

NOTES ON THAI BIRDS 3.

SELECTED RECORDS FROM NORTHERN THAILAND

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SUMMARY

Comments are given on 16 forms—8 due to locality records, one of these and two others due to the date of their occurrence, the others due to rarity or comments on their taxonomy (though no fresh conclusions are drawn on this). Three appendices list the species added to the Royal Thai Forest Department Collection from each locality.

INTRODUCTION:

In the two years following our last publication on the birds of this area (DICKINSON & CHAIYAPHUN 1967) the junior author collected in the north on a number of occasions: twice near Chiangmai in 1967 and twice in 1969—once on Doi Phahom Pok (20°03' N 99° 09' E) and once on Doi Inthanon (18°35' N 98°29' E).

The following are the dates and specimens related to these four expeditions:

3.1.67-17.1.67	Chiangmai	054-097
21.4.67-27.4.67	Chiangmai	187, 268-325, 684-685
22.1.69-28.1.69	Doi Phahom Pok	1164-1206
31.3.69- 3.4.69	Doi Inthanon	1212-1265

NOTES ON SELECTED SPECIES:

Scolopax rusticola rusticola Linnaeus

1 ♀ Doi Inthanon, 2542 m., 3.4.69 RTFD NO. 1241.

This migrant was taken a full month later than the latest spring date given by DEIGNAN (1945).

Pitta oatesi oatesi (Hume)

1 ♀ Doi Suthep, Chiangmai 24.4.67 RTFD No. 293; 1 ♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2000 m., 23.1.69 RTFD No. 1171; 1 ♂ Doi Inthanon, 1400 m., 1.4.69 RTFD No. 1222 and 1 ♀ 3.4.69 RTFD No. 1265

Doi Phahom Pok appears to be a new locality for this species.

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Hypsipetes maclellendii tickelli Blyth

1 ? Chiengmai 22.4.67 RTFD No. 281; 1 ♀ 23.4.67 RTFD No. 289; 1 ♂ 23.4.67 RTFD No. 291; 1 ♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2000 m., 23.1.69 RTFD No. 1173; 1 ♀ 24.1.69 RTFD No. 1176; 1 ♂ Doi Inthanon, 1400 m., 31.3.69 RTFD No. 1215.

Birds of this species from Doi Phahom Pok are of interest: DEIGNAN (1945) drew attention to the collection of grey-brown backed birds there together with typical *tickelli* which has a green back. Later DEIGNAN (1960) united the brown backed birds, which he had previously treated as a race, *binghami*, with the green backed under the earlier name.

The female No. 1176 appears to be a typical *tickelli*; the male has a greyish-green back tinged with brown on the upper back.

Napothera epilepidota davisoni (Ogilvie-Grant)

1 ♂ Chiengmai 5.1.67 RTFD NO.078; 1 ♀ Chiengmai 21.4.67 RTFD No. 276; 1 ♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2000 m., 23.1.69 RTFD No. 1170; 1 ♂ Doi Inthanon 1400 m., 2.4.69 RTFD NO. 1230.

The bird from Phahom Pok appears much more rufous on the primaries and primary coverts than the bird from Doi Inthanon. The systematics of these small babblers has been very confused. DEIGNAN (1945) called the birds from north-western Thailand *N.e. bakeri* and birds from Nan *N.e. laotiana*, which he insisted differed from *N.e. amylae*, although it had just been synonymized—by its author DELACOUR in DELACOUR & JABOUILLE (1931)—with the latter. Later, DEIGNAN (1963) called birds from all of northern Thailand, those from Nan included, *N.e. davisoni*. Finally he accepted that *laotiana* should be synonymized with *amylae* (DEIGNAN 1964), excluding his material from Nan province. Nowhere does he appear to have set down the definitions for these revised taxa and we are unable to take the matter further without examining more comparative material both from Doi Phahom Pok and from the surrounding areas of the races of the races involved.

Liocichla phoenicea ripponi (Oates)

1♂ Doi Pha Hom Pok, 2000 m., 24.1.69 RTFD No. 1178.

DEIGNAN (1945) listed this species from Doi Langka only. The specific name used here follows an exchange of letters with Deignan who used *L. ripponi* in DEIGNAN (1963) and *L. phoenicea* in DEIGNAN (1964), he confirmed that treatment of *riponi* as a race of *phoenicea* was the result of a reexamination prompted by Captain Delacour.

Tarsiger cyanurus rufilatus (Hodgson)

1♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2000 m., 22.1.69 RTFD No. 1165; 1♀ 2000 m., 23.1.69 RTFD No. 1167; 1♀ 2130 m., 24.1.69 RTFD No. 1182; 1♀ Doi Inthanon, 2452 m., 2.4.69 RTFD No. 1245.

The use of mist nets has shown this species—both this race and the following one—to be rather more common than was supposed by DEIGNAN (1945), who recorded only four specimens of each race.

Tarsiger cyanurus ussuriensis Stegmann

1♀ Doi Pha Hom Pok, 2130 m., 24.1.69 RTFD No. 1183; 1♀ 2130 m., 25.1.69 RTFD No. 1187.

Separated on the basis of the characters given in DEIGNAN (1945).

Zoothera citrina innotata (Blyth)

1♂ Doi Inthanon, 1400 m., 31.3.69 RTFD No. 1212.

Apparently not previously recorded from this mountain. The dates given by DEIGNAN (1945)—9 May to 21 July—suggested that the species might prove to be only a summer visitor, this specimen greatly extends the proven period of occurrence.

Zoothera dixonii (Seeborn)

1♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2130 m., 26.1.69 RTFD No. 1197.

DEIGNAN (1945) listed but one record, but the species has since been taken in northern Thailand by B.F. KING (pers. comm.), and this is not therefore the second record.

Phylloscopus pulcher pulcher Blyth

1 ♀ Doi Phahom Pok, 2130 m., 26.1.69 RTFD No. 1193.

Apparently not previously recorded from this locality.

Muscicapa hodgsonii (Verreaux)

1 ♂ Doi Inthanon, 1400 m., 3.4.69 RTFD No. 1238.

Extends by a few days the dates given by DEIGNAN (1945) for this rare winter visitor.

Muscicapa vivida oatesi Salvadori

1 ♀ Doi Phahom Pok, 2130 m., 26.1.69 RTFD No. 1201.

DEIGNAN (1945) records this species from Doi Suthep, Doi Chiang Dao and Khun Tan: this would appear to be the first record from Doi Phahom Pok.

Aethopyga gouldiae dabryi (J. Verreaux)

1 ♂ Doi Phahom Pok, 2000 m., 24.1.69 RTFD No. 1175.

Apparently the first record from this mountain.

Aethopyga nipalensis angkanensis Riley

1 ♂ Doi Inthanon, 2453 m., 1.4.69 RTFD No. 1262; 1 ♂ 2.4.69 RTFD No. 1242.

Topotypical specimens. From all that is known this subspecies is restricted to the summit area of this one mountain and as sufficient material is now present in collections both inside and outside Thailand it is urged that the collection of further specimens be avoided.

Dicaeum melanozanthum (Blyth)

1 ♂ Doi Inthanon, 2452 m., 1.4.69 RTFD No. 1248.

Apparently only the third record from northern Thailand and the first from Doi Inthanon.

Zosterops erythropleura Swinhoe

1♂ Doi Inthanon, 1400 m., 3.4.69 RTFD No. 1237; 1♀ 1400 m., RTFD No. 1239; 1♀ 2452 m., 1.4.69 RTFD No. 1258.

DEIGNAN (1945) did not record specimens from Doi Inthanon, but there is a previous sight record DICKINSON (1964).

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APPENDIX 1: Species collected on Doi Phahom Pok

Accipiter virgatus
Arborophila rufogularis
Blythipicus pyrrhotis
Pitta oatesi
Pycnonotus striatus
Hypsipetes maclellandii
Napothera epilepidota
Garrulax erythrocephalus
Liocichla phoenicea
Cutia nipalensis
Alcippe castaneiceps
Alcippe morrisonia
Heterophasia melanoleuca
Tarsiger cyanurus
Zoothera dixonii
Zoothera dauma
Phylloscopus davisoni
Phylloscopus pulcher
Tesia olivea
Muscicapa strophilata
Muscicapa monileger
Muscicapa grandis
Muscicapa vivida
Aethopyga gouldiae

APPENDIX 2: Species collected on Doi Inthanon

Scolopax rusticola
Megalaima franklini
Pitta oatesi
Criniger pallidus
Hypsipetes mccllellandii
Dicrurus remifer
Parus xanthogenys
Certhia discolor
Napothera epilepidota
Garrulax strepitans
Garrulax erythrocephalus
Minla strigula
Alcippe castaneiceps
Heterophasia annectens
Heterophasia melanoleuca
Brachypteryx leucophrys
Brachypteryx montana
Tarsiger cyanurus
Myiomela leucura
Enicurus leschenaulti
Myophonus caeruleus
Zoothera citrina
Zoothera marginata
Turdus obscurus
Muscicapa latirostris
Muscicapa hodgsonii
Muscicapa grandis
Muscicapa macgrigoriae
Rhipidura hypoxantha
Terpsiphone paradisi
Aethopyga nipalensis
Dicaeum melanozanthum
Zosterops erythropleura

APPENDIX 3: Species collected in the Chiangmai region additional to those listed in Dickinson & Chaiyaphun (1967)

Accipiter badius
Chrysococcyx maculatus
Glaucidium brodiei
Hemiprocne longipennis
Harpactes erythrocephalus
Nyctyornis athertoni
Megalaima australis
Sasia ochracea
Chrysocolaptes lucidus
Pitta oatesi
Pitta cyanea
Pycnonotus striatus
Pycnonotus aurigaster
Pycnonotus flavescens
Criniger pallidus
Hypsipetes madagascariensis
Dicrurus aeneus
Pellorneum ruficeps
Napothera brevicaudata
Garrulax pectoralis
Zoothera maginata
Muscicapa parva
Muscicapa westermanni
Anthus hodgsoni
Lanius cristatus
Aethopyga saturata
Arachnothera magna