The Launching of a New Ark

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SECTION XIII

Preliminary List of Rare Mammals and Birds

including those thought to be rare but of which detailed information is still lacking

This list was drawn up in January I964 (and subsequently amended) by the Survival Service Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the International Council for Bird Preservation. It includes 204 mammals and 312 birds. The numbers, letters and stars against each form—are in accordance with the following classification:

Categories:

- 1. Very rare and believed to be decreasing in numbers.
- 2. Less rare but believed to be threatened-requires watching.
- 3. Very rare but believed to be stable or increasing.
- 4. Status inadequately known-survey required or data sought.

Symbols:

- (a) Full species.
- (b) Subspecies.
- E Exotic introduced or captive populations believed more numerous than indigenous stock.
- M Under active management in a national park or other reserve.
- P Legally protected, at least in some part of its range.
- R Included because of its restricted range
- S Secrecy still desirable.
- " Star " Listing:

Species or subspecies of special importance :

- *** giving cause for very grave anxiety.
 - ** giving cause for considerable anxiety
 - * giving cause for some anxiety.

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MARSUPIALIA

Antechinus jlavipes leucogaster (Gray, 1841)

Yellow-footed marsupial mouse

2 (b) P Occurs in south-western Australia, from Pinjarra to Cape Riche. Two years ago this animal was considered close to extinction but it is now known to be still widespread.

Planigale tenuirostris Troughton, 1928 planigale

Southern

4 (a) P Occurs in the western plains of northern New South between Wilcannia and Moree. Known only from specimens. Wales,

Planigale subtilissima (Lonnberg, 1913) planigale

Kimberley

4 (a) P Restricted to the Kimberley Division, northern Western Australia. Only seven specimens have ever been collected.

Phascogale calura Gould, 1844 phascogale

Red-tailed

4 (a) P Only a few dozen specimens have ever been recorded but still occasionally collected by house cats in the inland part of south-western Australia.

Sminthopsis longicaudata Spencer, 1909 Long-tailed sminthopsis

4 (a) P Possibly extinct but may still survive in some parts of Western Australia. Only three specimens have ever been known.

Antechinomys laniger (Gould, 1856) Eastern jerboa marsupial

4 (a) P Recorded from about ten localities in north-west Victoria, the interior of New South Wales and southern Queensland. Almost nothing is known of this rare marsupial.

Dasyurus quoll (Zimmermann, 177) native cat

Eastern

4 (a) P Common and in no danger in Tasmania but reduced to few remnant pockets on the mainland of Australia.

Dasyurus geoffroyi geoffroyi Gould, 1841

Geoffroy's native cat

4 (b) This race is probably extinct but there may be a remnant

population surviving in Central Australia.

Thylacinus cynocephalus (Harris, 1808)

Thylacine

I (a) *** Surviving in very small numbers in a few widely separated localities in western Tasmania.

Myrmecobius fasciatus rufus Wood Jones, 1923 Marsupial anteater

4 (b) P Probably still exists in inland western South Australia and adjacent Western Australia. Extremely rare but no precise information on numbers.

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Perameles fasciata Gray, 1841 Eastern b

Eastern barred-bandicoot

4 (a) No definite record of this species for 100 years. It may therefore be extinct.

Perameles bougainvillei bougainvillei Quoy & Gaimard, 1824

Western barred-bandicoot

4 (b) P Restricted to Bernier and Dorre Islands, Shark Bay, Western Australia where it is relatively abundant.

Thylacomys lagotis (Reid, 1837) Bilby

4 (a) P All the subspecies are more or less seriously reduced in number: some are extinct, others on the verge of extinction. A few isolated colonies still occur in Western Australia, Northern Territory and south-western Queensland.

Thylacomys leucurus (Thomas, 1887) bilby

Lesser

4 (a) Believed to be extremely rare although no precise data exist regarding its present distribution and status.

Chaeropus ecaudatus (Ogilby, 1838) bandicoot

Pig-footed

4 (a) If it exists at all this animal is in a precarious position. One other of the subspecies may still maintain a slight foothold in Central Australia.

Echymipera rufescens australis Tate, 1948 Cape York bandicoot

4 (b) This mainland race is founded on a solitary specimen collected in 1932. Subsequent attempts to find further specimens have been unsuccessful.

Gymnobelideus leadbeateri McCoy, 1867 Leadbeater's possum

4 (a) P Regarded as extinct until its re-discovery in 1961. Known

only from four specimens and numerous sightings in four localities in Victoria.

Pseudocheirus occidentalis Thomas, 1888 Western ringtail

4 (a) P Small populations of this extremely rare animal are known in south-western Australia.

Wyulda squamicaudata Alexander, 1919 Scaly-tailed possum

4 (a) P Occurs in the Kimberley Division of Western Australia. This very rare species is known only from three adult specimens and one pouch young. None has been seen since 1954.

Phalanger orientalis peninsulai Tate, 1945 Grey cuscus

4 (b) This rain forest form has a very restricted geographical distribution in the Cape York Peninsula, but within this range it may not be particularly rare.

Phascolomys ursinus ursinus (Shaw, 1800) Flinders Island wombat

4 (b) A few small colonies exist on Flinders Island but precise numbers and status are not known.

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Lasiorhinus latifrons latifrons (Owen, 1845) Hairy-nosed wombat

4 (b) Occurs in the Nullarbor Plain around the head of the Great Australian Bight and a few scattered colonies eastward to the Murray River, where it is still relatively common despite constant persecution.

Hypsiprymnodon moschatus Ramsay, 1876 Musky rat-kangaroo

4 (a) P This rain forest species occurs in a restricted area along the coast of north-eastern Queensland. Appears to be persisting well except where the habitat has been cleared.

Bettongia penicillata penicillata Gray, 1837

Brush-tailed rat-kangaroo

4 (b) Extremely rare if not extinct. A remnant colony may still exist on Cape York Peninsula, Queensland.

Bettongia lesueuri (Quoy and Gaimard, 1824)

Lesueur's rat-kangaroo

4 (a) P Almost extinct on the mainland but relatively common on Bernier and Dorre islands.

Bettongia cuniculus (Ogilby, 1838) Tasmanian

rat-kangaroo

4 (a) P Restricted to parts of Tasmania where it is still widespread in suitable country.

Aepyprymnus rufescens (Gray, 1837) Rufous rat-kangaroo

- 4 (a) P Colonies of this rare species still occur from northern
 South Wales to northern Queensland. Precise numbers are not known
- Caloprymnus campestris (Gould, 1843) Desert rat-kangaroo
- 4 (a) A species which is extremely rare even under favourable conditions. Restricted to the region east of Lake Eyre.

Potorous tridactylus tridactylus (Kerr, 1792) Potoroo

4 (b) P Survives, but is rare, in a few parts of Victoria. Two remnant colonies are known in New South Wales and there may be others in southern Oueensland.

Lagostrophus fasciatus (Péron and Lesueur, 1807)

Banded hare-wallaby

4 (a) P The mainland form is almost certainly extinct but large and stable populations occur on Bernier and Dorre islands.

Lagorchestes hirsutus hirsutus Gould, 1844 Rufous hare-wallaby

- 4 (b) P Believed to occur in inland western South Australia and in the inland desert areas of Western Australia. Very rare.
- Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus Gray, 1855 Bar-tailed rock-wallaby
- 4 (b) P Has disappeared from the greater part of its range but is still reasonably secure in the Flinders Range.

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Petrogale penicillata penicillata (Griffith, Smith and Pidgeon, 1827) Brush-tailed rock-wallaby

- 4 (b) A few hundred still survive in scattered colonies from eastern Victoria to southern Queensland.
- Onychogalea fraenata (Gould, 1841) Bridled nail-tailed wallaby
- 4 (a) P There are no records of any existing colonies, although it is possible that a remnant may have survived in central Queensland or inland New South Wales.
- Onychogalea lunata (Gould, 1841) Crescent nail-tailed wallaby
- 4 (a) There are no recent records of this species but it may have

survived in the Great Victoria Desert. Believed to be verging on extinction.

Protemnodon parma (Waterhouse, 1846) Parma wallaby

4 (a) P Only sixteen specimens of this rare wallaby have been collected, the last two being taken in the Dorrigo area, New South Wales, in 1932.

INSECTIVORA

Solenodon paradoxus Brandt, 1833 Hispaniolan solenodon

2 (a) Still occurs in the stony forested regions in the north-eastern part of the Dominican Republic. Not in imminent danger but clearing of its limited habitat would be disastrous.

Atopogale cubana (Peters, 1861)

Cuban solenodon

4 (a) The species still exists in a few remote parts of the mountains of eastern Cuba, where occasional sightings are made.

Eremitalpa granti namibensis Bauer and Niethammer, 1960

Namib golden mole

4 (a) Restricted to parts of the central and southern Namib Desert, South West Africa. The first specimens were secured in October 1963, since when five have been collected.

PRIMATES

Microcebus coquereli A. Grandidier, 1867 Coquerel's dwarf lemur

1 (a) ** One of the rarest lemurs. Reliably reported from only single locality in south-western Madagascar.

Cheirogaleus medius E. Geoffroy, 1812 Fat-tailed dwarf lemur

4 (a) Reported from two widely separated areas, one in the northwest and the other in the south-west of Madagascar.

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Phaner furcifer (Blainville, 1839) Fork-marked dwarf lemur

4 (a) Little is known of the status of this lemur but it is believed to be restricted to two widely separated areas, one near Ampasindava Bay and the other near Tulear.

Lepilemur mustelinus ruficaudatus A. Grandidier, 1867

Red-tailed sportive lemur

4 (b) Restricted to the western forests of Madagascar, from Narinda Bay to the Onilahy River.

Lepilemur mustelinus leucopus (Forsyth-Major, 1894)

White-footed sportive lemur

4 (b) Occurs in extreme south-eastern Madagascar, between the Manambovo and Mandrare rivers.

Lepilemur mustelinus dorsalis Gray, 1870 sportive lemur

Weasel

4 (b) Believed to be restricted to the island of Nosy-bé off the north-western coast of Madagascar.

Lemur macaco macaco Linnaeus, 1766

Black

4 (b) Range limited to a small area in the north-west and two small islands off the coast of Madagascar.

Lemur macaco rufus Audebert, 1799 lemur

Red-fronted

4 (b) Found in the drier western coastal regions and one area in the south-east of Madagascar. Once common but now gravely threatened in three of the four localities in which it is known to occur.

Lemur macaco flavifrons (Gray, 1867)

Sclater's

4 (b) Occupies a very restricted region in north-western Madagascar, in the vicinity of Maromandia.

Lemur macaco sanfordi Archbold, 1932 lemur Sanford's

4 (b) Found only on Mt. d'Ambre in the extreme north of Madagascar. Rare and decreasing.

Lemur mongoz mongoz Linnaeus, 1766

Mongoose

4 (b) An uncommon lemur which is found in two localities in north-western Madagascar and possibly the Comoro Islands.

Lemur mongoz coronatus Gray, 1842

Crowned

4 (b) A rare lemur which is restricted to a small area in the northeast of Madagascar .

Hapalemur griseus (Link, 1795)

Grey gentle

4 (a) Found mainly in the humid forests of eastern Madagascar, but also some parts of the west. Rare and declining.

Hapalemur simus Gray, 1870

Reed

lemur

4 (a) This very rare lemur has not been observed or captured for

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many years but is believed still to occur in the vicinity of Lake Alaotra.

Indri indri (Gmelin, 1788)

Indri

1 (a) *** A restricted range in the eastern volcanic mountains of Madagascar. Decreasing with the loss of indigenous forest.

Propithecus verreauxi verreauxi A. Grandidier, 1867

Verreaux's sifaka

4 (b) Occurs in southern and south-western Madagascar. Numerically greatly reduced and continuing to decline.

Propithecus verreauxi coquereli Milne-Edwards, 1867

Coquerel's sifaka

4 (b) Found in the vicinity of Mahajamba Bay and Ankarafantsika Forest. Precise status unknown but believed to be rare.

Propithecus verreauxi deckenii Peters, 1870 Decken's sifaka

4 (b) This albinistic subspecies is found in only two localities on the plains between the Manambolo and Mahavavy rivers and to the south of Lake Kinkony.

Propithecus verreauxi coronatus Milne-Edwards, 1871

Crowned sifaka

4 (b) Restricted to central western Madagascar. Once common but now substantially reduced in numbers.

Propithecus verreauxi majori Rothschild, 1894

Forsyth-Major's sifaka

1 (b) *** Occurs in the Sakaraha Forest. This partially melanistic race is the most localised and the most seriously threatened of the sifakas.

Avahi laniger occidentalis Lorenz, 1898 Western woolly avahi

2 (b) Perhaps less endangered than any of the western sifakas but threatened by the reduction of the north-western coastal forests which constitute its habitat.

Daubentonia madagascariensis (Gmelin, 1788) Aye-aye

1 (a) *** The sole surviving representative of the genus and now extremely rare. It occupies a restricted range in the eastern and north-western coastal forests of Madagascar.

Cercocebus galeritus galeritus Peters, 1879 Tana River mangabey

4 (b) Confined to the lower Tana River, Kenya. None has been seen

since 1961.

Rhinopithecus roxellanae (Milne-Edwards, 1870) Golden monkey

4 (a) Restricted to the deciduous forests of Szechuan (extending into Southern Kansu), Yunnan and Kweichow. Believed rare.

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Colobus badius kirkii Gray, 1868 red colobus

Zanzibar

- 1 (b) ** Occupies more than a third of the east coast bush of Zanzibar, much of which is coral rag scrub: also occurs in Jozani Forest. Population may be as low as 200.
- Colobus badius rufomitratus Peters, 1879 Tana River red colobus
- 2 (b) Restricted to the gallery forests of the lower Tana River, Kenya. Not uncommon within its restricted range but threatened by increasing destruction of the forested habitat.
- Colobus badius gordonorum (Matschie, 1900) Uhehe red colobus
- 4 (b) Restricted to a small part of the Uzungwa Mountains, Iringa District, Tanganyika. Little is known of this rare subspecies.

Pongo pygmaeus (Hoppius, 1763) Orang-utan

1 (a) *** Occurs in limited areas of Sumatra and Borneo. Population estimated at 5000-6000.

Pan paniscus Schwartz, 1929 chimpanzee

Pygmy

- 4 (a) Limited to the forests of the Congo, south of the Congo River. Believed to be rare in the southern part of its range but little is known of this species.
- Gorilla gorilla beringei Matschie, 1903 Mountain gorilla
- 2 (b) P Found in parts of the eastern Congo and a small region in extreme S. W. Uganda. Estimated population between 5000 and 15,000.

EDENTATA

Priodontes giganteus (Geoffroy, 1803) Giant armadillo

4 (a) Occurs in the eastern part of South America from southeastern Venezuela to north-eastern Argentina. Said to be very rare but

LAGOMORPHA

Pentalagus furnessi (Stone, 1900) rabbit

Liukiu

2 (a) Found only in two Japanese islands: Amami Oshima and Toku-no-Shima. Population numbers 500-900 animals.

Caprolagus hispidus (Pearson, 1839)

Assam

rabbit

4 (a) Restricted distribution along the foothills of the Himalayas: now regarded as probably extinct.

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RODENTIA

Sciurus kaibabensis Merriam, 1904

Kaibab

squirrel

4 (a) P A small population which is confined to the Kaibab Plateau on the northern side of the Grand Canyon, Arizona.

Cynomys parvidens J. A. Allen, 1905

Utah prairie

dog

2 (a) The species occurs in five counties of south-central Utah. One of the least common and most restricted prairie dogs.

Microtus pennsylvanicus provectus Bangs, 1908

Block Island meadow vole

4 (b) Known only from Block Island, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Very restricted range; numbers unknown.

Microtus breweri (Baird, 1858) vole

Beach meadow

4 (a) Restricted to Muskegat Island off Nantucket, Massachusetts. Status inadequately known.

Chinchilla lanigera Bennett, 1829

Chinchilla

1 (a) *** Found only in limited parts of Chile and Bolivia. Very rare in the wild state.

Plagiodontia aedium F. Cuvier, 1836

Cuvier's

4 (a) Found only in limited parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic and reported to be close to extinction.

Plagiodontia hylaeum Miller, 1927

Dominican

4 (a) Restricted to parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic and now believed to be very scarce.

CETACEA

Balaenoptera physalus (Linnaeus, 1758) whale

Fin

2 (a) ** This important commercial species is now reduced to about 40,000.

Balaenoptera musculus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Blue

1 (a) *** MP The population is believed to be between 650 and 1950 (excluding pygmy blue whales, of which only 2000-3000 exist). Probably the most endangered of all the large whales.

Megaptera novaeangliae (Borowski, 1781) Humpback whale

2 (a) *MP A species which has been heavily depleted and is now scarce in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Balaena mysticetus Linnaeus, 1758 Greenland right whale

3 (a) **P By the end of the nineteenth century this species had been hunted almost to extinction: very few sightings have been made in recent years.

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Eubalaena glacialis (Borowski, 1781) North Atlantic right whale

3 (a) *P One of the three species of large right whales which have been heavily hunted for centuries. Now rare but not as severely reduced as *Balaena mysticetus*.

Eubalaena australis (Desmoulins, 1822) Southern right whale

3 (a) **P This once abundant species has been reduced to well beyond the danger point. Like other right whales it is now fully protected.

Eubalaena sieboldi (Gray, 1818) North Pacific right whale

3 (a) **P Stocks of this North Pacific species have been depleted almost to vanishing point.

CARNIVORA

Chrysocyon brachyurus (Illiger, 1811) wolf

Maned

4 (a) Found in parts of Brazil, eastern Bolivia, Paraguay and north-eastern Argentina. Status uncertain but believed to be declining rapidly.

Tremarctos ornatus (F. Cuvier, 1825)

Spectacled

4 (a) The only bear in South America, ranging from the Andes of eastern Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, northern Chile and Bolivia. Rare throughout this range.

Thalarctos maritimus (Phipps, 1774) bear Polar

2 (a) The species is circumpolar in distribution and in recent years has undergone a serious numerical decline.

Ailuropoda melanoleuca (David, 1869) panda Giant

3 (a) P Confined to the high bamboo forests of central and western Szechuan, China. Believed to be rare but no population estimates are available.

Mustela nigripes (Audubon & Bachman, 1851) Black-footed ferret

1 (a) ***S At one time thought to be extinct but a few were seen in South Dakota in 1955 and limited numbers may exist elsewhere.

Pteronura brasiliensis (Gmelin, 1788)

Brazilian giant

4 (a) Little is known of the distribution and status of this rare animal but it is believed to be confined to a few rivers in Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay.

Hyaena brunnea Thunberg, 1820 Brown hyaena

4 (a) Found mainly in South West Africa and South-western Bechuanaland. Also known to occur in the Kruger National *Preliminary list of rare mammals and birds*

Park and has been recorded from Portuguese East Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

Hyaena hyaena barbara Blainville, 1844 Barbary hyaena

2 (b) Occurs in Morocco and Algeria. Numerically greatly reduced in recent years and now numbering only a few hundred.

Felis lynx pardina Temminck, 1842

Spanish

lynx

1 (b) **Total population believed not to exceed several hundred, including 150-200 in the Coto Doñana.

Panthera pardus panthera (Schreber, 1777) Barbary leopard

1 (b) ** An estimated 50-100 survive in Morocco and even in Algeria.

Panthera lea persica (Meyer, 1826) Asiatic lion

3 (b) P Restricted to the 500 square mile Gir Forest, India, where approximately 250 are to be found.

Panthera tigris virgata (Il1iger, 1815) Caspian tiger

1 (b) *** Ranges through northern Iran to northern Afghanistan and northward to Russian Turkestan. 15-20 in Iran and "several tens" in Russia.

Panthera tigris langipilis (Fitzinger, 1868) Manchurian tiger

4 (b) Found in the Amur and Ussuri regions of Siberia and may occur in Chihli and Mongolia. Surviving population in far eastern U.S.S.R. estimated at about 100.

Panthera tigris sandaica (Fitzinger, 1868)

tiger

Javan

1 (b) *** Found only in the Udjong Kulon Peninsula, Java, and now reduced to a total of nine.

Panthera tigris coreensis (Brass, 1904) Korean tiger

4 (b) Occurs in small numbers from Korea and southern Manchuria through eastern Mongolia and northern China.

Panthera tigris balica (Schwarz, 1912)

tiger

Bali

1 (b) *** Three or four may still survive in the extreme west of Bali.

Panthera tigris lecoqi (Schwarz, 1916) Chinese Turkestan tiger

4 (b) Restricted to the Lob-Nor region of Chinese Turkestan believed to be very scarce, if not extinct.

Acinanyx jubatus jubatus (Schreber, 1775) African cheetah

2 (b) P Still widely distributed in Mrica but declining in many parts of its range.

Acinanyx jubatus venaticus (Griffith, 1821) Indian cheetah

1 (b) ***P Gravely reduced both numerically and geographically. Now found only in a few parts of Turkmenia, Iran and Afghanistan.

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PINNIPEDIA

- Zalophus californianus japonicus (Peters, 1866) California sea lion
- 1 (b) *** The last stronghold was Take-Shima, a small islet in the Sea of Japan. No observations have been made in recent years and this race may now be extinct.

Arctocephalus australis galapagoensis Heller, 1904

Galapagos fur seal

- 3 (b) Restricted to several of the Galapagos Islands. At one time reduced almost to the point of extinction but now numbering about 500.
- Arctocephalus philippii philippii (Peters, 1866) Philippi's fur seal 4 (b) Reliably known only from Islas Juan Fernandez, 800 km west of Chile and now probably extinct.

Arctocephalus philippii townsendi Merriam, 1897

Guadalupe fur seal

- 3 (b) P Restricted to Guadalupe Island, Lower California, and numbering between 200 and 500. Slowly increasing after having been almost exterminated.
- Odobenus rosmarus rosmarus (Linnaeus, 1758) Atlantic walrus
- 2 (b) P Found in Arctic waters from the Kara Sea to Hudson Bay and numbering 20,000-40,000.
- Histriophoca fasciata (Zimmermann, 1783) Ribbon seal
- 4 (a) Between 5000 and 20,000 occupy a range extending from northern Hokkaido to Alaska.
- Monachus monachus (Hermann, 1779) Mediterranean monk seal
- 1 (a) ***P Limited to a few localities in the Mediterranean and Black Sea: entire population probably does not exceed 500.
- Monachus tropicalis (Gray, 1850) Caribbean monk seal
- 1 (a) *** Almost extinct but may still occur in Jamaican waters.
- Monachus schauinslandi Matschie, 1905 Hawaiian monk seal

3 (a) P Breeding occurs only on six atolls in the Leeward Chain of the Hawaiian Islands and the population totals about 1500.

Ommatophoca rossi Gray, 1844

Ross seal

4 (a) Less rare than previously supposed but very local in distribution and the only seal confined entirely to Antarctic seas. Population estimated at 20,000-50,000.

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PROBOSCIDAE

Elephas maximus ceylanicus Blainville, 1845 Ceylon elephant

3 (b) P 1000-1500 of these animals occur in parts of Ceylon: the population is more or less stable.

SIRENIA

Dugong dugon (Muller, 1776)

Dugong

4 (a) P Occurs, but is uncommon, in warmer tropical and subtropical coastal waters from the eastern coast of African to northern Australia.

Hydrodamalis stelleri Retzius, 1794 sea-cow Steller's

4 (a) This species has been regarded as extinct since 1768 but it is possible that it may still persist in the vicinity of Cape Navarin.

Trichechus manatus Linnaeus, 1758 manatee

West

Indian

4 (a) P Small numbers still exist along the coasts and coastal rivers of Central and South America and the Florida Peninsula.

Trichechus senegalensis Link, 1795 manatee West

African

4 (a) P Found in the coastal lagoons and lower reaches of West African rivers from Senegal to Angola. Rare in most parts of its range.

Trichechus inunguis (Natterer, 1883)

Amazonian

manatee

4 (a) P Rare in the lower Amazon but less endangered in the upper reaches where human inhabitants are fewer.

PERISSODACTYLA

Equus przewalski Poliakov, 1881

Przewalski's horse

3 (a) E Believed extinct in the wild state but the ninety in captivity are increasing satisfactorily.

Equus asinus africanus (Fitzinger, 1857)

Nubian wild

wild

4 (b) A few hundred occur in small herds in the neighbourhood of Atbara and in the hills north of Kassala.

Equus asinus somalicus P. L. Sclater, 1884 Somali

4 (b) P Two groups totalling about 1400 occur in the Sardo Plains, Ethiopia, and in the Nogal Valley, Somalia.

Equus hemionus hemionus Pallas, 1775

Mongolian wild

4 (b) Found only in parts of Central Mongolia. Believed rare but precise information not at present available.

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Equus hemionus onager Boddaert, 1785

Persian wild

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1 (b) **P Now exists only in north-eastern Iran, where there are about 300, and in the Badkhyz Game Reserve in Turkmenia.

Equus hemionus khur Lesson, 1827

Indian wild

2 (b) Confined to the Little Rann of Kutch, India, and numbering about 870.

Equus hemionus hemippus I. Geoffroy, 1855 Syrian wild

4 (b) There are conflicting reports but the general consensus of opinion is that this ass is probably extinct.

Equus zebra zebra Linnaeus, 1758 Cape mountain zebra

3 (b) MP About eighty-one survive in the Mountain Zebra National Park and on a few farms in Cape Province, South Africa.

Tapirus pinchaque (Roulin, 1829) Mountain tapir

4 (a) Occurs in the Andes of Colombia and Ecuador between the 2000 and 4000 metre contours. Believed to be rare.

Tapirus bairdii (Gill, 1865) Baird's tapir

1 (a) ** Found in Ecuador and Colombia west of the Andes, extending northwards as far as Mexico and Veracruz. Dangerously reduced in number throughout the greater part of its range.

Rhinoceros unicornis Linnaeus, 1758 Great Indian rhinoceros

1 (a) **P A total of 625 exist in north-east India and the Rapti Valley of Nepal.

Rhinoceros sondaicus Desmarest, 1822 Javan rhinoceros

1 (a) ***P Now found only in the Udjung Kulon Reserve, Java, where about twenty-four have survived.

Didermoceros sumatrensis (Fischer, 1814) Sumatran rhinoceros

1 (a) ***P 100-170 exist in a few isolated localities in Burma, Malaya, Sumatra and North Borneo.

Ceratotherium simum Cottoni (Lydekker, 1908)

Northern square-lipped rhinoceros

4 (6) P Principal populations occur in the Bahr-el-Ghazal, southern Sudan, and the Garamba National Park, Congo. Small numbers also exist in the West Nile Province, Uganda, and the Central African Republic.

Diceros bicornis (Linnaeus, 1758) Black

2 (a) P An estimated total of 11,000-13,500 occupy an extensive range south of the Sahara, principally eastern and central Africa.

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ARTIODACTYLA

Sus salvanius (Hodgson, 1847)

Pygmy

1 (a) *** Possibly extinct, but may still occur in the Terai of Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and north-western Assam.

Choeropsis liberiensis (Morton, 1844) Pygmy hippopotamus

4 (a) P This little known species occurs in small and decreasing numbers in Liberia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, the Republic of Guinea and Nigeria.

Camelus bactrianus ferus Przewalski, 1883 Wild bactrian camel

3 (b) P Between 400 and 500 occur in the extreme south of the Gobi/Trans-Altai desert and a very few in the Mongolian province of Chemo-sinkiang.

Muntiacus crinifrons (Sclater, 1885) muntjac Black

- 4 (a) One of the rarest and least known of Chinese deer. Only three specimens have been recorded.
- Muntiacus feae (Thomas and Doria, 1889) Fea's muntjac
- 4 (a) Known only by a very few specimens from Tenasserim and Siam.
- Dama mesopotamica (Brooke, 1875) Mesopotamian fallow deer
- 1 (a) *** 50-100 occupy a restricted area of about 200 sq km along the Karcheh River, south-western Iran.
- Cervus eldi eldi M'Clelland, 1842 Manipur brow-antlered deer
- 1 (b) **P About 100 survive in an area of 10 square miles on the Logtak Lake, State of Manipur, India.

Cervus eldi siamensis Lydekker, 1915

Thailand brow-antlered deer

- 1 (b) * Only a few herds of four or five animals each have survived in northern and north-eastern Thailand. Relatively common in parts of Cambodia.
- Cervus eldi thamin (Thomas, 1918) Burmese brow-antlered deer
- 2 (b) P An estimated 3790 exist in a number of Forest Divisions in Burma.
- Cervus nippon taiouanus Blyth, 1860 Formosan sika
- 4 (b) Restricted to the island of Formosa. Status uncertain but believed to be almost extinct in the wild state.

Cervus nippon mandarinus Milne-Edwards, 1871

North China sika

4 (b) Precise status uncertain but believed to be at or close to extinction in the wild state, although herds may still be preserved on deer farms.

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Cervus nippon kopschi Swinhoe, 1873 South China sika

4 (b) Found in the eastern parts of Southern China. Status uncertain but believed to be close to extinction.

Cervus nippon grassianus (Heude, 1884) sika Shansi

4 (b) The range includes the forested mountain regions of western Shansi, China. Extremely rare if not extinct in the wild state.

Cervus albirostris Przewalski, 1883 deer Thorold's

4 (a) Occurs on the Tibetan Plateau, Szechuan, Kansu and KokoNor. Status uncertain but believed to be very rare.

Cervus elaphus corsicanus Erxleben, 1777 deer

Corsican

1 (b) *** Restricted to parts of the islands of Corsica and Sardinia and now reduced to a small number.

Cervus elaphus barbarus Bennett, 1833 stag

Barbary

1 (b) ***P Less than 100 still survive in the cork forests of northwestern Tunisia.

Cervus elaphus hanglu Wagner, 1844 stag Kashmir

1 (b) ** About 175-200 survive mainly in the Dachigam Sanctuary; a few occur in other parts of Kashmir. The Russian authorities have succeeded in establishing a sizeable population in southern Tajikistan.

Cervus elaphus yarkandensis Blanford, 1892 stag Yarkand

4 (b) Range includes the Tarim Valley, eastern Chinese Turkestan. Believed to be very rare but precise status uncertain.

Cervus elaphus bactrianus Lydekker, 1900 wapiti Bactrian

4 (b) This subspecies occurs in small numbers in parts of Russian Turkestan.

Cervus elaphus macneilli Lydekker, 1909 M'Neill's deer

4 (b) Occurs on the Tibetan Plateau and along the extreme western border of Szechuan. Status uncertain but believed to be scarce.

Elaphurus davidianus Milne-Edwards, 1866 Pére David's deer

3 (a) E Extinct in the wild state. A captive population of about is flourishing and some have recently been returned to their native China.

Odocoileus virginianus clavium Barbour and Allen, 1922

Florida key deer

3 (b) P Found principally in the Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge, Florida, where they number 225-235.

Blastocerus bezoarticus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Pampas

4 (a) Occurs on the dry open plains of Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Preliminary list of rare mammals and birds

Argentina and northern Patagonia. Has completely disappeared from much of its range.

Pudu pudu (Molina, 1782)

Pudu

4 (a) The world's smallest deer, inhabiting the Andes along the frontier of Chile and Argentina and now believed to be critically reduced in numbers.

Pudu mephistophiles (de Winton, 1896) pudu Ecuadorian

4 (a) Occupies a very restricted high altitude habitat on the paramo of Papallacta, Ecuador.

Rangifer tarandus pearsoni Lydekker, 1903

Novaya Zemlya reindeer

4 (b) Confined to the island of Novaya Zemlya. Believed to be rare but exact status uncertain.

Rangifer tarandus setoni Flerov, 1933

Sakhalin reindeer

4 (b) Occurs on the island of Sakhalin, Eastern Siberia. Believed rare but exact status uncertain.

Antilocapra americana mexicana Merriam, 1901

Mexican pronghorn

4 (b) Occurs in central and northern Mexico, extending into the south-western United States. In recent years the population has seriously declined.

Antilocapra americana peninsularis Nelson, 1912

Lower California pronghorn

4 (b) A few scattered bands occur in Baja California, but numbers are very low and continue to decline.

Antilocapra americana sonoriensis Goldman, 1945

Sonora pronghorn

4 (b) Confined to Sonora, Mexico, and extreme southern Arizona. There may be no more than fifty along the Sonora/Arizona border west of Sonora.

Tragelaphus buxtoni (Lydekker, 1910) nyala Mountain

2 (a) P Restricted to parts of Ethiopia south and east of the Rift Valley above 9500 feet: believed to number about 2000.

Taurotragus derbianus derbianus (Gray, 1847) Western giant

eland

1 (b) ***P Reduced to a few dozen animals in the interior of Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Upper Gambia.

Bubalus bubalis (Linnaeus, 1758)

Wild Indian

buffalo

2 (a) P Surviving in three areas in Assam, Nepal and India. Total population about 2165.

Anoa depressicornis (Hamilton-Smith, 1827)

Anoa

4 (a) Precise status unknown although the anoa is believed to have The Launching of A New Ark

seriously declined and to survive in only a few parts of Celebes.

Anoa mindorensis (Heude, 1888)

Tamarau

4 (a) P Some 300 inhabit bamboo thickets in the highlands of the island of Mindoro.

Bos gaurus hubbacki Lydekker, 1907 Seladang

1 (b) **P Occurs in the Malayan Peninsula, principally the State of Pahang and now reduced to about 300 animals.

Bos sauveli Urbain, 1937

Kouprey

1 (a) ***P Restricted to two separate regions in northern Cambodia and numbering about 200 all told.

Bison bonasus bonasus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Wisent

3 (b) ME Exterminated throughout its range but a small herd been re-established in the Bialowieza Forest, Poland. Total population about 800.

Cephalophus zebra (Gray, 1838) duiker Banded

4 (a) Occurs in the western part of Sierra Leone and the interior of Liberia. Believed rare but precise status uncertain.

Hippotragus niger variani Thomas, 1916 sable

Giant

1 (b) **P A total of about 500-700 occupy the Luando Reserve and the Cangandala area in Angola.

Oryx leucoryx (Pallas, 1777)

Arabian

oryx

1 (a) *** Less than 200 remain in the remoter parts of the Eastern Aden Protectorate, Muscat and Oman.

Oryx tao (H. Smith, 1827)

Scimitar-horned

oryx

4 (a) Distributed across the southern Sahara from Rio de Oro to the Sudan. Precise status uncertain but believed to number about 10,000.

Addax nasomaculatus (Blainville, 1816)

Addax

4 (a) Ranges widely across the southern Sahara. Comprehensive data is lacking but there are thought to be about 5000 in former French Equatorial Africa.

Damaliscus dorcas dorcas (Pallas, 1766)

Bontebok

3 (b) P M About 600 are distributed in various refuges and on private land in Cape Province, South Africa.

Damaliscus hunteri (P. L. Sclater, 1889) hartebeest

Hunter's

2 (a) *P Approximately 1000 inhabit a restricted range extending from the north-eastern bank of the Tana River, Kenya, to the Juba River, Somalia.

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Alcelaphus buselaphus swaynei (P. L. Sclater, 1892)

Swayne's hartebeest

1 (b) *** Believed to have been exterminated in Somalia but may survive precariously in Harar Province, Ethiopia.

Connochaetes gnou (Zimmermann, 1780)

White-tailed gnu

3 (a) P M About 600 exist in reserves and on private land in various parts of South Africa.

Nesotragus moschatus moschatus Von Dueben, 1846 Zanzibar suni

4 (b) Recorded only from Zanzibar and two small neighbouring islets. Believed to be rare.

Dorcatragus megalotis (Menges, 1894) Beira

4 (a) Found in parts of Somalia, possibly extending into Ethiopia. Believed to be rare but there is little information concerning the precise status of this species.

Ammodorcas clarkei (Thomas, 1891)

Dibatag

2 (a) P There are reported to be a few thousand in parts of and northern Somalia and the Ogaden, Ethiopia.

- Gazella dorcas neglecta Lavauden, 1926 Algerian dorcas gazelle
- 4 (b) Recorded only from the Plateau de Tadmeit, Central Algerian Sahara.
- Gazella dorcas massaesyla Cabrera, 1928 Moroccan dorcas gazelle
- 4 (b) Occurs in the high plateaux of the Rif, Morocco, south of Spanish-Moroccan frontier and now believed to be rare.
- Gazella dorcas saudiya Carruthers and Schwarz, 1935

Saudi-Arabian dorcas gazelle

- 4 (b) Occurs in parts of Sinai, Arabia and Palestine. Believed very rare but precise information is lacking.
- Gazella gazella arabica (Lichtenstein, 1827) Arabian gazelle
- 4 (b) Range includes Sinai and Arabia, south to Aden. Believed very rare but precise information is lacking.
- Gazella gazella cuvieri (Ogilby, 1841) Cuvier's gazelle
- 4 (b) Found in the mountains of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis, where it is now believed to be very rare.
- Gazella leptocerus (F. Cuvier, 1842) Slender-horned gazelle
- 4 (a) Widely distributed in Algeria, Libya, Egypt, the Sudan and the desert regions of Arabia. Believed to be scarce.
- Gazella pelzelnii Kohl, 1866 Pelzeln's gazelle
- 4 (a) Restricted to the maritime plains of Berbera, northern Somalia. Believed to have seriously declined in recent years.

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Gazella dama mhorr (Bennett, 1833) Mhorr gazelle

4 (b) Now restricted to south-western Morocco where it is believed to be close to extinction.

Naemorhedus goral raddeanus (Heude, 1894) Korean goral

4 (b) Ranges from Korea to south-eastern Siberia. Status uncertain but believed to be rare.

Capricornis sumatraensis sumatraensis (Bechstein, 1799)

Sumatran serow

4 (b) P Exterminated throughout the greater part of its range but small numbers are believed to have survived on the slopes of Sumatra's volcanoes.

Capricornis crispus crispus (Temminck, 1845)

Japanese serow

2 (a) Range: Honshu and Kyushu, Japan and possibly Formosa. Population about 1500.

Budorcas taxicolor bedfordi Thomas, 1911 Golden takin

4 (b) P Believed to be confined to the T'ai Pei Shan in southern Shansi, China, and numbering only a few hundred specimens.

Hemitragas jayakari Thomas, 1894 Arabian tahr

4 (a) Only a very few specimens have been recorded from the hills west of the Gulf of Oman.

Hemitragus hylocrius (Ogilby, 1838)
Nilgiri tahr

2 (a) Occurs from the Nilgiri Hills to the Ananamallais and southwards along the Western Ghats, Southern India. Total population about 800-850.

Capra walie Rüppell, 1835 Walia ibex

1 (a) *** About 150-200 inhabit the Semien Plateau, Ethiopia.

Capra falconeri (Wagner, 1839)

Markhor

4 (a) Found in Kashmir and in the mountains bordering India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Russia. Some of the subspecies are believed to have been substantially reduced, if not exterminated.

Ovis ammon darwini Przewalski, 1883 Gobi argali

4 (b) Occupies a wide area extending from the mountains north Peking into Mongolia but seriously reduced throughout the greater part of its range.

Ovis orientalis bochariensis Nasonov, 1904 Bokharan urial

4 (b) A rare urial with a very restricted range in Turkmenistan.

Ovis orientalis ophion Blyth, 1841 Cyprian mouflon

1 (b) * Confined to the Paphos State Forest, Cyprus, where 100-200 are known to occur. IUCN, Morges, 1964

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BIRDS

Order TINAMIFORMES

Family TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus atrocapillus (Tschudi) Black-headed

4 (a) Found in Peru, but neither range nor status definitely known.

Crypturellus casiqutare (Chapman) Casiquiare Tinamou

4 (a) Recorded only from the area of the junction of the rivers Casiquiare and Guainia, in Venezuela. Status not known.

Order SPHENISCIFORMES

Family SPHENISCIDAE

Spheniscus mendtculus Sundevall Galapagos Penguin

3 (a) * Galapagos islands of Isabella (Albemarle) and Fernandina (Narborough). Population estimated at about 5000 birds in 1962.

Order PODICIPEDIFORMES

Family PODICIPEDIDAE

Podilymbus gigas (Griscom) Lake Atitlan Grebe

2 (a) ** Confined to Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. Very rare and total population probably about 100 birds.

Podiceps taczanowskii Berlepsch and Stolzmann

Lake Junin Grebe

- 3 (a) ** Confined to Lake Junin, Peru. Only this one population but precise status and numbers not known.
- Podiceps cristatus australis Gould Southern Crested Grebe
- 4 (b) Very rare in South Island, New Zealand. Probably no longer in North Island. No estimate of population numbers available.

Podiceps rufolavatus Delacour

Alaotra

Titicaca

Grebe

- 3 (a) ** Confined to Lake Alaotra, Madagascar. Only this one population but its numbers and status not known.
- Centropelma micropterum (Gould)
 Grebe
- 3 (a) ** Confined to Lake Titicaca, Bolivia. Details of population figures and status not available.

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Order PROCELLARIIFORMES

Family DIOMEDEIDAE

Diomedea irrorata Salvin

Waved Albatross

3 (a) Apparently confined to Hood Island, Galapagos group. Population estimated at 6000 to 7000 birds in 1962.

Diomedea albatrus Pallas

Short-tailed

Albatross

1 (a) ** Confined to Torishima Island, Bonin group, Japan. Population estimated at forty-seven birds in 1962.

Family PROCELLARIIDAE

Pterodroma hasitata (Kuhl)

Diablotin

3 (a) * Apparently breeds only in southern Haiti. Population estimated at about 4000 birds in 1963.

Pterodroma cahow (Nichols & Mowbray)

Cahow

2 (a) *** Now confined to small islets of the southern Bermudas. Population estimated at under 100 birds in 1951; in 1963 probably under fifty birds.

Pterodroma macgillivrayi (Gray) Macgillivray's
Petrel

4 (a) Based on one specimen from Ngau, Fiji. Nothing known of status or present existence.

Pterodroma aterrima (Bonaparte)

Reunion

Petre1

4 (a) Recorded from the western Indian Ocean. Breeding place unknown. Certainly very rare, probably extinct. Still known only by four specimens.

Pterodroma leucoptera longirostris (Stejneger)

Japanese Petrel

4 (b) Known only by four specimens taken in Honshu, Japan. *Puffinus puffinus newelli* Henshaw Newell's Shearwater

4 (b) Recorded from on or near most Hawaiian islands. Indubitably rare but neither breeding place nor status known.

Order PELECANIFORMES

Family SULIDAE

Sula abbotti Ridgway

Abbott's

Booby

2 (a) * Breeding confined to Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, where in 1941 the population was estimated at 1000 to 1500 birds.

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Family PHALACROCORACIDAE

Nannopterum harrisi (Rothschild) Flightless Galapagos

Cormorant

3 (a) * Apparently confined to Isabella (Albemarle) Island, Galapagos. In 1962 the population was estimated at 3000 to 5000 birds.

Family FREGATIDAE

Fregata aquila (Linnaeus)
Bird

Ascension Frigate

4 (a) Confined to Ascension Island where the population was estimated at 3000 to 5000 birds in 1962.

Order CICONIIFORMES

Family CICONIIDAE

Ciconia ciconia boyciana Swinhoe

Korea White

Stork

4 (b) Rare or perhaps extinct in Siberia; rare and local in Korea and Japan. Precise status and approximate numbers not known.

Family THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Nipponia nippon (Temminck)
Ibis

Japanese Crested

1 (a) *** Much restricted in its range in eastern Asia. Its numbers in Japan in 1963 were estimated at eleven, or possibly twelve birds.

Thaumatibis gigantea (Oustalet)

This

Giant

4 (a) Extremely rare, in Cambodia and southern Vietnam only.

Maybe it is now confined to one locality. Numbers not known.

Order ANSERIFORMES

Family ANATIDAE

Anas platyrhynchos wyvilliana Sclater Hawaiian Duck

2 (b) *** Rare and rapidly diminishing population on two islands of the Hawaiian group. 1962 population estimated at not more than 200 birds.

Anas laysanensis Rothschild Duck Laysan

3 (b) *** Rare and confined to Laysan Island. In 1961 the total population was estimated at no more than 200 birds.

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Anas aucklandica aucklandica (Gray)

Auckland I. Flightless Teal

4 (b) Restricted to some of the Auckland islets. Precise status and population numbers not known.

Anas aucklandica chlorotis (Gray) New Zealand Brown Teal

4 (b) Found only in a few places in N.Z., such as Stewart Island, Fiordland and Northland. Population perhaps 1000 to 1500 birds.

Anas bernieri (Hartlaub)

Madagascar Teal

4 (a) Very rare in western Madagascar. Precise range not known and no estimate of the population available.

Anas diazi novimexicana Huber New Mexico Duck

4 (b) Rio Grande Valley. Precise status not known, but if the subspecies is recognisable as distinct it appears now to be rare.

Dendrocygna arborea (Linnaeus)
Duck

Cuban Tree

4 (a) Still recorded from several West Indian localities, but reported as becoming increasingly rare; already extirpated locally.

Cereopsis novae-hollandiae Latham

Cereopsis, or Cape Barren Goose

4 (a) Occurring on islands off west and south coasts of Australia and in Bass Strait. Status details not known but in 1957 the total population was estimated at 6000 birds.

Anser albifrons gambelli Hartlaub

Tule White-fronted Goose

2 (b) ** Breeding area still not known; winters locally in small numbers in California. Apparently rare and erratic in occurrence. Details of status not known.

Branta canadensis leucopareia Brandt Canada Goose Aleutian

4 (b) Known at present only from Amchitka, Aleutian Islands, where only four reported 1961. Certainly rare but no estimate of numbers known.

Branta sandvicensis (Vigors)

Hawaiian Goose

3 (a) * Still occurring on Hawaii and recently established on Maui. Rare but increasing slightly. Total world population about 400 birds.

Cygnus buccinator Richardson
Swan

Trumpeter

2 (b) * Breeds in one area each of Saskatchewan and Alberta; Preliminary list of rare mammals and birds

also in Wyoming and Alaska. Rare but increasing slowly. In 1961 the population was estimated at about 1500 birds.

Order GALLIFORMES

Family MEGAPODIIDAE

Megapodius lapérouse lapérouse Gaimard

Marianas Megapode

4 (b) Restricted to Marianas Islands and probably to no more than five of them. Certainly rare but details needed of

the status.

Megapodius laptfrouse senex Hartlaub Palau Megapode

4 (b) Restricted to Palau Islands and probably surviving on only three of them. Becoming rare but neither status nor numbers known.

Megapodius pritchardii Gray Megapode Pritchard's

4 (a) A small population found only on the Tonga island of Niuafoou. No details available of status or numbers.

Macrocephalon maleo Müller

Maleo

4 (a) Apparently restricted to small populations in northern and south-eastern peninsulas of Celebes. Precise numbers not known.

Family CRACIDAE

Crax rubra griscomi Nelson

Cozumel

Curassow

4 (b) The race is known only from Cozumel Island, off Mexico. and is now recognised as very rare. Population numbers not known.

Family TETRAONIDAE

Tympanuchus cupido attwateri Bendire

Attwater's Prairie Chicken

1 (b) ** Confined to a few isolated areas in southern Texas. Rare and declining rapidly in numbers. Population estimated at 8000 in 1937, now at less than 1000.

Tympanuchus cupido pinnatus (Brewster)

Greater Prairie Chicken

1 (b) ** Local in prairies from central southern Canada to northern Oklahoma. Rare and decreasing. Numbers thought to be under 2000.

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Family PHASIANIDAE

Francolinus ochropectus Dorset and Jouanin

Tadjourna Francolin

4 (a) Recorded only from the Plateau du Day in French Somaliland. Status and numbers not known.

Francolinus swierstrai (Roberts) Swierstra's Francolin

4 (a) Known only from a limited area of the Angola highlands. Status and numbers not known.

Coturnix pectoralis Gould

Australian Quail

4 (a) The New Zealand race has long been extinct; this one although wide-ranging in Australia and Tasmania is reported becoming rare.

Colinus virginianus ridgwayi Brewster Bobwhite Masked

4 (b) An isolated race apparently now restricted to limited area of north-western Mexico. Precise status not known, becoming rare.

Lophura swinhoii (Gould)

Swinhoe's

Pheasant

1 (a) ** Restricted to Formosa hill forests and undoubtedly very rare indeed, although no estimate of population numbers in the wild is available. A good stock exists in captivity.

Lophura imperialis Delacour and Jabouille Imperial Pheasant

4 (a) Known only from restricted areas in Annam and Laos. Not seen in wild for some years. Status and numbers not known.

Lophura edwardsi (Oustalet)

Edward's

Pheasant

4 (a) Known only from mountains of central Annam. Not seen in wild since 1923. Presumed very rare but precise status not known.

Syrmaticus mikado (Ogilvie-Grant) Mikado Pheasant

4 (a) Confined to restricted mountain area of Formosa. Rare and probably decreasing but no information on status or numbers.

Order FALCONIFORMES

Family CATHARTIDAE

Gymnogyps californianus (Shaw)
Condor

California

3 (a) * Restricted to coastal range of southern California where rare and local although probably steady in numbers. 1960 population estimated at sixty to sixty-five birds.

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Family ACCIPITRIDAE

Pithecophaga jefferyi Ogilvie-Grant

Monkey-eating

1 (a) *** Found only on the Philippine island of Mindanao. Very rare and the total population is probably now less than fifty birds.

Accipter francesii pusillus (Gurney)

Anjouan Island Sparrow Hawk

1 (b) *** Confined to Anjouan Island, Comoros; very rare and perhaps nearly extinct. During 1958 only one seen in an observer's stay of one month.

Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus Ridgway Everglade Kite

1 (b) *** Only known from the Lake Okeechobee area of Florida, U.S.A. Extremely rare and on verge of extinction; of the subspecies only four or five birds remain.

Chondrohierax uncinatus mzrus Friedmann

Grenada Hook-billed Kite

1 (b) ** Only known from Grenada where now extremely rare and in danger of extinction.

Chondrohierax wilsonii (Cassin) Cuban Hook-billed Kite

2 (a) ** Confined to Oriente Province of Cuba, where undoubtedly rare and in some danger. No estimate of numbers available.

Accipiter gundlachi Lawrence Hawk Gundlach's

2 (a) ** Confined to the Cuban lowlands. Very rare but no details of the precise status or population numbers available.

Buteo galapagoensis (Gould)
Buzzard

Galapagos

1 (a) ** Still found on several islands of the Galapagos group but rare and decreasing in numbers. Population in 1962 not more than 200 birds.

Buteo solitarius Peale

Hawaiian

Buzzard

I (a) * Confined to the island of Hawaii. An isolated population now totalling probably under 1000 birds.

Hahaeetus l. leucocephalus (Linnaeus)

Bald

Eagle

2 (b) * Ranges widely in continental U.S.A. but apparently decreasing. Total population estimated at under 4000 birds; nesting successes little more than forty-four per cent.

Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis Keyserling and Blasius African Lammergeyer

2 (b) * For the most part small populations in high mountains

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of Ethiopia and Basutoland; more rarely on Mount Kenya and Kilimanjaro. Decreasing.

Aquila heliaca adalberti Brehm Spanish Imperial Eagle

2 (b) ** Restricted to southern Spain and the northernmost areas of Morocco and Algeria. Total population believed now to be no more than 100 birds.

Family FALCONIDAE

Falco punctatus (Temminck)

Mauritius Kestrel

1 (a) *** Confined to Mauritius where very rare and believed decreasing. The population is estimated to be as low as ten to fifteen birds.

Falco fasciinucha Reichenow & Neumann Teita Falcon

3 (a) On evidence of records must be rare, but known from Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanganyika, and Rhodesia. Nothing known of status or numbers.

Falco araea (Oberholser)

Seychelles

Kestrel

1 (a) *** May now be restricted to Mahe Island, Seychelles. Certainly much decreased and now very rare. Precise numbers not available.

Falco sparverius guadalupensis Bond Guadalupe Kestrel

4 (b) Known only from Guadalupe Island, off Baja, California, and now found in very small numbers.

Falco kreyenborgi Kleinschmidt Kleinschmidt's Falcon

4 (a) Known from four individuals from Tierra del Fuego and one from southern Argentina. Precise range, status and numbers not known.

Order GRUIFORMES

Family GRUIDAE

Grus nigricollis Przewalski

Black-necked Crane

4 (a) Breeds about the lakes of high central Asia from Ladak to Koko-Nor. Reported now rare and decreasing.

Grus americana (Linnaeus) Whooping Crane

1 (a) *** Breeds in Wood Buffalo Park, Canada, winters on Gulf coast of Texas. Very small declining population now estimated at only twenty-eight birds in the wild. There are seven more examples in captivity.

Grus monacha Temminck Crane Hooded

3 (a) * Precise status and numbers not known but apparently

now limited to a few hundred birds in Japan and a small breeding group in east Russia.

Grus japonensis (Muller)

Manchurian Crane

3 (a) * Breeds in Manchuria and Hokkaido. Perhaps increasing slightly but very rare and population in 1963 estimated at 186 birds.

Grus leucogeranus Pallas

Siberian White

Crane

- 1 (a) ** Breeds in Siberia, winters in India. Breeding stock must now be low because recent wintering population was only about sixty birds.
- Grus canadensis pratensis Meyer Florida Sandhill Crane
- 2 (b) * Breeds in southern Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Has disappeared from northern area of its former range and is thought by some to be decreasing. 1949 population estimated at 2650 birds,

Grus canadensis nesiotes Bangs & Zappey Cuba Sandhill Crane

4 (b) ** In restricted areas of western Cuba and the Isle of Pines. Precise status not known but rare and undoubtedly decreasing.

Family RALLIDAE

Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis Streets Hawaiian Gallinule

2 (b) ** Resident only on the Hawaiian islands of Oaku, Molokai and Kauai and greatly decreased in numbers. In 1962 the total population was estimated at between 150 and 250 birds.

Tricholimnas sylvestris (Sclater) Lord Howe Wood Rail

4 (a) Confined to Lord Howe Island. Status not known but population believed to be less than 1000 birds.

Cyanolimnas cerverai Barbour and Peters Zapata Rail

3 (a) ** Local and restricted population in part of Zapata swamp in Cuba. Population believed static but no precise details known,

Aramidopsis plateni (Blasius) Platen's Celebes Rail

1 (a) *** Rare and localised in Celebes, Only ten specimens

are known and there is no knowledge of its precise status. *Gallirallus hectori* (Hutton)

Weka

4 (a) Became extinct in 1925 in home on South Island, N.Z. Reintroduced from Chatham Island where it survived. Status and numbers not known.

Nesophylax ater (North)

Henderson Island

Rail

4 (a) Confined to Henderson Island, Paumotus, although a good population exists there numbering possibly under 2000 birds.

Laterallus j. jamaicensis (Gmelin)

Jamaica Black

Rail

2 (b) *** Extinct for nearly 100 years in Jamaica and Puerto Rico, now confined to and rare in Cuba. Precise status and numbers not known.

Notomis mantelli Owen

Takahe

3 (a) * Known only from Murchison and Kepler Mountains in South Island, N.Z. Population probably static, perhaps numbering about 300 birds.

Fulica cornuta Bonaparte

Horned

Coot

3 (a) * Rare, scattered and localised populations in High Andes of Chile, Bolivia, and north-west Argentina. Status and numbers not known.

Edithornis silvestris Mayr Rail San Cristobal Mountain

4 (a) Still known from a single specimen from this island of the Solomons group. Status and population numbers not

Family RHYNOCHETIDAE

Rhynochetos jubatus Verreaux and des Murs

Kagu

known.

1 (a) ** Very small population which now occupies an area of no more than forty square kilometres in the forests of New Caledonia. Population numbers are not available.

Family OTIDIDAE

Choriotis nigriceps (Vigors)
Bustard

Great Indian

1 (a) ** Central India north to Saurashtra. Now very rare and apparently decreasing. Population numbers not known.

Order CHARADRIIFORMES

Family CHARADRIIDAE

Thinomis novae-seelandiae (Gmelin)

New Zealand Shore Ployer

- 2 (a) * Now restricted to a very limited area of the Chatham Archipelago, New Zealand. Population in 1937 about 140 birds; in 1961 reported still holding its own.
- Himantopus himantopus knudseni Stejneger Hawaiian Stilt
- 4 (b) Range said to be greatly reduced in Hawaiian islands

and believed to be decreasing. Status and population numbers not known.

Family SCOLOPACIDAE

Numenius borealis (Forster)

Eskimo

Curlew

4 (a) Breeding ground still unknown; occasionally sighted on migration on Texas coast. Status and population not known.

Limosa haemastica (Linnaeus)

Hudsonian

Godwit

2 (a) * Breeds in Arctic Canada, winters in South America. Rare but probably increasing. Total population has been estimated at between 1500 and 2000 birds.

Coenocorypha aucklandica iredalei Rothschild

Stewart Island Snipe

4 (b) Found only on South Cape Island, N.Z., and probably in danger.

Coenocorypha aucklandica pusilla (Buller)

Chatham Island Snipe

4 (b) Confined to South-east Island, Chatham group, N.Z. Population apparently subject to fluctuation. Details of status not known.

Family LARIDAE

Larus audouinii Payraudeau Gull Audouin's

1 (a) ** Rare and local. Restricted to a few scattered colonies in the Mediterranean. Total population estimated at between 150 and 200 birds.

Family ALCIDAE

Synthliboramphus antiquus wumizusume (Temminck)

Japanese Ancient Murrelet

4 (b) Breeds in much reduced numbers on Izu islands and neighbouring islands between Kyushu and Korea. Precise status details not known.

Order COLUMBIFORMES

Family COLUMBIDAE

Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae chathamensis (Rothschild)

Chatham Island Pigeon

4 (b) Restricted to Chatham Island, N.Z., and thought to be very rare.

Treron australis griveaudi Benson Moheli Green Pigeon

3 (b) * Only in the forests of Moheli Mountain, Comoros, where it is not uncommon although total population is likely to be low in numbers.

Alectroenas sganzini sganzini (Bonaparte)

Comoro Blue Pigeon

4 (b) Not uncommon in Comoro islands but somewhat localised. No details available of status or population numbers.

Drepanoptila holosericea (Temminck) Cloven-feathered Dove

4 (a) Forests of New Caledonia. Rare and little known. Details lacking of status and population numbers.

Ducula forsteri (Wagler) Aurora Imperial Pigeon

4 (a) Extinct in Tahiti, rare and localised in the Tuamotus island of Makatea. Details of status and population not known.

Ducula goliath (Gray) Giant Imperial Pigeon

2 (a) ** Mountain forests of New Caledonia where range is becoming increasingly restricted. Precise status and population not known.

Ducula mindorensis (Whitehead) Mindoro Imperial Pigeon

2 (a) ** Confined to Mindoro, Philippines, and its higher elevations. Rare and localised but precise status and numbers not known.

Columba jouyi (Stejneger) Ryukyu Wood Pigeon

4 (a) Has become extinct within the last forty years on Okinawa. Found on some small islets of Ryukyu and undoubtedly rare.

Streptopelia reichenowi (Erlanger) White-winged Dove

4 (a) Local inhabitant of riverine vegetation in Juba River Valley and southern Abyssinia. Status and population numbers not known.

Streptopelia picturata rostrata (Bonaparte)

Seychelles Turtle Dove

4 (b) Now found in the pure racial state on only two Seychelles islands; on one of these the introduced typical subspecies is swamping racial characteristics.

Leptotila wellsi (Lawrence)

Grenada Dove

4 (a) Found only in a very restricted area of southern Grenada and apparently very rare. Population numbers not known.

Preliminary list of rare mammals and birds

Gallicolumba canifrons (Hartlaub and Finsch)

Palau Ground Dove

2 (a) ** Found on several islands of the Palau group where status and numbers not known. In 1931 believed nearing extinction but now reported as being less rare.

Gallicolumba rubescens (Vieillot) Marquesas Ground Dove

4 (a) Believed to be confined to the Marquesas islands of Fatunuku and Hatutu. Status not known but in many areas believed rare.

Didunculus strigirostris (Jardine)
Pigeon

Tooth-billed

3 (a) ** Confined to Upolu and Savaii, Samoa. Nearly extinct by 1900. Has recently recovered but still rare. Numbers not known.

Order PSITTACIFORMES

Family PSITTACIDAE

Strigops habroptilus Gray

Kakapo

3 (a) ** Small numbers scattered in Fiorland, South Island, N.Z., very rare though probably static. In 1961 population believed to be about 100 birds.

Amazona vittata vittata (Boddaert)
Parrot

Puerto Rico

3 (b) * Confined to Luquillo National Forest, Puerto Rico, where the population appears to be stable. In both 1958 and 1960 estimated total of about 200 birds.

Amazona guildingii (Vigors)

St. Vincent

Parrot

4 (a) Confined to St. Vincent where apparently rare and local. Precise status and population not known.

Amazona versicolor (Müller)

St. Lucia

Parrot

4 (a) Restricted to central highland of St. Lucia Island where becoming rather rare. Precise status and population not known.

Amazona imperialis Richmond Parrot Imperial

4 (a) Confined to high mountain forest of central Dominica, where rare, local and threatened. Details of population not known.

Amazona leucocephala bahamensis (Bryant)

Bahamas Parrot

1 (b) ** A few still survive on Inagua Island, Bahamas, but rare and decreasing. Now disappeared from Abaco and Acklin's Islands, although on the former till 1933 and on the latter until 1940.

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Cyanoramphus auriceps forbesi Rothschild Forbes's
Parakeet

3 (b) ** Rare and confined to a small area of Little Mangare Island, N.Z., where in 1962 the total population was believed to be about 100 birds.

Cyanoramphus malherbi Souancé Orange-fronted Parakeet

4 (a) South Island, N.Z. Status and population not known presumably very rare as have been no more than five reports in last eighty years.

Pezoporus wallicus ftaviventris North

S.W. Australian Ground Parrot

4 (b) Confined to south-western Australia; very rare but precise details lacking.

Pezoporus wallicus wallicus (Kerr)

S.E. Australian Ground Parrot

4 (b) Confined to coastal New South Wales; very rare but details of population numbers not known.

Pezoporus wallicus leachi Mathews

Tasmania Ground Parrot

4 (b) Confined to Tasmania, fairly abundant in the west only. Status and population numbers not known.

Geopsittacus occidentalis Gould Australian Night
Parrot

- 1 (a) *** Very rare in desert areas of south-western Australia. Believed seriously endangered although details of population are lacking.
- Palaeornis echo (Newton) Mauritius Ring-necked
 Parakeet
- 2 (a) *** A small population surviving and only on Mauritius. Precise details of status and numbers not known.
- Psephotus pulcherrimus (Gould) Beautiful Parakeet
- 4 (a) In scattered localities in New South Wales and Queensland. Very rare and population estimated at not more than 150 birds.
- Psephotus chrysopterygius chrysopterygius Gould

Cape York Paradise Parakeet

4 (b) Confined to Cape York, North Australia, where very rare and localised. Population believed less than 250.

Psephotus chrysopterygius dissimilis Collett

Melville Paradise Parakeet

4 (a) Confined to Melville Peninsula, North Australia. Very rare and local. Population believed to be less than 250 birds.

Neophema chrysogaster mab (Mathews)

Orange-bellied Parakeet

1 (b) ** Much reduced in numbers in south-eastern Australia and already extirpated over parts of its range. Decreasing population but precise figures not available.

Neophema pulchella (Shaw)

Turquoise

Parakeet

3 (a) ** Confined to extreme south-eastern Australia. Once thought extinct; still rare but perhaps increasing. Forty birds were recorded breeding in 1957.

Neophema splendida (Gould)

Splendid

Parakeet

3 (a) ** Apparently confined to Gawler range in Southern Australia. Generally rare although locally in better numbers. Precise status not known.

Tanygnathus heterurus Salvadori

Salvadori's

Parrot

4 (a) An apparently good species but known only from a single specimen of unknown habitat. Thought to be Celebes or Papua.

Psittacula intermedia (Rothschild)

Rothschild's

Parakeet

4 (a) Specimens recorded from "India, Native Sikkim." Actual distribution and status quite unknown.

Coracopsis nigra barklyi Newton

Lesser Vasa

Parrot

1 (b) *** Apparently confined to one small area on Praslin, Seychelles, where only twelve birds seen 1959. Precise numbers not known.

Order CUCULIFORMES

Family MUSOPHAGIDAE

Tauraco ruspolii (Salvadori) Prince Ruspoli's Turaco

4 (a) Confined to a limited area of high forest in southern Ethiopia. Status and population numbers not known.

Family CUCULIDAE

Coccyzus minor ferrugineus Gould Cocos Mangrove
Cuckoo

4 (b) Confined to Cocos Island where the population is indubitably small. Precise known. status and numbers not known.

Order STRIGIFORMES

Family STRIGIDAE

Sceloglaux albifacies albifacies (Gray)

New Zealand Laughing Owl

1 (b) *** Once or twice reported, but not confirmed, dur-

ing the last twenty-five years, from the southern Alps region of South Island, New Zealand. Very rare if not extinct.

Otus insularis (Tristram)

Seychelles

Ow1

- I (a) *** Very rare and only on Mahé Island, Seychelles. Recently reported after no records since 1906, but may be nearly or quite extinct.
- Otus nudipes newtani (Lawrence) St. Thomas Screech
- 3 (b) ** Very rare on the St. Thomas group but not in any immediate danger of extinction. Precise population numbers not known.

Otus podargina (Hartlaub and Finsch)
Owl

Palau

4 (a) Confined to three islands of the Palau group, west Pacific; and only small numbers on each. Very rare but precise details not known.

Otus gurneyi (Tweeddale)

Giant Scops Owl

- 4 (a) Known only from a few examples from Philippine islands of Mindanao and Marinduque. Population cannot be large.
- Ketupa blakistoni blakistoni (Seebohm) Blakiston's Fish Owl
- 4 (b) Confined to small area on Kunashir Island, south Kuril isles, and on Hokkaido. Uncommon but status and numbers not known.

Asia flammeus portoricensis Ridgway

Puerto Rico Shorteared Owl

3 (b) ** Confined to Puerto Rico. Very rare and last taken in 1942. Nothing is known of its status or numbers.

Nesasio solomonensis (Hartert)

Fearful

Owl

4 (a) Restricted to Solomon islands of Bougainville, Choiseul and Ysabel. Known to be rare but no other details available.

Order CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Family CAPRIMULGIDAE

Siphonorhis americanus brewsteri (Chapman)

Hispaniola Least Pauraque

2 (b) * Survives with a very restricted range in Magasin Caries and Gonave Is. Rare and localised but precise numbers not known.

Caprimulgus vociferus noctitherus (Wetmore)

Puerto Rico Whippoorwill

3 (b) *** Confined to Puerto Rico where considered extinct since 1911. Small population rediscovered 1961. Rare but numbers not known.

Eurostopodus diabolicus Stresemann

Kalabat Volcano Nightjar

4 (a) Known only from the one Celebes locality. Considered rare but no details of status or numbers available.

Eurostopodus archboldi (Mayr and Rand)

Mount

Nightjar

4 (a) Known only from Mount Tafa, south-east New Guinea, mountain forests. Status and population numbers not available.

Order APODIFORMES

Family APOD1DAE

Apus toulsoni (Barboza du Bocage) Swift Luanda

Tafa

4 (a) Known only from three West African examples - Luanda (Angola) and Landana (Congo).

Apus myoptilus (Salvadori)

Scarce

Swift

4 (a) Known from four examples taken at widely separated localities between Ethiopia and Nyasaland. Status quite unknown.

Micropanyptila furcata Sutton
Swift

Pygmy

4 (a) Only known from six Venezuela specimens. No details known of status or range.

Family TROCH1L1DAE

Peters's Check List (1945) includes a number of humming-birds known from but a handful of specimens, from trade skins of uncertain origin, from unique type localities, or from very restricted areas. Of those twenty-one listed here virtually nothing is known of their status: 4 (a)

Phaethomis porcullae Carriker Lithiophanes insignibarbis (Simon) Popelaria letitiae (Bourcier & Mulsant) Neolesbia nehrkorni (Berlepsch) Goldmania violiceps Nelson Goethalsia bella Nelson Amazilia hollandi (Todd)

Amazilia luciae (Lawrence)

Amazilia cyaneotincta (Gounelle)

Amazilia microrhyncha (Elliot)

Amazilia castaneiventris (Gould)

Phlogophilus harterti Berlepsch & Stolzmann

Hylonympha macrocerca Gould

Heliangelus strophianus (Gould)

Heliangelus luminosus (Elliot)

Eriocnemis godini (Bourcier)

Eriocnemis isaacsonii (Parsudaki)

Metallura purpureicauda (Hartert)

Metallura malagae Berlepsch

Augastes lumachellus (Lesson)

Loddigesia mirabilis (Bourcier)

Order CORACIIFORMES

Family CORACIIDAE

Uratelornis chimaera Rothschild

Long-tailed Ground Roller

4 (a) Confined to small area in south-west Madagascar where habitat is threatened. Apparently rare but true status not known.

Family BUCEROTIDAE

Aceros narcondami (Hume)

Narcondam

4 (a) Confined to Narcondam Island in Bay of Bengal where population may be small. Details needed of status and

Order **PICIFORMES**

numbers.

Hornbill

Family PICIDAE

Dryocopus javensis richardsi Tristram

Tristram's Woodpecker

1 (b) *** Already extinct on Tsushima Island; now restricted to and becoming rare in south Korea. Only a few birds seen in 1960.

Campephilus principalis principalis (Linnaeus)

Ivory-billed Woodpecker

1 (b) *** Barely surviving in Florida and Texas, U.S.A. Six birds were reported as having been seen during 1960.

Campephilus principalis bairdii Cassin

Cuban Ivory-billed Woodpecker

1 (b) *** Found only in the Oriente Province of Cuba, where no more than twelve or thirteen birds were reported in 1956. There has been no more recent information.

Nesoceleus fernandinae (Vigors)

Fernandina's

Flicker

4 (a) Rare and local in the palm groves of two Cuban provinces.

Melanerpes superciliaris bahamensis Cory

Grand Bahama Red-bellied Woodpecker

4 (b) Confined to southern coastal Grand Bahama, where it is rare, local and apparently declining. More details needed of status and population.

Melanerpes superciliaris nyeanus Ridgway

Watling Island Red-bellied Woodpecker

4 (b) Confined to northern San Salvador, Bahamas, where certainly very local. Status not known.

Melanerpes superciliaris blakei Ridgway

Abaco Red-bellied Woodpecker

4 (b) Confined to coastal area of Abaco, Bahamas, where it seems uncommon to rare. Precise status not known.

Order PASSERIFORMES

Family EURYLAIMIDAE

Pseudocalyptomena graueri Rothschild

Grauer's Green Broadbill

4 (a) Known only from three Congo localities, north of Lake Tanganyika. Status and population not known.

Family FURNARIIDAE

Aphrastura masafuerae Philippi and Landbeck

Masafuera Creeper

4 (a) Confined to the small island of Masafuera, off Chile, where population believed small although true status not known.

Asthenes sclateri (Cabanis)

Sclater's Spinetail

4 (a) Known only from Sierra de Cordoba, Argentina, where certainly rare and by some considered likely to be extinct.

Family FORMICARIIDAE

Myrmotherula erythronotos (Hartlaub)

Red-rumped Ant-thrush

4 (a) Known only from Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where recent collectors are said to have failed to find it.

Family TYRANNIDAE

Empidonax euleri johnstonei Barbour Euler's Flycatcher

- 1 (b) *** Known only from two examples collected in Grenada, and only one sight record this century. Undoubtedly very rare.
- Nesotriccus ridgwayi Townsend Cocos Island Flycatcher
- 4 (a) Confined to Cocos Island in 5° 33' N. : 87° 02' W., where the population is indubitably small.

Family PITTIDAE

Pitta kochi Bruggem Pitta Koch's

4 (a) Confined to a few high mountain areas on northern Luzon, Philippines, where said to be rare. Precise status not known.

Family ACANTHISITTIDAE

Xenicus longipes stokesi Gray North Island Bush Wren

- 4 (b) Confined to Rimutaka Range, North Island, N.Z., where said to be very rare; may even be extinct.
- Xenicus longipes longipes (Gmelin) South Island Bush Wren
- 4 (b) Very localised in Fiordland, South Island, N.Z., where the population is presumed now to be small.
- Xenicus longipes variabilis Stead Stead's Bush Wren
- 4 (b) Only on small islets south-west of Stewart Island, off South Island, N.Z., and population thought to be small.

Family PHILEPITTIDAE

Neodrepanis hypoxantha Salomonsen

Small-billed False Sunbird

4 (a) Only known from seven examples collected in north-eastern Madagascar.

Family ATRICHORNITHIDAE

Atrichornis clamosus (Gould)

Noisy Scrub-bird

1 (a) *** Very rare and restricted in south-western Australia. Thought extinct since 1889 but rediscovered 1961. Total population estimated at forty to fifty birds.

Atrichornis rufescens rufescens Ramsay

N.S.W. Rufous Scrub-bird

1 (b) ** Only in New South Wales where seems to be rare and restricted. Precise status and numbers not known.

Atrichornis rufescens jacksoni White

Queensland Rufous Scrub-bird

1 (b) ** Confined to Queensland, Australia, where very local on account of habitat destruction. Now rare but details of population not known.

Family ALAUDIDAE

Alauda razae (Boyd Alexander)

Raza Island Lark

3 (a) ** Confined to this one small island of the Desertas group, Cape Verdes, where single population is small. Details not known.

Family CAMPEPHAGIDAE

Coracina graueri Neumann Shrike Grauer's

Cuckoo

4 (a) Confined to forests on west side of Albertine Rift in the Congo. Only twelve specimens known and no details of status or population.

Family CORVIDAE

Corvus tropicus Kerr

Hawaiian

Crow

1 (a) *** Restricted to slopes of Mount Haleakala, Hawaii, where in 1961 the population was thought to be only between twenty-five and fifty birds.

Family CALLAE1DAE

Callaeas cinerea wilsoni (Bonaparte) North Island Kokako

2 (b) * Apparently rare and local with very scattered distribution in North Island, N.Z., but precise details of status

lacking.

Callaeas cinerea cinerea (Gmelin) South

Island

Kokako

1 (b) ** Now very rare; last seen in Otago in 1958 and

apparently not seen on Stewart Island since the 1940s. Population details not known.

Creadion carunculatus carunculatus (Gmelin)

South Island Saddleback

3 (b) * Appears now restricted to three of the South Cape islands, off Stewart Island, N.Z. No details of status or population available.

Creadion carunculatus rufusater (Lesson)

North Island Saddleback

3 (b) ** Now confined to Taranga (Hen) Island, North Island, N.Z. A good population is said to exist although restricted to about 1000 acres.

Turnagra capensis tanagra (Schlegel) North Island Piopio

1 (b) *** Only on west coast of North Island, N.Z., where may be nearly if not quite extinct. No more than six sight records in last forty years.

Turnagra capensis capensis (Sparrman) South Island Piopio

1 (b) *** May be extinct in its last habitat on south-west coast of South Island, N.Z. Sight records in 1947 and 1948 but neither confirmed.

Family TIMALIIDAE

Psophodes nigrogularis nigrogularis Gould

Western Mallee Whipbird

4 (b) Local in western Australia. Once thought extinct, from 1901 to 1939, but now found to be in some numbers. Status details lacking.

Psophodes nigrogularis leucogaster Howe and Ross

Southern Mallee Whipbird

4 (b) Appears to be rare and local on borders of Victoria and South Australia. Details of population and status not known.

Family PYCNONOTIDAE

Phyllastrephus orostruthus Vincent Dappled Bulbul

4 (a) Known only from four or five specimens collected in northern Mozambique and Tanganyika. Status not

known.

Hypsipetes borbonicus borbonicus (Gmelin)

Reunion Olivaceous Bulbul

3 (b) * Restricted to Reunion Island. Apparently not yet in

danger but already reported to be rare and local. Numbers not known.

Hypsipetes borbonicus olivaceus Jardine and Selby

Mauritius Olivaceous Bulbul

1 (b) ** Only on Mauritius where rare and local. The total population is now considered to be dangerously small.

Family TROGLODYTIDAE

Troglodytes aedon mesoleucus (Sclater) St. Lucia Wren

1 (b) *** Rare and localised on the windward coast of St. Lucia Island, and thought to be on the verge of extinction.

Troglodytes aëdon musicus (Lawrence) St. Vincent Wren

1 (b) *** Rare, local and probably nearing extinction in its only habitat on St. Vincent Island.

Troglodytes troglodytes fridariensis Williamson

Fair Isle Wren

3 (b) * Restricted to the one Shetland island of Fair Isle where the total population is small and requires watching.

Troglodytes troglodytes hirtensis Seebohm St. Kilda Wren

3 (b) * Another island subspecies, confined to St. Kilda, Hebrides, whose total population is probably under 500 birds.

Troglodytes troglodytes alascensis Baird Pribilov
Wren

3 (b) * Also an island subspecies with a small population which because of its restricted habitat can be said always to be rare.

Salpinctes obsoletus guadeloupensis Ridgway

Guadalupe Rock Wren

Zapata

2 (b) ** A population which is said to be threatened and is confined to Guadalupe Island. Precise status and numbers not known.

Ferminia cerverai Barbour Wren

2 (a) * Restricted to a comparatively small area of the Zapata swamp in Cuba. Not uncommon but habitat constantly threatened. Status not known.

- Thryomanes sissonii (Grayson) Socorro Island Wren
- 4 (a) Restricted to this island of the Revilla Gigedo group and population said to be small although no details of numbers are known.

Family MIMIDAE

Ramphocinclus brachyurus brachyurus (Vieillot)

Martinique White-breasted Thrasher

4 (b) Confined to Presqu'ile de la Caravelle, Martinique, where very rare. Sometimes thought to be extinct but details lacking.

Ramphocinclus brachyurus sanctae-luciae Cory

St. Lucia White-breasted Thrasher

1 (b) ** Rare and localised in north-eastern part of St. Lucia Island. Details of population numbers not known.

Mimodes graysoni (Lawrence)

Socorro Thrasher

4 (a) Confined to Socorro Island and numbers likely to be small, although no details of status or population are known.

Cinclocerthia ruficauda gutturalis (Lafresnaye)

Martinique Brown Trembler

4 (b) Confined to Martinique and known now to be very rare. Details of population numbers are lacking.

Family TURDIDAE

Turdus ravidus (Cory)

Grand Cayman

Thrush

1 (a) *** Restricted to eastern Grand Cayman Island, West Indies. Extremely rare and local and the latest sight record seems to have been in 1938.

Copsychus sechellarum Newton Seychelles Magpie-robin

1 (a) *** Now confined to Fregate Island, Seychelles, where very rare although perhaps static. In 1959 the population was estimated at approximately twenty birds.

Copsychus niger cebuensis (Steere) Cebu Black Shama

1 (b) *** Found only on Cebu Island, Philippines, where very rare in the surviving dense forest thickets. Population figures not available.

Myadestes elisabeth retrusus Bangs and Zappey

Isle of Pines Solitaire

2 (b) * Rare and local on this one island. Doubtless has always been rare but seems now to be declining slightly. Details lacking.

Myadestes genibarbis sibilans Lawrence St. Vincent

Thrush

2 (b) * Sparsely distributed in mountain forests on St. Vincent and now probably in some danger, although status details are not known.

Phaeornis obscurus obscurus (Gmelin) Hawaiian Thrush 2 (b) Confined to Hawaii Island and said to be not uncommon

although in some danger. Status and population details not known.

Phaeornis obscurus myadestina Stejneger Kauai Thrush

1 (b) ** In 1936 seemed to be surviving only in one forest reserve of Kauai Island, Hawaiian group. Precise status not known.

Phaeornis palmeri Rothschild

Puaiohi

1 (a) *** Restricted to Kauai Island, Hawaiian group. Thought to be extinct but rediscovered in 1960. Population perhaps no more than thirty birds.

Zoothera cinerea (Bourns and Worcester) Ashy Ground Thrush

2 (a) ** Peculiar to the mountains of Mindoro, Philippines, where said to be rare. No details l,nown of status or population numbers.

Nesocichla eremita eremita Gould Tristan Starchy.

2 (b) * Still found in most parts of Tristan da Cunha Island. Said to be endangered by cats but population estimated at 200 to 400 birds.

Turdus helleri Mearns Teita Thrush Olive

2 (a) * Apparently restricted to a few small forest patches of Kenya's Teita Hills. Status and population numbers not known.

Turdus poliocephalus (Latham)

Grey-headed Blackbird

2 (b) * This subspecies survives on Norfolk Island, to which it is peculiar. Its status and numbers are not known.

Family SYLVIIDAE

Bebrornis sechellensis (Oustalet)

Seychelles

Warbler

1 (a) ** Found only on Cousin Island, Seychelles. Rare because of limited habitat; population estimated at thirty birds in 1959.

Acrocephalus kingi (Wetmore)

Nihoa

Miller-bird

2 (b) Found only on Nihoa Island, Hawaiian group, where small population is said to survive. No details available. *Acrocephalus luscinia rehsei* (Finsch)

Nauru Nightingale Warbler

4 (b) Confined to Nauru Island, Gilberts group. The sub-

species is of uncertain status but is said to have a small population.

Regulus calendula obscura Ridgway Guadalupe Kinglet

4 (b) Apparently confined to one small cypress grove on Guadalupe Island, where only five singing males were counted in 1954. Status not known.

Bowdleria punctata wilsoni Stead Codfish Island Fernbird

4 (b) An island race, said to have a small population. It is confined to Codfish Island, off Stewart Island, N.Z., where its status is unknown.

Lamprolia victoriae victoriae Finsch Taviuni Silktail

4 (b) Confined to mountain forest on Taviuni, Fiji. Status not known.

Lamprolia victoriae kleinschmidti Ram say

Vanua levu Silktail

4 (b) Only in mountain forest on Vanua levu, Fiji, but status not known.

Dasyomis brachypterus longirostris Gould Bristlebird

4 (b) Known only from south-western Australia and believed to be very rare indeed, since none was seen between 1914 and 1945.

Amytornis goyderi (Gould) Eyrean Grass Wren

3 (a) *** Collected in 1875 and not seen again until 1961, north of Lake Eyre, S. Australia. Status details not known.

Family MUSCICAPIDAE

Niltava ruecki (Oustalet) Rueck's Blue Flycatcher

4 (a) Known only by two examples from Malaya and two from north-eastern Sumatra.

Rhipidura lepida Hartlaub and Finsch Palau Fantail

4 (a) Still known from five Palau islands; no details of small population.

Pomarea nigra nigra (Sparrman) Tahiti Flycatcher
1 (b) * Peculiar to Tahiti Island; certainly rare but status uncertain. Was thought to be extinct until recorded by Whitney Expedition in 1931.

Pomarea nigra pomarea (Lesson) Maupiti Island Flycatcher4 (b) Of uncertain status but only on Maupiti Island, north of the Society group.

Terpsiphone corvina (Newton)

Seychelles Black Paradise Flycatcher

4 (a) Surviving only on the Seychelles Island of La Digue, where in 1959 the population was considered adequate. No more recent details are available.

Family MONARCHIDAE

Petroica traversi (Buller) Chatham Island Robin

4 (a) Confined to Little Mangare Island, Chatham group, where seems rare and local. In 1937-8 population estimated at between forty and seventy birds.

Metabolus rugensis (Hombron and Jacquinot) Truk Monarch

4 (a) Confined to Truk Island where rare and local. Sometimes thought even to be extinct, but no precise details of status available.

Monarcha takatsukasae (Yamashina) Tinian Monarch

4 (a) Confined to Tinian Island of the Marianas group, where in 1945 the population was estimated at no more than fifty birds.

Family LANIIDAE

Chlorophoneus kupeensis (Serle) Kupe Mt. Bush Shrike

4 (a) Only known from Kupe Mountain, Cameroon, where four specimens were taken.

Family STURNIDAE

Aplonis pelzelni Finsch Ponapé Mountain Starling

4 (a) Confined to forested uplands of Ponape, Carolines, where in 1947-8 it was reported as being very rare.

Aplonis fuscus fuscus Gould Norfolk Island Starling

4 (b) Endemic to Norfolk Island where reported to be surviving, although details of the status are not available.

Leucopsar rothschildi Stresemann Rothschild's Starling

4 (a) Peculiar to Bali, Indonesia, where said to be local and rather rare.

Family MELIPHAGIDAE

Moho braccatus (Cassin)

Kauai Oo

1 (a) ** Confined to Kauai Island, Hawaiian group, where said to be only just surviving. Precise status not known.

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Notiomystis cincta (Du Bus)

Stitchbird

3 (a) * Confined to Little Barrier Island, off. North Island, N.Z., where population is small but probably static. No precise figures available.

Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae chathamensis Hartert

Chatham Island Tui

2 (b) * Restricted to Chatham Island, N.Z. In 1961 reported as being by no means common but in no immediate danger.

Meliphaga cassidix (Gould)

Helmeted

Honeyeater

3 (a) ** Confined to a few square miles near Melbourne, Australia. Rare but at present probably static. Precise numbers not available.

Family ZOSTEROPIDAE

Rukia ruki (Hartert) White-eye Truk

Great

4 (a) Confined to Truk Island where said to be very rare.

Rukia sanfordi (Mayr)

Ponape

Great

White-eye

4 (a) Found only on Ponape Island where said to be very rare and found at higher altitudes. Precise details of status not known.

Speirops brunnea Salvadori

Fernando

Po

Speirops

4 (a) Peculiar to Fernando Po Island in the Gulf of Guinea. Known only from two specimens.

Family DREPANIIDAE

Hemignathus procerus Cabanis

Kauai

Akialoa

1 (a) *** Apparently confined to one swamp forest on Kauai Island, Hawaiian group, where very rare. One record each in 1941 and 1960.

Loxops maculata newtoni (Rothschild) Maui Alauwahio

4 (b) Confined to Maui Island, Hawaiian group. Still to be found but certainly in much reduced numbers and said now to be rare.

Loxops maculata maculata (Cabanis)

Oahu

Alauwahio

4 (b) Only on Oahu Island, Hawaiian group, where reduced in numbers and said now to be rare. Precise population not known.

Loxops maculata bairdi (Stejneger) Kauai Alauwahio

4 (b) Restricted to Kauai Island, Hawaiian group, where becoming rare. No precise details of the status are available.

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Hemignathus lucidus hanapepe Wilson

Nukupuu

1 (b) *** Localised in mountain forest on Kauai, Hawaiian islands, where said also to be very rare. Only two birds sighted in 1960.

Hemignathus wilsoni Rothschild

Hawaiian

Nukupuu

1 (a) ** An uncommon survivor in the mountain forests of Hawaii Island. Details of status not known.

Pseudonestor xanthophrys Rothschild

Maui

Parrotbill

4 (a) Confined to forested north-eastern slopes of Haleakala, Maui, and Hawaii where said to be extremely rare but no details available.

Psittirostra psittacea (Gmelin)

Ou

4 (a) Extinct on three Hawaiian islands; still surviving in forests on Kauai, Maui and Hawaii. Said to be very rare but no details known.

Psittirostra cantans (Wilson)

Laysan

Finch

4 (a) Confined to Laysan Island where in 1938 the population was estimated at approximately 1000 birds.

Psittirostra bailleui Oustalet

Palila

4 (a) Restricted to Mauna Kea Mountain, Hawaii, where very rare in 1940. In 1961 a few flocks of five to fifteen birds seen; numbers may be increasing.

Palmeria dolei (Wilson)

Crested

Honeycreeper

4 (a) Survives only in some forests of Maui, where said to be rare. No details available. Extinct on neighbouring Molokai since 1907.

Psittirostra ultima (Bryan)

Nihoa

Finch

4 (a) Restricted to Nihoa, Hawaiian group, where in 1941 the population was said to be between 500 and 1000 birds.

Family PARULIDAE

Leucopeza semperi Sclater

Semper's

Warbler

1 (a) *** Confined to mountain forests of St. Lucia Island, Windward group, where excessively rare. One seen in 1947 and one heard in 1962.

Vermivora bachmanii (Audubon) Bachman's Warbler

- 3 (a) * Curiously rare in south-eastern U.S.A. Distribution also patchy. So rare population must be small. Precise details not known.
- Dendroica petechia aureola (Gould) Cocos Yellow Warbler
- 3 (b) * Confined to Cocos Island where its numbers are

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likely to be dangerously small. Details of status not known.

Dendroica petechia petechia (Linnaeus)

Barbados Yellow Warbler

2 (b) ** Found only at two or three localities on the west coast of Barbados and appears to have decreased disastrously in the past thirty years. Precise population not known.

Dendroica kirtlandii (Baird)

Kirtland's

Warbler

3 (a) * Breeds only in central Michigan. U.S.A.. where in 1961 the breeding population was estimated at nearly 1000 birds.

Dendroica chrysoparia Sclater and Salvin

Golden-cheeked Warbler

3 (a) * Found only in part of the cedar-clad Edwards Plateau. central Texas, U.S.A. Population undoubtedly small but precise status not known.

Family VIREON1DAE

Vireo gracilirostris Sharpe Vireo Slender-billed

4 (a) Confined to Fernando de Noronha, off Brazil, where the population is thought to be small. Precise status not known.

Family PLOCEIDAE

Foudia sechellarum Newton

Seychelles Fody

1 (a) ** Found on the three Seychelles islands of Frégate, Cousin and Cousine, where in 1959 the population was considered static and about 460 birds.

Family ICTERIDAE

Icterus xantholemus Lletget

Yellow-throated

Oriole

4 (a) Habitat and status unknown. The species is known from a single specimen, from Ecuador.

Icterus hondae Chapman

Ronda

Oriole

4 (a) Known only from two specimens. from Ronda. Magdalena Valley, Colombia.

Agelaius forbesi Sclater Marsh-bird Forbes's

4 (a) Based on a single specimen from Macuca, Pernambuco, Brazil.

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Tangavius armenti (Cabanis)

Arment's

Cowbird

4 (a) An apparently patchy distribution and only in Colombia; only four or five specimens known and no details of status.

Cassidix palustris (Swainson)

Slender-billed

Grackle

1 (a) *** Confined to marshes near Mexico City, Mexico, where may be nearly if not already quite extinct.

Cassidix nicaraguensis (Salvin and Godman)

Nicaragua Grackle

4 (a) Confined to shores of Lakes Managra and Nicaragua in Nicaragua. Details of status not known.

Family FRINGILLIDAE

Carpodacus mcgregori Anthony McGregor's House Finch

4 (a) Restricted to San Benito and Cedros Islands, off Baja California. Details of status not known.

Carpodacus amplus Ridgway
Finch

Guadalupe House

4 (a) Only on Guadalupe Island, off Baja California, where status is unknown but population must be small.

Nesospiza acunhae acunhae Cabanis

Inaccessible Island Lesser Bunting

Nesospiza acunhae questi Lowe

Nightingale Island Lesser Bunting

4 (b) The former race persists on Inaccessible Island and the latter on Nightingale Island, Tristan da Cunha group. The status of *questi* is not known but the population of the typical race is considered still to number several hundreds.

N esospiza wilkinsi wilkinsi Lowe

Nightingale Island Greater Bunting

Nesospiza wilkinsi dunnei Hagen

Inaccessible Island Greater Bunting

4 (b) These races are respectively restricted to the two islands mentioned in their names. The population of the former is probably between 70 and 120 birds, the latter 40 to 90. Both are rare and localised by very limited habitat.

Erythrura kleinschmidti (Finsch)

Pink-billed

Parrot

Finch

4 (a) Endemic on Viti levu Island, Fiji group. Said to be rare.

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Pselliophorus luteoviridis Griscom Yellow-green Sparrow

4 (a) Known only from one specimen from eastern Cheriqué, Panama.

Atlapetes simonsi (Sharpe)

Simon's

Atlapetes

4 (a) Known only from Loja in Ecuador. Status details not known.

Atlapetes celicae Chapman

Celica Atlapetes

4 (a) Known only from Celica, Loja Province, Ecuador. Status not known.

Pipilo erythrophthalmus carmani Lawrence

Rufous-sided Towhee

4 (b) Confined to Socorro Island, off west Mexico, where population is believed to be small. Precise status not known.

Passerculus princeps Maynard

Ipswich

Sparrow

2 (a) * Breeds only on Sable Island off Nova Scotia, where area available to the birds is being reduced. The single, small population is thought to be decreasing slightly.

Ammospiza mirabilis (Howell) Sparrow

Cape Sable

2 (a) * Confined to small area on the coast of south-western Florida, where bird is rare and population said to be small.

Ammospiza nigrescens (Ridgway) Dusky Seaside Sparrow

2 (a) * Restricted to small area of salt marshes near Cape Kennedy, Florida. Small population considered in some danger. Details of status not available.

Junco insularis Ridgway

Guadalupe Junco

3 (a) * Confined to Guadalupe Island where the habitat is shrinking and numbers thought small and in danger. Precise details are lacking.

Compsospiza garleppi Berlepsch Garlepp's Mountain Finch

4 (a) Known only from Vacas in puma zone of central Bolivia. No details of status are available.

Compsospiza baeri (Oustalet) Baer's Mountain Finch

4 (a) Known only from a few localities in the Sierra of

Tucaman, in puma zone of north-western Argentina. Status uncertain.

Embernagra longicauda Strickland

Buff-throated Ground Finch

4 (a) Known only from a unique specimen labelled merely South America." Status and distribution not known.

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Torreornis inexpectata inexpectata Harbour and Peters

Zapata Sparrow

4 (b) Confined to the Zapata swamp in Cuba, where it is considered any drainage would affect the small population. Status not known.

Pinaroloxias inornata (Gould) Finch Cocos Island

4 (a) Confined to the small Cocos Island where the population is considered to be small. Details of status not known.

Paroaria baeri Hellmayr

Baer's

Cardinal

4 (a) Known only from the River Araguagya, Goyaz, Brazil. No other details are available.

Loxigilla portoricensis portoricensis (Daudin)

Puerto Rico Bullfinch

1 (b) ** Very rare and local in El Yunque district, Puerto Rico, West Indies, and so sensitive to interference as to be decreasing.

Sporophila lorenzi Hellmayr

Lorenz's

Seedeater

4 (a) Habitat, distribution and status not known. The unique type specimen is said to come from "Cayenne."

Sporophila insulata Chapman

Turnaco

Seedeater

4 (a) Restricted to Turnaco Island, off south-western Colombia, where population must be small. Status and population details not known.

Pyrrhula pyrrhula murina Godman S

Sao

Miguel

4 (b) Certainly restricted to a small area of Sao Miguel Island, Azores, and undoubtedly rare if not perhaps extinct.

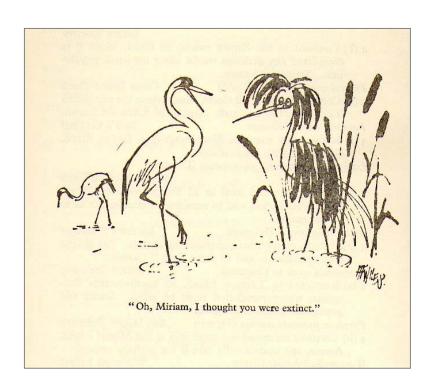
Warsanglia johannis Clarke

Warsangli

Linnet

4 (a) Known only from a few specimens from higher altitudes of eastern Somaliland. Precise distribution and status not known.

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