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A second record of interest is of three separate **Koels** *Eudynamys* sp. calling near and above Leiahomi on 12 Dec. The taxonomy of the genus is confused in White & Bruce (1986), with the implication being that the Asian Koel *E. scolopacea* is resident in Nusatenggara while the Australian Koel *E. cyanocephala* is predominantly an austral winter visitor. Only the latter taxon is previously reported from Alor, as well as from Sumba. I prefer to consider that birds vocalizing in mid-December, on both islands (this species was very vocal near Lewa on Sumba in December 1991) are likely to be resident *scolopacea*.

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## SIGHTING OF STORM'S STORK AT DANAU SENTARUM, WEST KALIMANTAN.

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The Danau Sentarum Wildlife Reserve (DSWR) in West Kalimantan is an ecologically unique area consisting of seasonal lakes, freshwater swamp forest, peat swamp forest and hill forest. Located in the western region of the upper Kapuas River basin, it is the largest remaining relatively undisturbed area of this ecotype in Kalimantan. In addition to a rich flora, the region contains a diverse fauna, including the rare fish Asian Arowana *Scleropages formosus*. False Gavia *Tomistoma schlegeli* and many bird species (Giesen 1987).

The Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi* was observed whilst the author was engaged on surveys for the Asian Wetland Bureau, which is carrying out a project to promote sustainable management of DSWR (UK-Indonesian Tropical Forest Management Project, Sub-project Forestry

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Conservation). These sightings confirm a report made the previous year (pers. comm. R. Dudley 1992).

The observations took place on the late afternoon of 18 December 1993 around Danau Pongembang, situated near the centre of the Wildlife Reserve. In the south-eastern sector of this lake there is a series of small interconnecting tributaries and flooded home gardens, surrounded by *Shorea balangeran* forest type with a variable open appearance. The latter is a floristically richer tall forest type that lies outside the actual floodplain area (Giesen 1987).

The first sighting was of a single bird flying overhead, and it was possible to distinguish the red bill and legs, white tail and belly, and black upperparts. A few minutes later, a pair flew overhead, and the same features were identified before the birds disappeared in the tall forest. Within minutes, a single bird, assumed to be a repeat observation of the first, was seen perched in a dead tree. It was possible to approach this bird to within 40m, and to obtain a full description and a photograph.

The local guide stated that the storks, known as 'karau', are seen frequently, and that he believed they breed in the nearby tall forest. It is significant that there have been no previous published records of this stork from West Kalimantan, previous sightings on the island of Borneo being restricted to Central and East Kalimantan (Holmes & Burton 1987, Silvius & Verheugt 1989) and to Sarawak and Brunei (Smythies 1981).

This observation supports the need for long term conservation measures in habitats such as DSWR, in a province which has experienced very extensive destruction of natural habitats.

[*Editor's note:* Wim Giesen has subsequently supplied the following additional observations at DSWR: a pair at 17.30 on 22 Sep 1993 circling over Bukit Tekenang (R. Jensen, V. Deschamps and W. Giesen), and a pair at 08.00 on 19 Jan 1994 circling over Sungai Belibis (W. Giesen)].

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