

Many such Sand Martins were in the vicinity but no others showed a pressing interest in the holes and perhaps the majority of the small holes were either not yet or no longer occupied.

The location of this colony was between Ban Pha Kam and Ban Phaoy which stand on the bank of the Mekong just south of Ban Houei Sai, Laos.

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## VI. A NEST OF THE RED-CAPPED FORKTAIL

(*Enicurus ruficapillus*)

Near Tharn Toh waterfall, which lies close to the road between Bannang Sata and Betong in changwad Yala, on 28th. July 1966 I found a nest of the Red-capped Forktail (*Enicurus ruficapillus*).

Like a nest of the Slaty-backed Forktail (*Enicurus schistaceus*) previously found in Khao Yai National Park, the nest was built on the side of a bank. The Khao Yai nest was on a stream bank but the nest at Tharn Toh was in a bank of the roadway that leads from the main road to the fall. It was comprised of moss and lined with mud to give a firm cup.

There were 2 eggs of whitish ground colour marked with a more or less regular ring of red-brown spots just above the point of greatest width. A parent was disturbed from the nest.

MADOC (Malayan Nature Journal 11:31-34) has given an interesting account of the breeding of this species in Malaya, but I cannot trace a previous record for Thailand although it has been found as a resident and Dr. W.L. ABBOTT collected a female near Trang on 1st. February 1897 which contained two nearly mature eggs (Cf. RILEY, U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 172. 1938. p. 403).

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