

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

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INTRODUCTION

The following twelve species of birds are offered as additions to the Khao Yai list begun by E.C. Dickinson in his article in Volume 20, No. 3, (November 1963) and the additions and corrections by Dickinson and J.A. Tubb in the December 1964 Volume 20, No. 4 issue of the Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society.

The author is familiar with the park through numerous visits beginning in 1969. No collecting was done, and identification is based on good visual observations with 7×35 binoculars.

NOMENCLATURE/REFERENCES

Each species is identified first by a number followed by the English Vernacular Name and Latin Specific Name. This nomenclature is based on that of Dickinson and Tubb in their article, "English Vernacular Names of the Birds of Thailand," Volume 20, No. 4 December 1964 issue of the Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society. Dickinson and Tubb have drawn the Latin Specific names from Deignan's 1963 "Check List of the Birds of Thailand."

DATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Visits to Khao Yai were made in May, June, September, November and December of 1971; in 1972, visits were made in February, March, August, September, and December; in 1973, coverage includes March, June, and August. Most observations were made in early to mid-morning.

Most of the following species were recorded in one of two areas in the park. The first is a jungle track west of the main road, two

kilometers south of the view point at approximately the Km. 32 marker. The second area is that bordering the main road about three kilometers before reaching the roads end at Haew Suwat waterfall.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIST

- 65 Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*
(Boonsong Plate 6; Smithies Plate XIX)
Seen from the main road near Orchid Waterfall perched conspicuously on a dead limb 19-6-71; seen again 19-9-71.
- 284 Jungle Nightjar *Caprimulgus indicus*
(Boonsong Plate 37)
A large group of these nightjars together with many Giant or Great-eared Nightjars (*Eurostopodus macrotis*) hawking insects near the restaurant at dusk 13-11-71.
- 302 Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*
(Boonsong Plate 39; Smithies Plate XVIII)
Found most recently (24-8-73) in thick forest about one kilometer from the main road along the track beginning at Km. 32. Quite tame. Breast a deep yellow, back a rich chestnut.
- 329 White-throated Brown Hornbill *Ptilolaemus tickelli*
(Boonsong Plate 43)
The bare blue skin of the face and relatively small bill (for a hornbill) is unmistakable. A single bird seen 3-24-73 in thick forest near stream 2-3 kilometers west of main road on the track between the two forest patrol bungalows. One of the rarest birds in the park.
- 362 Black-naped Green Woodpecker *Picus canus*
(Boonsong Plate 46)
First seen on September 17, 1972 in a mixed hunting party near the main road three kilometers northwest of the office. The group included the Hunting Green-pie (*Cissa chinensis*) White-crested Laughing Thrush (*Garrulax leucolophus*) and Greater Racquet-Tailed Drongo (*Dissemurus paradiseus*).

- 375 Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
(Boonsong Plate 45; Smithies Plate XIV)

A noisy family group of these huge grey woodpeckers was seen 8-12-72 just inside the forest cover west of the main road at Km. 32.

- 501 Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*
(Boonsong Plate 60; Smithies Plate II)

This stunning tit has been seen in 1971 (September), 1972 (August), and March of 1973. On the latter occasion, it was in company with a colorful mixed wave including the Black-naped Blue Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*), White Bellied Yuhina (*Yuhina zantholeuca*), Black-crested Yellow Bulbul (*Pycnonotus melanicterus*), Scarlet Minivet (*Pericrocotus flammeus*), and the Blue-winged Leafbird (*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*).

- 523 Large Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*
(Boonsong Plate 62)

On June 3, 1973, this babbler was seen last off the main road at Km. 32 in thick undergrowth together with a noisy party including two species of laughing thrushes and two species of scimitar babblers.

- 546 Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*
(Boonsong Plate 63; Smithies III)

Seen in long grass February 20, 1972

- 617 Black-browed Flycatcher Warbler *Seicercus burkii*
(Boonsong Plate 70)

The yellow-breast, eye-ring and striped head make this tiny bird distinctive. Seen on the forest floor February 19, 1972.

- 719 Thick-billed Shrike *Lanius tigrinus*
(Boonsong Plate 76)

Seen only once from main road between Orchid and Haew Suwat waterfall.

777 Pin-tailed Parrot-finch *Erythrura prasina*
(Boonsong Plate 80)

Found once in a large but isolated clump of bamboo about 1½ km. east of the main road along the track entering the forest at Km. 32. (February 20, 1972).

CONCLUSION

Twelve species of birds not previously recorded at Khao Yai have been identified and added to the Preliminary List begun by E.C. Dickinson.

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