

A DUSKY MOORHEN NESTING IN SOUTH SULAWESI - A REIDENTIFICATION

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Disajikan perbalkan dari catatan yang pernah dipublikasikan tentang perkembangbiakan *Gallinula tenebrosa* di Sulawesi Selatan. Anak burung yang ditemukan ternyata adalah dari jenis *Porphyrio porphyrio*.

The record of a Dusky Moorhen *Gollinula tenebrosa* nesting in South Sulawesi (Indrawan 1990) is hereby withdrawn. The identification of the nest was based on the presence of an adult Dusky Moorhen that appeared to be nervous and reluctant to leave the site. Subsequent study of photographs of the nest, eggs and nestling has revealed that the nest belonged to a **Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*. The author accepts full responsibility for the mis-identification, first revealed by comparing photographs in NPIAW (1985), and is indebted to Walter Boles of the Divison of Vertebrate Zoology, Australian Museum, for confirming the identity of the nestling in the photograph.

According to Boles (*in litt.*), "the bird shown certainly appears to be the chick of the Purple Swamphen the white bill with a red base and the greyish frontal shield separate the young Swamphen from the chick of the Dusky Moorhen, which has a red and yellow bill and a red frontal shield. The pale legs are also useful for identification; those of the Moorhen are darker grey. The eggs of the two species are similar and cannot be distinguished with confidence without comparison with eggs of known identity".

This record is still significant because White & Bruce (1986) provide only one previous breeding record of the Purple Swamphen in Wallacea, in Timor.

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