

## Around the Archipelago

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This section of *Kukila* presents recent Indonesian records of bird species that are poorly known or rarely observed, as well as breeding records and records of recapture or recovery of birds banded or re-trapped in Indonesia. It includes records that constitute the first (or subsequent) distributional record of a species for a province or island, in which the identity of a species is in no doubt. Author's initials appear in brackets after the record, and their full names are given at the end of the report.

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### DISTRIBUTIONAL RECORDS

#### Sumatra

On 9 July 2010 a pair of SALVADORI'S PHEASANTS *Lophura inornata* (Plate 1) were offered for sale (Rp 100,000) in Tele (Humban Hasundutan Regency, North Sumatra Province), north of Toba Lake, where they were reportedly common in *Eucalyptus* woodlands and agricultural lands [GN *per* MK, 21 Jul 2010]. The unblotched appearance of the hen suggests the race *hoogerwerfi*, (confirmed by R. Sözer *in litt.* 2011), which had not hitherto been reported this far south.



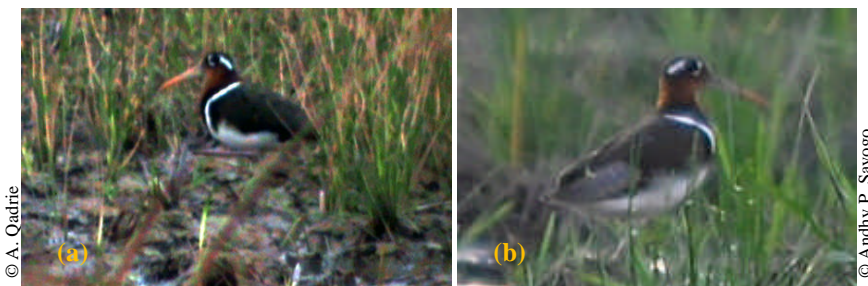
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**Plate 1.** Hoogerwerf's Pheasant female and male, Toba Lake, N Sumatra, July 2010.

#### Kalimantan

On 3 December 2009 a female GREATER PAINTED SNIPE *Rostratula benghalensis* was seen and photographed (Plate 2) at Pematang Gadung, West Kalimantan [AQ]; on 19 December 2010 a female (Plate 2) and male were seen in a newly

ploughed ricefield c. 3 km from where the snipe was seen in 2009 [APS]. In Indonesian Borneo the painted snipe has hitherto only been reported from South Kalimantan (Holmes & Burton 1987).



**Plate 2.** Greater Painted Snipe female, W Kalimantan December 2009 (a) and December 2010 (b).

Regular surveys of the coasts at Pantai Air Mati near Ketapang, West Kalimantan yielded first records of a number of migratory shorebirds from this part of Borneo (cf Smythies 1999, Mann 2008): MALAYSIAN PLOVER *Charadrius peronii*, several pairs on 4 and 6 May 2011 (Plate 3a) [AQ]; several LESSER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius mongolus* in November 2010 (Plate 3b) [JSU]. EURASIAN



**Plate 3 .** Malaysian Plover male, W Kalimantan, May 2011 (a); Lesser Sand Plover, W Kalimantan, November 2010 (b); Far Eastern Curlew, W Kalimantan March 2011 (c); Bar-tailed Godwit, W Kalimantan, April 2011 (d)



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**Plate 4.** Common Redshanks, W Kalimantan, April 2011.



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**Plate 5.** Common Greenshank, W Kalimantan, March 2011 (a); Grey-tailed Tattler, W Kalimantan, March 2011 (b); Snipe, W Kalimantan, December 2009 (c); Sanderling, W Kalimantan, October 2010 (d).

CURLEW *Numenius arquata* was first seen on 22 October 2009, FAR EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis* was photographed on 7 July 2010 (Plate 3c), BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica* was seen on 21 November 2010, 29 March 2011, 2-3 April 2011 (Plate 3d), a group of at least eight COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* were seen on 3 and 4 April 2011 (Plate 4), COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* was photographed on 29 March 2011 (Plate 5a), but had been seen on several occasions before, GREY-TAILED TATTLER *Heteroscelus brevipes* on 23 March 2011 (Plate 5b) [AQ].

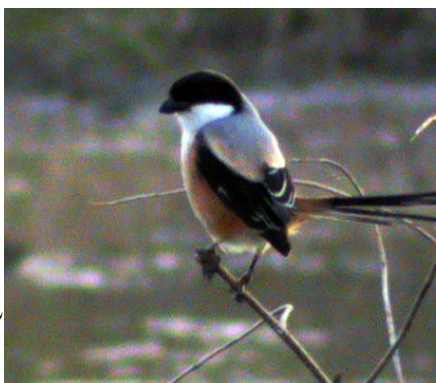
On 22 November 2008 a possible PINTAIL SNIPE *Gallinago cf stenura* was seen in the Kapuas Hulu area [SvB], another was photographed on 15 December 2009 (Plate 5c) [AQ], no snipe have so far been recorded from West Kalimantan. On 22 October 2010 four SANDERLING *Calidris alba* were observed along the each of Pantai Air Mati, Ketapang, West Kalimantan (Plate 5d) [JSU].

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**Plate 6.** Paddyfield Pipit, C Kalimantan.

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**Plate 7.** Long-tailed Shrike, W Kalimantan, November 2009.)

On 4-6 March 2009, close to the helipad of the Bumbun camp (Juloi Block, Murung Raya, Central Kalimantan) a single PADDYFIELD PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae* was seen in display flight, calling a series of “chit-chit, chit-chit, ...” or “trik-trik, trik-trik, ...” [SvB]. A pipit photographed on the airport of Muara Teweh on 27 January 2011 is also believed this species (Plate 6) [GLb], based on less upright stance, shorter legs, and fainter breast markings than Richard’s Pipit *A. richardi*; neither species has been reported from Central Kalimantan (Mann 2008).

A pair of LONG-TAILED SHRIKES *Lanius schach* was first seen near Pematang Gadung (Ketapang, West Kalimantan) in 1995. Eight pairs were counted in 1997 and nowadays the shrike can be called a common resident, of which nests containing 2-3, and once even 4 eggs, have been found; a bird was photographed in December 2009 (Plate 7) [AQ]. The shrike had not been recorded previously in the province of West Kalimantan. The extensive black of the crown of the present birds conforms with the unnamed

race reported for East, Central and South Kalimantan (Mees 1965, Smythies 1999, Mann 2008).

On 23 August 2008 a pair of COPPER-THROATED SUNBIRD *Nectarina calcostetha*, was seen in and around a coconut tree at Air Mati, Ketapang, West Kalimantan, constituting a new provincial record. [SvB]



**Plate 8a-c.** Peregrine Falcons, Yogyakarta, March 2011: *top* female (left) and male (right); *bottom* male (a) and female (c).

### Java and Bali

**JAVA** – A single PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* was first seen by SFK on and around Hotel Melia Purosani (7°47' S, 110°22' E) in the centre of Yogyakarta on 6 February 2011. Almost a month later, during 2-9 March 2011, a presumed pair was seen at exactly the same locality, where it was photographed (Plates 8a-c) and observed for 4.5 hours. The clearly larger female was slightly darker coloured than the male, who was twice seen capturing a swiftlet and consuming it on a tower 300 m from the hotel; The pair was present until at least 2 April 2011. Peregrine Falcons were first seen in Yogyakarta by LWS in February 2006 and since then regularly observed (39 encounters by 18

birdwatchers), but only once before a pair was observed, viz. on 28 January 2008, when BBS saw two circling above the “Jogja Kembali” monument). Earlier observations suggested the co-occurrence of both the resident race *ernesti* and the migratory *calidus* [SFK, IT, BBS, ASW, LWS].

Ed’s note (BvB): the pale grey upper- and underparts and thick moustache shown in the photographs suggest the migratory race *japonensi*, rather than *calidus* (thin moustache) or *ernesti* (no moustache, very dark underparts), but the first two races show clinal variation and are thus not always well-defined (Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001).



**Plate 9.** Australian Pratincole, E Java, June 2009 (a) and Sunda Coucal, E Java, June 2009 (b).

On 2 June 2009, 37 AUSTRALASIAN GREBES *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* were observed swimming, resting, and calling in a fish pond near Ujung Pangkah, East Java [see also Breeding Records below]. In the nearby heronry 4-5 LITTLE CORMORANTS *Phalacrocorax niger* (white throat fringe, yellowish bill) were seen on the same day. A single AUSTRALIAN PRATINCOLE *Stiltia isabella* was seen at Pacinan near Situbondo, East Java, on 5 June 2009 (Plate 9); this constitutes the second published record of this species for Java. On 5 June 2009 a single SUNDA COUCAL *Centropus nigrorufus* (Plate 9) was seen taking a sunbath along the edge of a sugarcane field adjoining wet grassland at Pacinan, near Situbondo, East Java [SvB, FF, LK, LS]. In the late afternoon of 22 January 2011, 14 RED-BREASTED PARAKEETS *Psittacula alexandri* were observed at their roost at Senayan in the Jakarta region [ODP, AK].

### Nusa Tenggara

**TIMOR** – Three ARCTIC JAEGER *Stercorarius parasiticus* seen c. 50-100 m off the Comoro River estuary, near Dili, East Timor (Timor-Leste), on 23 March 2009 (EL), constitute the second country record, the first records being by R. Grimmett on 11 March 2006 (in Trainor *et al.* 2007). A CHINESE GOSHAWK

*Accipiter soloensis* was observed in Ilihale, next to Loihuno, on the road between Baucau and Viqueque (c. 10 km after Ossu) on 22 February 2009 and another bird a few kilometres before Gleno, Ermera district (c. 8°41.58'S, 125°25.30'E), on 29 January 2009 (EL). Few confirmed records exist for this species on Timor island, despite its migration east of Bali (Germi *et al.* 2009). A CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhynchus* was also seen near Gleno (see above) on 2 February 2009.

## Maluku

**TANIMBAR** – A HORSFIELD'S BRONZE CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx basalis* was observed in Saumlaki town, on Yamdena Island, South Maluku, on 21 September 2008. The Cuckoo flew down onto bare ground with sparse short grass, just in front of a new Govt building (about 80 m asl). This species is widespread in the Lesser Sundas, but there is only one previous (unsubstantiated) record for the Moluccas, involving a bird(s) on Halmahera in August (Fuller 1994 in C&B) (CT).

## Papua (Irian Jaya)



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**Plate 10.** Bat Hawk  
*Macheiramphus alcinus*, W  
Papua.

At 10:00 hrs on 28 August 2010, a BAT HAWK *Macheiramphus alcinus* was noticed perched in a c. 10 m-tall tree with sparse foliage among secondary forest and scrub, c. 500 m downhill of Kwau village (1,160 m asl; 1° 5.8' S, 133° 55.6' E) on the trail from Siyobrig to Ciraubri in the Arfak Mountains of West Papua. The bird was watched and photographed within a range of 10 m over 15 min, during which the short crest typical for this local race could be seen (Plate 10) [JBH, JLR, ZW]. The extensive amount of white on the underparts suggests that this bird may be in juvenile or immature plumage. This species is known from scattered localities in the lowlands and foothills of Papua-New Guinea, from the southeast, west to near the Indonesian border (Finch 1978; Coates 1985; Beehler *et al.* 1986, Coates & Peckover 2001), but only two sightings of the species from Indonesian New

Guinea (Irian Jaya or Papua) have been published. The first Papuan record came from a disturbed area in Kobakma, two days walking distance north of Wamena, at 975 m asl in December 1990 (Glynn 1995). The second Bat Hawk record came from primary forest near the Tiri River at 50-100 m in September 2000 (3° 17'S,

138° 35' E; Richards & Suryadi 2002, van Balen et al. 2003), about 100 km north of Glynn's (1995) sighting. Another BAT HAWK was seen flying at dusk over the town of Agats (sea level; 05°32' 16" S, 138°08'13" E), in the Asmat Regency, southern Papua, on 24 January 2011 [FG]. These records from far western and southern Papua suggest that the species may be found throughout the province, and the paucity of records from the region may be due to low birding effort coupled with the species' crepuscular activity [JBH, JLR].

Since the first sighting of two TREE SPARROWS *Passer montanus* at the Port of Timika, on the south coast of Papua, in February 1998, this species has spread throughout the Freeport Contract of Work area, from Kuala Kencana in the lowlands to Tembapura at c. 2,000 m asl in the highlands [SvB, PrP].

## BREEDING RECORDS

### Sumatra



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**Plate 11.** King Quail nest with eggs, Aceh, October 2008.

On 18 October 2008 a KING (or BLUE-BREASTED) QUAIL *Coturnix chinensis* was flushed from its nest with seven eggs, close to a trail in grassland, at Nagan Raya, Aceh. The eggs were collected and have been deposited in the Bogor Museum (Plate 11) [SVB]. On 14 May 2009 many HOUSE SWIFTS *Apus affinis* were found nesting under the roofs of buildings in the shopping street of Jambi Town, Jambi. On 17 October 2008 a fledgling SCARLET-BACKED FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum cruentatum* (with the bright orange bill characteristic of juveniles of this family) was attended by an adult female in Lamie, Nagan Raya, Aceh). On 19 October

2008 a pair of WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA *Lonchura striata* was observed attending their nest in *Bougainvillea* in front of the verandah of a guesthouse in Lamie [SVB].

### Kalimantan

On 6 December 2008 a breeding site of LESSER ADJUTANTS *Leptoptilos javanicus* was visited in very open swamp forest at Sungai Dunggu/Penabing in Pematang Gadung, West Kalimantan. Only two immature storks were observed, with fluffy down on the nape, and dark grey sides to the head, on a nest in a large *Alstonia* ('pêlai pipit') tree, where several months earlier, according to local villagers, c 80 birds had been seen together. The nest tree stood 50m from a



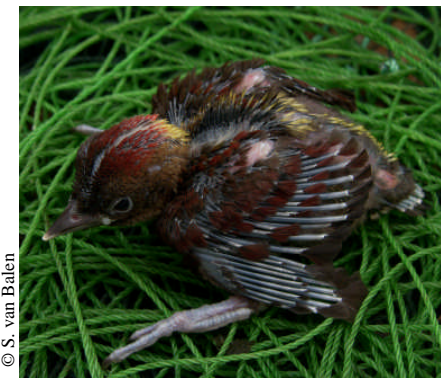
proposed road for a transmigration project, which will extend to the river in the south [SvB, AQ, JH, SN]. Since 1984 nests of CINNAMON BITTERN *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* have been found in the vicinity of Pematang Gadung, Ketapang, West Kalimantan; a nest with four eggs was found on 23 December 2009, and photographed with the male walking away from the nest (Plate 12) and another with two nestlings on 3 January 2010 (Plate 12) [AQ]. These constitute new provincial records for this species (cf. Mann 2008; Smythies 1999).



**Plate 12.** Cinnamon Bittern, nest with eggs, W Kalimantan, December 2009 (a); Cinnamon Bittern male W Kalimantan, December 2009 (b); Cinnamon Bittern nestlings, W Kalimantan, January 2010 (c).

On 27 January 2009 a distant nest of CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE *Spizaetus cirrhatus* was watched from the guesthouse in an oil palm estate company's mess hall in Temahar/ Segau, Landak, West Kalimantan. The nest was attended by a pair comprising both dark and light morph birds; after an apparent copulation the dark bird flew off, but returned to deliver a long branch; only the simple "keliii" call was heard [SvB].

In West Kalimantan, many nests of HOUSE SWIFTS *Apus nipalensis* with young were seen under roofs of houses along the shopping street of Nanga Pinoh on 24 June 2008 and under a bridge over the Kapuas River in Putussibau on 28 July 2009; and on 9 February 2009 a nest with three chicks was observed in Nanga Ngeri, Silat Hulu. In Central Kalimantan two pairs of this species were seen nesting in a hangar near Bumbun camp, Murung Raya on 4 March 2009; and a composite nest of three pairs was found under a roof at Tumbang Baloi, Murung Raya, on 22 March 2009 [SvB].



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**Plate 13.** Crimson-winged woodpecker nestling, W Kalimantan, December 2008.

Two nestling CRIMSON-WINGED WOODPECKERS *Picus puniceus* (Plate 13), apparently taken from swamp forest, were shown to observers [SvB, JH, AQ] by villagers on 3 December 2008 in Perendaman, Ketapang, West Kalimantan. Active nests of PACIFIC SWALLOWS *Hirundo tahitica* were found on buildings in a logging concession along the Seruyan and Katingan rivers in Central Kalimantan on 1, 3 and 9 July 2008 (SvB). On 23 March 2009 the nest of OLIVE-WINGED BULBUL *Pycnonotus plumosus* was found in a fern bush at Tumbang Baloi, Murung Raya, Central Kalimantan [SvB]. A fledgling STRIPED

TIT-BABBLER *Macronous gularis* and a fledgling CHESTNUT-WINGED BABBLER *Stachyris erythroptera* were observed in Silat Hulu district, Kapuas Hulu, West Kalimantan on 5 and 6 February 2009, respectively [SvB]. On 7 February 2009, three (or more) fledgling YELLOW-BELLIED WARBLER *Abroscopus superciliaris* were heard and seen in Kapuas Hulu, West Kalimantan; and a fledgling SCARLET-BACKED FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum cruentatum* was seen following two adult males, which were chasing each other continuously. A fledgling PLAIN FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum concolor*, with orange bill, grey upperparts, and white wing bend was seen in the same area on the following day [SvB]. On 23 June 2008 SCALY-BREASTED MUNIAS *Lonchura punctulata* were seen near their active nest in the canopy of an acacia tree, Pontianak, West Kalimantan.

A basket containing a nest and fledglings of DUSKY MUNIAS *Lonchura fuscans* was seen in a local house at Silat Hulu, Kapuas Hulu, West Kalimantan, on 7 February 2009 [SvB?]. Another pair of DUSKY MUNIAS was watched (for 30 min) constructing a nest at 5 m above the ground in a cempedak tree in front of a house at Baloi, Murung Raya, Central Kalimantan, on 24 March 2009; one of the birds, most likely the female, stayed in the half-built nest, while the other brought

dry grass, at intervals of 60 s (or less) to construct the roof. Nest materials were initially taken from a rubber 'forest' edge 10-15 m away, then from an old (?) munia nest in a tree next to the current nest tree. Entire clumps were brought, which were sometimes stranded near the nest under construction, and the male would bring these to the female who incorporated them into the nest [SvB].

### Java and Bali

**JAVA** – Sadly the heronry of Ujung Pangkah, East Java, reported in the 1980s and 1990s to cover 12.5 hectares and contain c. 10,000 nests of 13 species of waterbird (Erftemeijer & Djuharsa 1988, van Balen 1997) had been destroyed by December 2003 [MS]. A much smaller new heronry had established again in a nearby fishpond by 2 June 2009, strictly guarded by the present owner Mr Safii. No comprehensive count was made of the colony where only a couple of hundred nests of a limited number of waterbirds were present: LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*, LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*, INTERMEDIATE EGRET *E. intermedia* (with yellow-based black bill) and GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* (with black bill and bluish lores), and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax*. At the same location and on the same day, an AUSTRALASIAN GREBE *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* was found incubating its clutch in the centre of a fish pond, and another adult was seen with two young birds [SvB, FF, LK, LS].

In the Bogor Botanical Garden many nests of BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were seen in the on 26 February 2009, with many egg shells and dead fish under the trees along the large pond [SvB, BvG]. At least one nest of PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* was present, though not seen, on 1 June 2009, in the swamps of Jabung, Babat, East Java, amongst shrubs (height, 2-2.5m), where young were heard calling and an adult seen approaching with a twig in its bill; two juveniles originating from the swamp were being kept as pets in the village of Jabung [SvB, FF, LK, LS]. On 1 June 2009 a WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN *Amaurornis phoenicurus* was seen with 2-3 week old pullus at Mrutuk, Babat, East Java [SvB, FF, LK, LS].

On 1 October 2010, a nest of LITTLE CUCKOO-DOVE *Macropygia ruficeps*, with a single egg, and a pair of ORANGE-SPOTTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus bimaculatus* were seen carrying nest material, at Ijen-Merapi-Maelang Reserve [CR]. A (domed) nest of SUNDA BLUE ROBIN *Cinclidium diana* was found on a tree-trunk, c. 1m above the ground, by the trail side at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, on 24 September 2010; the female was incubating two eggs [CR]. On 1 June 2009 a nestling CLAMAROUS REED-WARBLER *Acrocephalus stentoreus* was kept by villagers in Jabung, Babat, East Java, taken from the nearby swamps where many old nests (at least a dozen) of reed-warblers were found in the abundant leguminose herb ('gabus') [SvB, FF, LK, LS]. At Gunung Gede-

Pangrango (GGP) NP, two dependent fledged young OLIVE-BACKED TAILORBIRD *Orthotomus sepium* and a fledged juvenile BAR-WINGED PRINIA *Prinia familiaris* was noted on 20 and 23 September 2010, respectively [CR]. Also in GGP NP, adult LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHERS *Ficedula westermanni* attended dependant juveniles on 20 and 21 September 2010 [CR].

A OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD *Nectarinia jugularis* A pair of OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRDS *Nectarinia jugularis* was seen nest-building at Jakarta Airport on 19 September [via CR]. On 26 February 2009 a fledgling RUBY-CHEEKED SUNBIRD *Anthreptes singalensis* was seen, with its presumed mother, in a bamboo stand in Bogor Botanical Gardens [SvB, BvG]. A BLOOD-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum sanguinolentum* with a dependant juvenile was noted at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP on 20 September 2010 [CR]. On 2 June 2009 SCALY-BREASTED MUNIAS *Lonchura punctulata* were seen carrying nesting materials to the mangroves at Kentong, near Tuban, East Java [SvB, FF, LK, LS].

**MADURA** – On 28 May 2009 a nest of BRAHMINY KITE *Haliastur indus* was found at c. 25 m in a large ‘nager’ tree (with a munia nest below it), in the cemetery near Pasanggrahan; and another nest of this species was found only a few hundred metres away, in Karanganyar village; both nests were revealed by the adults soaring above them [SvB, FF, LK, LS]. A breeding colony of HOUSE SWIFTS *Apus nipalensis* was found around a bridge at Bancaran, Arosbaya, on 27 May 2009 [SvB, FF]. In the forest near Geger a fledgling SMALL MINIVET *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* was seen amongst a group of adults on 31 May 2009. At Mancengan STREAKED WEAVER *Ploceus manyar* appeared to be nesting in numbers on 29 May 2009; at several places in the village the weavers had their colonies, 10-15 nests each, in low Acacias, *Typha* and in tall bamboo. Two WHITE-HEADED MUNIAS *Lonchura maja* were seen carrying nest material near the lighthouse at Tanjung Piring on 28 May 2009. Several fledgling JAVAN WHITE-EYES *Zosterops flavus* were seen with 10 adults in low flowering mangrove (*Avicennia alba*), very close to the sandy beach, Tambangan River, near Arosbaya on 27 May 2009 [SvB, FF, LK, LS].

**KANGEAN ISLANDS** - A fresh nest mound of ORANGE-FOOTED MEGAPODE *Megapodius reinwardt* was encountered in the western corner of Paliat Island on 20 December 2010; and two days later an egg of this megapode that had been obtained that morning on eastern Sepanjang Island was shown to the observer. Several PACIFIC SWALLOWS *Hirundo tahitica* were nesting at a lighthouse on Sepanjang Island on 22 December 2010 [SvB].

**BALI** – Two dark morph CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

were seen at a nest on the outskirts of Bali Barat National Park on 28 September 2010 [CR]. At Benoa Harbour, a nest of SAVANNA NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus affinis* contained two eggs on 28 September 2010 [CR].

### Nusa Tenggara

**LOMBOK** – On 27 July 2008 a nest of BROWN HONEYEATER *Lichmera indistincta*, mainly composed of dry grass, with two whitish eggs, was found in the gardens of a hotel in Senggigi [SvB].



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**Plate 14.** Long-tailed Honey Buzzard nest in colony of Metallic Starlings, Papua, November 2010.

### Papua (Irian Jaya)

On 1 November 2010 a METALLIC STARLING *Aplonis metallica* colony of 40-50 nests hanging in clumps or singly in trees in the peat swamp forest (05°32'S, 138°10'E), north-west of Agats (Papua Province) in association with a nest of a LONG-TAILED BUZZARD *Henicopernis longicauda* (Plate 14) was observed (van Balen *et al.* in prep.). A pale-eyed starling seen by SR in the same colony might have been YELLOW-EYED STARLING *Aplonis mystacea*. Another colony of METALLIC STARLINGS was seen on the same day further to the east (05°31'S, 138°13'E).

On 27 October 2010 a number of PACIFIC SWALLOWS *Hirundo tahitica* were seen nesting at the airport of Jayapura. On 28 October 2010 between Sentani and

Nimbokrang a HELMETED FRIARBIRD *Philemon novaeguineae* was seen with nesting material in its bill, repeatedly flying between the disturbed forest edge and low grass shrubland [SvB, SR, MS, GLv].

## BANDED BIRD RECOVERIES

compiled by Richard Noske

This is the first time *Kukila* has reported the recovery of banded birds. The aim of this section is to publish data pertaining to the recapture or re-sighting of birds banded in Indonesia, or of birds banded elsewhere but recovered in Indonesia. Such data increase our knowledge of the movements (small or large-scale) and longevity of birds. By convention, distances are calculated as the shortest distance (in kilometres) along a straight line joining the site of banding with the site of recapture or sighting. This does not imply the distance flown or route followed by the bird.

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### WADERS BANDED IN INDONESIA

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* (00025163) banded and colour-flagged in 2007 at Wonorejo Wetlands, Surabaya, East Java; observed on 11 April 2010 by the Bohai 2010 team (CH, AB, TP and others) at the Bohai Oil Rig site, mainland China, which is **5,148 km** from the capture site.

LESSER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius mongolus* (00027639) banded and colour-flagged since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra; observed on 19 July 2010 by KE, TS and SN at Khok Kham, Samut Sakhon, Inner Gulf of Thailand, which is **1,721 km** from the capture site.

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CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea* (00025800), banded and colour-flagged some time since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra; observed on 12 May 2010 by the Bohai 2010 team (CH, AB, TP and others) at the Bohai Bei Pu Prison Site, mainland China, which is **4,722 km** from the capture site.

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* (00027637) banded and colour-flagged some time since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra; observed on 3 August 2010 by KE, TS and SN at Samut Sakhon Mangrove Research Station, Thailand, which is **1,723 km** from the capture site.

ASIAN DOWITCHER *Limnodromus semipalmatus* (00025799) banded and colour-flagged some time since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra; observed on 8 May 2010 by the Bohai 2010 team (CH, AB, TP and others) at the Bohai Oil Rig site, mainland China, which is 4,718 km from the capture site.

GREAT KNOT *Calidris tenuirostris* (00025794) banded and colour-flagged some time since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra; observed on 17 April 2010 by the Bohai 2010 team (CH, AB, TP and others) at the Bi Hai Yu Chang, between Qilihai & Baliqiao, Leting, Hebei, mainland China, which is **4,773 km** from the capture site.

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus* (00025802) banded and colour-flagged some time since 2007 at Cemara Beach, Jambi, Sumatra, and observed on 23 May 2010 by the Bohai 2010 team (CH, AB, TP and others) at the Bohai Oil Rig site, mainland China, which is **4,718 km** from the capture site.

#### WADERS BANDED OUTSIDE INDONESIA

TEREK SANDPIPER *Xenus cinereus* (00027977) banded and colour-flagged some time since April 2006 in Chongming Island, Shanghai, mainland China, and observed on 6 October 2010 by HS at Karimunjawa Island, Central Java, which is **4,320 km** from the capture site.

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres* (00027800) banded and colour-flagged some time since April 1999 in southeast South Australia, and observed on 26 September 2010 by IT and SF at Pantai Trisik, near Wates in Yogyakarta, Central Java, which is **4,481 km** from the capture site.

GREAT KNOT *Calidris tenuirostris* (00027975) banded and colour-flagged in April 2002 at Yalu Jiang National Nature Reserve, Yellow Sea, mainland China; observed on 13 October 2010 (more than **8 years** after banding) by HA, CP and DH at mudflats of Rugemuk village, Deli Serdang district (Pantai Labu sub-district), North Sumatra, which is **4,745 km** from the capture site.

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RED KNOT *Calidris canutus* (00028105) banded and colour-flagged some time since August 1992 in north-western Western Australia, and observed on 14 October 2010 by AC at Bagan Serdang, Deli Serdang district (Pantai Labu sub-district), which is **3,578 km** from the capture site.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba* (00027943) banded and colour-flagged some time since April 1999 in southeast South Australia, and observed on 26 September 2010 by MA, WW and IT at Pantai Trisik, Yogyakarta, Central Java, which is **4,481 km** from the capture site.

RED-NECKED STINT *Calidris ruficollis* (00028005) banded and colour-flagged some time since April 2006 in Chongming Island, Shanghai, mainland China, and observed on 14 October 2010 by MG at Mertha Sari mudflats, Sanur, Bali, which is **4,523 km** from the capture site.

RED-NECKED STINT *Calidris ruficollis* (00027780) banded and colour-flagged some time since January 1990 in southern Victoria, Australia, and observed on 6 September 2010 by KB at Panmutti Saltpans near Bipolo, West Timor, which is **5,834 km** from the capture site.

#### LANDBIRDS

SAVANNA NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus affinis* (band no. ID-LIPI-BGR 1B01892), banded as an unsexed adult on 6 January 2009 at Cemara Beach, Jambi (around 140 km from Jambi City); recovered dead by Herman (local guide) at Football Field (Parit 3), 2 km from the banding site, on 26 July 2010, 18 months after banding.

SUNDA FORKTAIL *Enicurus velatus* (2H58487; re-banded IBBS 02A001008) banded on 23 June 2000 in the vicinity of Cikaniki Research Station, Halimun-Salak National Park by PPB-LIPI, recaptured on 14 July 2009, **9 years and 1 month** after banding, at the banding site by IBBS ToT group (see Noske *et al.* this issue).

HORSFIELD'S BABBLER *Malacocinla sepiarium* (2H58541) banded on 26 October 2000 in the vicinity of Cikaniki Research Station, Halimun-Salak National Park by PPB-LIPI, recaptured on 13 July 2009, **8 years and 9 months** after banding, at the banding site by IBBS ToT group (see Noske *et al.* this issue).

HORSFIELD'S BABBLER *Malacocinla sepiarium* (2H58862) banded on 20 March 2003 in the vicinity of Cikaniki Research Station, Halimun-Salak National Park by PPB-LIPI, recaptured on 13 July 2009, **6 years and 4 months** after banding, at the banding site by IBBS ToT group (see Noske *et al.* this issue).

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LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER *Arachnothera longirostra* (1A00576) banded on 28 September 2002 in the vicinity of Cikaniki Research Station, Halimun-Salak National Park by PPB-LIPI, recaptured on 18 July 2009, **6 years and 10 months** after banding, at the banding site by IBBS ToT group (see Noske *et al.* this issue).

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