

**TREE MARTIN *Hirundo nigricans*  
SIGHTING ON HALMAHERA**

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On 2 August 1987, we observed two Tree Martins *Hirundo nigricans* on Halmahera, at an elevation of several meters AMSL about 4 km east of Sidangoli, which lies on the west coast of Halmahera, opposite Ternate Island. They were seen from the road flying above a grassy area with a few scattered trees.

The two Tree Martins were blackish above and whitish below with a conspicuous white rump. Their tails were squarish, only slightly forked.

Apparently this is the first record of the Tree Martin for the northern Maluku Islands (see White and Bruce, 1986).

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