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7. ADDITIONS TO THE BIRDS OF THE PALNI
HILLS (SOUTH INDIA)

Subsequent to my notes published on pages 265-267 of Volume 53 of the *Journal*, I have collected a few more birds in the Palni Hills the following of which appear to be new records for that area:

1. **Chloropsis aurifrons insularis** Kinnear & Whistler: Goldfronted Chloropsis

Palni foothills, 1,500 ft., near Periakulam, 26-5-1956.

2. **Hypothymis azurea styani** (Hartlaub): Blacknaped Blue Flycatcher

Five specimens, Manalur Cardamom and Coffee Estate, 4,000 ft., 18-5-1956.

3. **Lanius vittatus** Valenciennes: Baybacked Shrike

Foothills near Aiyampalayam, 1,000 ft., 20-5-1956.

4. **Cacomantis merulinus passerinus** (Vahl): Plaintive Cuckoo

Pambar Valley opposite Periakulam, 1,000 ft., 27-5-1956.

5. **Hydrophasianus chirurgus** (Scopoli): Pheasant-tailed Jaçana

Needamangalam, a small irrigation tank situated between Palni Town and the foothills which climb to Perumalmalai, 30-4-1957.

6. **Gorsachius melanolophus melanolophus** (Raffles): Malay Bittern

Captured alive by American schoolboys at 'Bombay Shola', Kodaikanal, 7,000 ft., and reared for three weeks on tadpoles and frogs; now in the Shembaganur Museum, 7-4-1957.

7. **Microtarsus poioicephalus** (Jerdon): Greyheaded Bulbul

9-5-1957. This species has already been recorded for the Palnis, but is mentioned here because the specimen was collected as high as 4,000 ft., near Machur along the motor road from Batlagundu to Kodaikanal, the earlier ones being from the foothills.

It may also be of interest to record that I obtained specimens of the Brown Flycatcher, *Alseonax latirostris latirostris* (Raffles), and of the Paradise Flycatcher, *Tchitrea paradisi*, on 24th and 19th May 1956 respectively. Sálim Ali has already suggested (THE BIRDS OF TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN, p. 78) that small numbers of the Brown Flycatcher may be resident in Travancore and Cochin as also the typical race of the Paradise Flycatcher. Stewart is said to have taken a nest of the latter in Travancore.

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