Swift.** (*Chaetura cochinchinensis*)

Seen 12.4.64 near the Viewpoint with a flock of *C. gigantea*.  
One perhaps two birds only. (J.A.T., E.C.D.)

**Banded Kingfisher.** (*Lacedo pulchella*)

(D. 204).

One female seen in thick scrub jungle 13.4.64. (E.C.D., J.A.T., P.F.C.), a male seen in a spot nearby on 25.5.64. (J.A.T.)

**Blue-throated Bee-eater.** (*Merops viridis*)

One was seen on 2.11.63 near the camp restaurant. (P.A.R., R.E., E.C.D.)

**Lineated Barbet.** (*Megalaima zeylanica*)

(D. 222., S. XV.).

Seen in trees in areas of open cultivation quite close to the park entrance as from 8.9.63. (J.A.T., E.C.D., R.N.)

**Coppersmith.**( *Megalaima haemacephala* )

( D. 228., S. XV ).

First seen close to the Park along Thanarat Road on 4.8.63.,  
since then in September and May. ( E.C.D., J.A.T. )

**Rufous Woodpecker.**( *Micropternus brachyurus* )

( D. 241., S. XIV ).

One was seen on 28.3.64. and another the following day—not  
otherwise recorded. ( E.C.D. )

**Black-and-buff Woodpecker.**( *Meiglyptes jugularis* )

( D. 242 ).

First seen 8.9.63. ( P.F.C., E.C.D., R.E., J.A.T. ) since then on  
numerous occasions in December, March and May.

**Heart-spotted Woodpecker.**( *Hemicircus canente* )

( D. 247 ).

One female was seen near Km. 42 of the jungle road on 23.5.64.  
The bird was rather similar to *Meiglyptes jugularis* but the  
white-crown and whitish throat and neck were distinctive  
( J.A.T. ).

**Red-rumped Swallow.**( *Hirundo daurica* )

( D. 268 ).

Up to 80 seen on the wires near the camp on 21.12.63. Some  
still present 11.1.64. This species apparently replaces *H. rus-*  
*tica* up here at this season. ( E.C.D. )

**Ashy Minivet.**( *Pericrocotus divaricatus* )

One was seen in a treetop along the roadside on 3.11.63. ( R.E.,  
E.C.D. ).

**Small Minivet.**( *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* )

( D. 279., S. VII ).

Seen 20.8.63. ( R.N. ).

**Iora.**( *Aegithina tiphia* )

( D. 322., S. III ).

One seen near the Viewpoint 26.5.64. ( J.A.T. )



**Golden-fronted Leafbird.**( *Chloropsis aurifrons* )

( D. 323., S. III ).

First seen in the Park in March 1962 ( R.N. ) Since then seen only on 14.4.64. ( E.C.D., R.E., P.A.R. )

**Blue-eyed Bulbul.**( *Pycnonotus atriceps* )

( D. 328 ).

Seen along the main road, usually flocking with *Pericrocotus flammeus*. First seen 7.9.63. ( J.A.T., E.C.D. ). Since then in October, May and July.

**Sooty-headed Bulbul.**( *Pycnonotus aurigaster* )

( D. 332 ).

Seen on 16.7.64 in one of the lalang areas ( J.M. ).

**Hair-crested Drongo.**( *Dicrurus hottentotus* )

( D. 291., S. VIII ).

Present in flocks in December 1963 ( R.E., E.C.D. ) and seen 26.5.64. ( J.A.T. )

**Maroon Oriole.**( *Oriolus traillii* )

( D. 298 ).

One female was clearly seen on 11.1.64 and full field notes taken: its behaviour proved a useful guide to identification ( E.C.D., R.E., P.A.R. ).

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch.**( *Sitta frontalis* )

( D. 318., S. II ).

Seen in June 1963 close to the camp area ( R.N. ).

**Lesser Necklaced Laughing Thrush. ( *Garrulax monilegerus* )**

( D. 359 ).

First seen 3.11.63. ( E.C.D. ) since then in December, April and May—usually in company with *Garrulax leucolophus*.

**Brown Prinia.**( *Prinia subflava* )

( D. 493., S. IX ).

Seen on the verges of the main pond on 16.7.64. ( J.M. )

**Rufous-bellied Niltava.** (*Muscicapa vivida*)

( D. 454 ).

A brown "Niltava" type of Flycatcher with a white line across the lower throat but no blue markings at the sides of the neck, seen near the river on 2.2.64. ( E.C.D., R.E. )

**Olive-backed Tree Pipit.** (*Anthus hodgsoni*)

( D. 510., S. XII ).

Seen 10th–13th April (E.C.D., J.A.T.) and the following week-end ( M.D. ).

**Paddy-field Pipit.** (*Anthus novae-seelandiae*)

( D. 511., S. XII ).

Seen 2-3.5.64. in the area of the camp ( J.A.T. ). On 7.6.54. adults with young recently fledged birds seen in the same vicinity ( E.C.D. ).

**Ashy-headed Starling.** (*Sturnus malabaricus*)

( D. 527., S. X ).

Two small flocks were seen on flowering *Bombax*—cotton trees 21.12.63. ( E.C.D., R.E. ). Seen again 11.1.64. ( E.C.D. )

**Brown Myna.** (*Sturnus tristis*)

( D. 524., S. X ).

A party of 3 seen in flight over the main plateau on 3.5.64. ( J.A.T., R.E. )

**Rubycheek.** (*Anthreptes singalensis*)

( D. 531 ).

First seen 8.9.63. ( J.A.T., E.C.D. ) and another male seen along the streamside in the trees on 2.2.64. ( E.C.D. )

**Scarlet-Backed Flowerpecker.** (*Dicaeum cruentatum*)

( D. 544., S. XIII ).

This species has now been seen on several occasions usually on the edge of the thick jungle ( J.A.T. ). Other species of flowerpeckers certainly occur but have still not been identified with certainty.



## CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST.

On p. 186 of *Dickinson* (1963) **Blyth's Baza** (*Baza jerdoni*) was recorded. Continued observations and the additional records of J.A.T. and J.M. have proved that this is a mistaken identification. The birds concerned are **Giant Nightjars** (*Eurostapodus macrotis*).

On p. 199 of *Dickinson* (1963) the **Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush** (*Monticola rufiventris*) is recorded. However greater familiarity with the text-books on Asian birds has shown that the Japanese sub-species of the **Blue Rock Thrush** (*Monticola solitarius*) has quite as much rufous on the underparts as the birds we had seen and have continued to see at Khao Yai. The record for *Monticola rufiventris* is therefore withdrawn for the time being.

On p. 202 of *Dickinson* (1963) the **Streaked Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera magna*) is shown, this was an error in writing the paper, the species observed at Khao Yai has been the **Little Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera longirostra*).

## CONFIRMATIONS.

It has proved possible to confirm the following tentative records given in *Dickinson* (1963):—

**Pied Harrier** (*Circus melanoleucos*).

**Kestrel** (*Falco tinnuculus*).

**Hemipodes:** **Yellow-legged Button Quail** (*Turnix tanki*).

**Barred Bustard Quail** (*Turnix suscitator*).

**Brown-throated Spine-tailed Swift** (*Chaetura gigantea*).

**Fork-tailed Swift** (*Apus pacificus*).

## REFERENCES.

- Deignan, H.G.*, (1945) The Birds of Northern Thailand.,  
U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 186: Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.,  
U.S.A.
- Deignan, H.G.*, (1963) Check List of the Birds of Thailand  
U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 226: Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.,  
U.S.A.

- Dickinson, E.C.* (1963) A Preliminary List of the Birds of Khao Yai National Park., Nat. Hist. Bull. Siam Soc., 20. pp. 183-204.
- Dickinson, E.C. & Tubb, J.A.* (1964) English Vernacular Names of the Birds of Thailand. In print.
- Riley, J.H.* (1938) Birds from Siam & the Malay Peninsula in the United States National Museum collected by Drs. Hugh M. Smith and William L. Abbott, U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 172: Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
- Smythies, B.E.* (1953) The Birds of Burma, 2nd (Revised) Ed., Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.
- Smythies, B.E.* (1960) The Birds of Borneo; Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

In this article we have been able to draw on the field notes of the following persons:

*P.F. Cumberlege, V.M.S. Cumberlege, M. Divers, R. England, J. Marshall, R. Nelson, P.A. Reeves.*

In each case we have used their initials in the text where applicable, and we are most grateful for their help.

We are grateful to Dr. *H.G. Deignan* for some helpful suggestions following the earlier paper (*Dickinson*: 1963), and to the continued help of *Khun Phairote Suwanakorn, Khun Vichai Lochaya* and many others.

#### SUMMARY

1. The scope of the paper is explained, and explanations given as to nomenclature used.
2. The dates of visits to the Park are listed.
3. Brief comments are given for the 38 species added to the Park list.
4. Three corrections and six confirmations to earlier identifications are covered.
5. An appendix indicates nomenclatural changes which should be made to the earlier paper (*Dickinson*, 1963).



## APPENDIX I

The following list sets out those species referred to by Dickinson (1963) for which the names require revision in terms of Deignan's checklist.

*Dickinson (1963)*

*Anhinga rufa*  
*Ardeola bacchus*  
*Gemmaeus nycthemurus (sic)*  
*Rhopodytes tristis*  
*Otus asio*  
*Merops superciliosus*  
*Dichoceros bicornis*  
*Anthracoceros coronatus*  
*Cyanops faiostricta*  
*Cyanops asiatica*  
*Cyanops australis*  
*Cyanops incognita*  
*Xantholaema haemacephala*  
*Pericrocotus speciosa*  
*Campephaga fimbriata*  
*Chaptia aenea*  
*Dissemurus paradisea*  
*Kitta chinensis*  
*Pycnonotus dispar*  
*Criniger tephrogenys*  
*Microscelis charlottae*  
*Microscelis flavala*  
*Erpornis zantholeuca*  
*Mixornis gularis*  
*Malacocincla abbotti*  
*Kittacincla malabarica*  
*Siphia parva*  
*Eumyias thalassina*  
*Mino coronata*  
*Acridotheres cristatellus*

*Checklist*

*Anhinga melanogaster*  
*Ardeola ralloides (bacchus)*  
*Lophura nycthemera*  
*Phaenicophaeus tristis*  
*Otus bakkamoena*  
*Merops philippinus*  
*Buceros bicornis*  
*Anthracoceros leucogaster*  
*Megalaima faiostricta*  
*Megalaima asiatica*  
*Megalaima australis*  
*Megalaima incognita*  
*Megalaima haemacephala*  
*Pericrocotus flammeus*  
*Coracina fimbriata*  
*Dicrurus aenea*  
*Dicrurus paradiseus*  
*Cissa chinensis*  
*Pycnonotus melanicterus*  
*Criniger ochraceus*  
*Hypsipetes propinquus*  
*Hypsipetes flavala*  
*Yuhina zantholeuca*  
*Macronous gularis*  
*Trichastoma abbotti*  
*Copsychus malabaricus*  
*Muscicapa parva*  
*Muscicapa thalassina*  
*Ampeliceps coronatus*  
*Sturnus javanicus*

