

A List of the Birds of Banguey, Balambangan and Mallewalle Islands, British North Borneo

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The dates 1885, 1889 and 1894 indicate records included in the papers by Guillemard, Everett and Sharpe published in those years. (*vide* p. 4).

Visual records made by us in 1927 are indicated by a cross: "1927" means that specimens were collected on the islands by us in that year.

There is nothing remarkable in the avifauna which, as might be expected from the geographical situation (*vide* p. 2) is essentially that of the lowlands of North Borneo.

Only two species, the megapode and *Ptilinopus melanospila*, are found which are not known from the mainland of Borneo.

In two species, *Treron curvirostra* and *Ducula aenea*, the island forms, if not those inhabiting Balabac and Palawan, are nearer to them than to the Bornean race. But these races of *Treron* and *Ducula* are very near to the forms inhabiting Borneo.

Chalcites xanthorhynchus bangueyensis, *Rhinomyias olivacea perolivacea* and *Pycnonotus plumosus insularis* are based on specimens from Balambangan and Banguey, but none of these can yet be regarded as peculiar to the islands.

Aplonis panayensis heterochlorus is a thin race based on large average size and robust bill, characters shown by the species on other islands in Malaysia.

Meiglyptes tukki pulonis, *Mixornis gularis argentea* and *Dissemurus paradiseus banguey* seem to be confined to the islands.

It can be said that the avifauna of the group is almost entirely Bornean. It shows, however, a slight tendency to internal differentiation and there is a small non-Bornean element, derived from the adjacent Philippine Islands. But this last is not a non-Malaysian factor because Balabac, Palawan and Cagayan Sulu, although politically Philippine, are faunistically part of a province of the Malaysian sub-region.

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Dr. F. H. H. Guillemard seems to have been the first naturalist to collect on any of the islands.* In 1883 the Yacht "Marchesa" visited Banguey chiefly for the purpose of watering and a few birds were obtained and recorded as:—

Dissemurus brachyphorus (= *D. paradiscus banguey*).

Acthopyga sifara

Cittocincla stricklandi

Chalcophaps indica.

A. H. Everett landed on Banguey in 1886† and collected several birds recorded by him in 1889‡: all were additions to Guillemard's short list:—

Copsychus amoenus (= *C. saularis niger*).

Chloropsis cyanopogon

Carpophaga aenea (= *Ducula a. palawanensis*).

Treron nasica (= *T. curvirostra erimacra*).

Ptilopus melanocephalus (= *Ptilinopus melanospila bangueyensis*).

But either Everett or his collectors must have visited the island again—a very likely proceeding for Everett was a Government official in North Borneo and at one time lived in Kudat. Unfortunately no account of his Banguey collections has ever been published and to bring together the scattered references would be a long task.

A skin of *Copsychus* in the British Museum from Banguey is labelled Feb. 1887; and in 1894§ Sharpe recorded a species (*Motacilla ocularis*) from the island, not mentioned in Everett's list of 1889.

Neither Balambangan nor Mallewallé seem to have been collected on previously, although at least one early visitor to Balambangan appears to have had the instincts of a naturalist.¶

*F. H. H. Guillemard, "Cruise of the 'Marchesa' to Kamschatka and New Guinea", 1886, Vol. II, p. 106 and Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1885, p. 106.

†Ibis, 1886, p. 525.

‡Journ. Straits Branch Roy. Asiat. Soc., No. 20, 1889, pp. 91—212 and map.

§Ibis, 1894, p. 540.

¶"Report made to the Chief and Council of Balambangan, by Lieut. James Barton, of his several surveys," in A. Dalrymple's "Oriental Repertory" Vol. II, pp. 9—32.

| | Banguey | Balambangan | Mallewallé |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| 1. <i>Megapodius nicobariensis cumingi</i> | 1927 | 1927 | +* |
| 2. <i>Treron curvirostra erimacra</i> ... | 1889 | 1927 | |
| 3. <i>Treron fulvicollis baramensis</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 4. <i>Treron vernans griseicapilla</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 5. <i>Ptilinopus melanospila bangueyensis</i> ... | 1889 | 1927 | |
| 6. <i>Ducula aenea palawanensis</i> ... | 1889 | + | + |
| 7. <i>Streptopelia chinensis tigrina</i> ... | 1927 | + | |
| 8. <i>Chalcophaps indica indica</i> ... | 1885 | + | + |
| 9. <i>Charadrius apricarius fulvus</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 10. <i>Charadrius leschenaulti</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 11. <i>Charadrius mongolus mongolus</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 12. <i>Charadrius alexandrinus peroni</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 13. <i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 14. <i>Tringa totanus</i> subsp. ... | | + | |
| 15. <i>Tringa hypoleucos</i> ... | | 1927 | + |
| 16. <i>Burhinus neglectus</i> ... | + | + | |
| 17. <i>Ardea sumatrana sumatrana</i> ... | 1927 | + | |
| 18. <i>Demigretta sacra sacra</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 19. <i>Fregata ariel ariel</i> ... | | 1927 | + |
| 20. <i>Cuculus leucogaster leucogaster</i> | + | 1927 | |
| 21. <i>Haliastur indus intermedius</i> ... | + | + | |
| 22. <i>Coryll's galgulus galgulus</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 23. <i>Batrachostomus affinis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 24. <i>Eurystomus orientalis orientalis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 25. <i>Eurystomus orientalis calonyx</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 26. <i>Ramphocyon capensis</i> subsp. ... | + | + | |
| 27. <i>Ceyx erithacus motleyi</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 28. <i>Haleyon chloris cyanescens</i> ... | 1927 | + | |
| 29. <i>Caprimulgus macrurus macrurus</i> | 1927 | + | |
| 30. <i>Hirundapus leucopygialis</i> ... | + | | |
| 31. <i>Collocalia</i> sp. ... | + | + | |
| 32. <i>Hemiprocne longipennis harterti</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 33. <i>Chalcites xanthorhynchus bangueyensis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 34. <i>Rhinortha chlorophæa chlorophæa</i> | 1927 | | |
| 35. <i>Phoenicophaeus curvirostris borneensis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 36. <i>Dryobates moluccensis moluccensis</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 37. <i>Meiglyptes tristis micropterus</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 38. <i>Meiglyptes tukki pulonis</i> ... | 1927 | | |

*One of our collectors said he saw Megapodes on Mallewallé.

| | Banguay | Balam- bangan | Mallewallé |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------|
| 39. <i>Dryocopus javensis javensis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 40. <i>Hirundo rustica gutturalis</i> ... | + | + | |
| 41. <i>Hirundo javanica abbotti</i> ... | | + | |
| 42. <i>Cyornis rufigastra rufigastra</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | 1927 |
| 43. <i>Muscitrea grisola subsp.</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | + |
| 44. <i>Hypothymis azurea prophata</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 45. <i>Rhipidura javanica longicauda</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | + |
| 46. <i>Rhinomyias olivacea perolivacea</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 47. <i>Coracina sumatrensis sumatrensis</i> | 1927 | | |
| 48. <i>Lalage nigra schisticeps</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 49. <i>Aegithina viridissima viridissima</i> | 1927 | | |
| 50. <i>Aegithina tiphia viridis</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 51. <i>Chloropsis cyanopogon cyanopogon</i> ... | 1889 | | |
| 52. <i>Iole olivacea charlottæ</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 53. <i>Pycnonotus plumosus insularis</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | 1927 |
| 54. <i>Pycnonotus brunneus brunneus</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 55. <i>Pycnonotus simplex perplexus</i> ... | | 1927 | |
| 56. <i>Pellorneum capistratum morrelli</i> | 1927 | | |
| 57. <i>Aethostoma rostrata macroptera</i> | 1927 | | |
| 58. <i>Cyanoderma erythroptera bicolor</i> | 1927 | | |
| 59. <i>Mixornis gularis argentea</i> ... | 1927 | | 1927 |
| 60. <i>Copsychus saularis niger</i> ... | 1889 | 1927 | 1927 |
| 61. <i>Kittacincla stricklandi stricklandi</i> | 1885 | 1927 | + |
| 62. <i>Orthotomus ruficeps sericeus</i> ... | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 63. <i>Orthotomus sepium borneoensis</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 64. <i>Phylloscopus borealis</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 65. <i>Hemipus hirundinaceus</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 66. <i>Dissemurus paradiseus banguay</i> ... | 1885 | 1927 | |
| 67. <i>Oriolus xanthonotus consobrinus</i> | 1927 | | 1927 |
| 68. <i>Artamus leucorhynchus leucorhynchus</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 69. <i>Aplonis panayensis heterochlorus</i> | 1927 | 1927 | + |
| 70. <i>Munia fuscans</i> ... | 1927 | | |
| 71. <i>Motacilla "ocularis"</i> ... | 1894* | | |
| 72. <i>Aethopyga siparaja siparaja</i> ... | 1885 | | |
| 73. <i>Leptocoma jugularis ornata</i> ... | + | 1927 | |
| 74. <i>Anthreptes malaccensis bornensis</i> | 1927 | 1927 | 1927 |
| 75. <i>Dicaeum cruentatum nigrimentum</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 76. <i>Dicaeum trigonostigma dayakana</i> | 1927 | 1927 | |
| 77. <i>Chalcoparia singalensis borneana</i> | 1927 | | |

*Moulton does not include *ocularis* in his List of Bornean birds (Journ. Straits Branch, Roy. Asiatic Soc., No. 67, 1914, pp. 126—191) although it has been recorded from Baram by A. H. Everett. (*Ibis*, 1890, p. 465). Moulton's "*M. lugens*" (loc. cit. p. 174) requires re-examination.