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**FIRST SIGHTING OF ORIENTAL PLOVER ON MAINLAND KALIMANTAN.**

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On 30 October 1998, after having returned from a two month assignment in the upper Malinau arm we visited the air strip of Malinau (Bulungan district, Kalimantan Timur province). On a piece of bare waste land behind an office building, a single Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus* was observed for about ten minutes around 9.00 am. The plover was rather tame, and approachable to 10-15 m. No other plover was seen in the immediate surroundings, but other Charadriiformes seen elsewhere along the air strip in the hours before were Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* and six Oriental Pratincoles *Glareola maldivarum*. During the observations of the plover, there was a light drizzly rain.

**Description**

The underparts of the plover were uniform off white to very pale sandy brown, with an only faintly demarcated darker breast. Neck and breast dirty greyish brown; lores, throat and supercilium white, the latter extended to beyond eyes; darkish ear coverts. Crown dirty grayish brown, faintly mottled, darkish ear coverts, contrasted against the white supercilium. Blackish brown flight feathers; upperpart feathers dirty grey brown, with rusty fringes which, together with the darkish ear coverts and unmottled breast suggested an adult bird. Bill was smudged with reddish brown mud and colour unknown; legs yellowish.

**Occurrence on Borneo**

Apparently (almost) always occurring singly within Borneo, where it is occasional on or near the coast (Smythies 1981). The island is certainly not along the main flyway of this species. Previous records come from along the entire northwest coast of Borneo (Smythies 1957): in Sarawak it is the only plover regularly visiting the Kelabit uplands (cod. Loke/Harrison: two specimens taken in March and May in Barito). In Sabah it is an occasional visitor to the coast on passage (Gore 1968); specimens from Labuan 1 (Everett 1889). Kuala Baram (coll. Hose); Bintulu (coll. Banks: "not too often seen"), Kuching, incl Tengah nearby river (coll. Loke/Harrison Smythies 1957). In Brunei one was seen with Golden Plover after October 1975 at Seria (Smith 1977), a single at Muara in October 1975, (Kidd 1978) and one in October 1980 at Berakas (Cameron 1983).

The only documented record within Indonesian territories is that of a female from Bunguran 1 (=Natuna Besar 1) collected by one of C. Hose's brothers between July and October 1894 (Hartert 1895). Although politically belonging to the Sumatra province of Riau (Sandy 1986), geographically this and the southern Natuna Is are accommodated within the Kalimantan region (Andrew 1992). The present record is the first for mainland Kalimantan.

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## A RECORD OF LONG TAILED BROADBILL FROM KALIMLANTAN

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An analysis was made of bird sound recordings on audiocassettes, taken by WWF staff in the Kayan Mentarang National Park, East Kalimantan. On a set of five 90 minute cassettes, all recorded on Mt Lunjut in the south eastern part of the park, a soundtrack made on 5 March 1998 had a distant, though clear series of calls unmistakably produced by one or more Long tailed Broadbills *Psaridomus dalhousiae*.