

## NOTES

### A Third Race of the Golden-throated Barbet, *Megalaima franklinii*, in Thailand

During the late 1960s when information was being collected to assist in the Preparation of "Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia" (KING & DICKINSON 1975), Dr. Boonsong Lekagul was kind enough to permit a thorough review of his skin collection. This note serves to place on record the occurrence of a new subspecies of barbet for Thailand, *Megalaima f. franklinii* (Blyth), which is the race occurring in northern Laos.

Dr. Boonsong's collection held three specimens of *franklinii* from Phu Kha, Nan Province (19° 05' N. 101° 05' E.), collected at 1600 m in mid-January 1959 by the late Kitti Thonglongya, and five specimens of *M. f. ramsayi* from Mae Hong Son Province. The other Thai race, recorded from the southern peninsular provinces by Deignan (1963), was not represented but need not concern us.

The males of these two races are very distinct. Whilst both have the hind crown red with a black border, this is a small spot in *ramsayi* and a large one in *franklinii*. In *ramsayi* the superciliary area is silvery, like the ear coverts, with the black bases of the feathers showing through in the bird in the hand; in *franklinii* the supercilium is broad and black, connecting with the black border to the red patch on the hind neck and separating the eye from the red frontal patch and the golden upper throat.

This description, noted on a sketch made of the heads of the two races, agrees well – in the case of *franklinii* – with the description given in DELACOUR & JABOUILLE (1931).

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A Third Race of the Golden-Breasted Parrot  
Discovered in Tairāra

During the last 100 years when exploration was being carried out in the  
interior of New Guinea to the Birds of Paradise Area, taking a detour to the  
1911. The Honorary Field Naturalist, Mr. J. S. Huxley, in 1911, in  
his collection. The first specimen was placed in the collection of a very important  
at the British Museum, London, England, where it was deposited  
in the collection.

Dr. Huxley's collection was deposited in the collection of the British  
Museum, London, England, in 1911. It is now in the collection of the  
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in the collection of the British Museum, London, England.

The male of this species is very distinct. While both of the birds  
seen and shot in the interior, this is a small bird in contrast with a large  
bird. In color the underparts are a dirty, like the eye, with the  
dark band of the tail is dusky through in the tail in the male. In  
the female it is more greenish, especially with the black band in the tail.  
The male and separating the two from the other birds and the female  
quite distinct.

The birds were shot on a thick carpet of the forest in the  
well in the interior of New Guinea, with the collection in the interior of New  
Guinea.

The specimens are deposited in the collection of the British Museum,  
London, England, and in the collection of the British Museum, London,  
England, and the collection of the British Museum, London, England, is now  
in the collection of the British Museum, London, England.

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