

Letter to the Editor

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Sir :

I wish to apologize to you and the readers of the Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society for a mistake in my article "Relationships of certain owls around the Pacific" in Nat. Hist. Bull. Siam Soc., 21:241, 1966 and sonagrams, figure 4, pertaining to the collared Scops Owl of Luzon, *Otus bakkamoena whiteheadi*. The song which I credited on circumstantial evidence to this owl is really that of *Ninox philippensis*. I discovered the truth upon finally collecting a specimen of the shy Philippine Boobook Owl together with a tape recording of its song on Lubang Island, Mindanao Province, Republic of the Philippines on 16 January 1971. The specimen is a male, number 6790 in the American Museum of Natural History and the tape of its song is preserved at the Laboratory of Ornithology Ithaca, New York. I have been unsuccessful in recording the true song of the Luzon Collared Scops Owl.

Very sincerely yours,

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N.B. Dr. J.T. Marshall's letter has been withheld from publication for sometimes, and I wish to apologize for the neglect. Editor

