

The following were also reported, but are not presently planned as Atlases:

Mali: detailed list exists G. Morel,
Senegal: detailed data on B.P. 20,
distribution exist Richard-Toll, Senegal.

In addition, the check-list of The Gambia (Jensen & Kirkeby 1980), published in book form, contains distribution maps in a non-grid format.

Enquiries about individual schemes should be addressed to their respective co-ordinators.

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J.S. Ash, UNDP, Box 24, Mogadishu, Somalia and D.E. Pomeroy, Box 43844, Nairobi
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THE EAST AFRICAN DISTRIBUTIONAL MAPPING SCHEME - A PROGRESS REPORT This scheme was formally launched in 1980, and areas covered by observers in Kenya and Tanzania are shown in Fig. 1. While showing reasonably good coverage over much of Kenya and Tanzania, there is still much ground to be covered and it is hoped that many of the gaps will be filled during the coming years.

For the benefit of new readers, and anyone contemplating assisting in the mapping scheme, the basic principles to be noted are as follows:

1. The three East African countries are divided into 1×1 -degree squares which are numbered 1-178 (see Fig. 1). These squares are further divided into four $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -degree squares, labelled a, b, c and d as shown in the inset. The basic squares follow the lines of latitude and longitude. These lines are shown on the Shell Road Maps for Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and these maps will be found most useful for participants.
2. All that is required from contributors is simply a list of the species recorded in each $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -degree square they have records from, between 1965 and the present. Species may be given two symbols: a tick (✓) for 'present' or a cross for 'breeding confirmed'. The lists themselves may be submitted on a monthly basis (preferred) or annually. The data sheets will be provided by the writer, from the address below.

Contributors may send in data sheets for either their home area, areas they visit regularly, as well as for areas which might be visited only on a casual basis. All records are welcomed, but please remember to show clearly which $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -degree square is covered as well as the month (or year) your data were collected.

Coverage during 1980, and in some cases during the previous two years, has been extremely encouraging, and will, I hope, encourage others to participate in the scheme. Our ultimate aim is to produce a Distributional Atlas of East African Birds and, as such, the scheme is styled on similar mapping exercises currently being undertaken elsewhere in Africa (Ash & Pomeroy, *Scopus* 5: 36-38, above).

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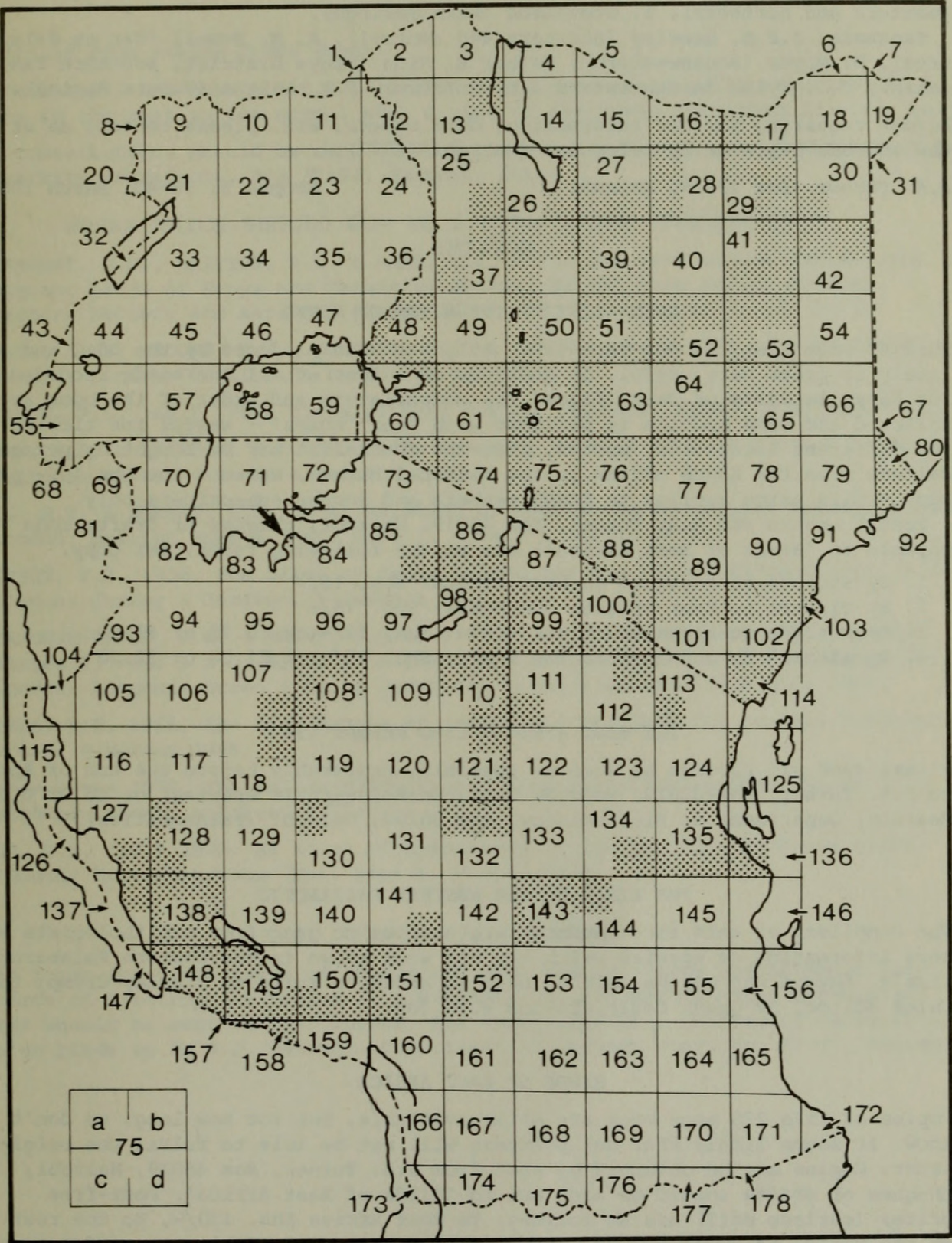


Fig. 1. Map showing the 178 1 x 1-degree squares in East Africa. Shading indicates that records have been received for the $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -degree squares concerned. Inset: showing method of labelling the $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ -degree squares

(eastern and northern), T. Stevenson (Lake Baringo).

Tanzania: J.S.S. Beesley (northern and central), K. M. Howell (Dar es Salaam area), D. Moyer (southwestern), Father E. Sion (Mbeya District, southern Tanzania), S.J. Tyler (southwestern and southern), R.K. Walton (Tabora Region).

Anyone requiring further information, data sheets, etc. please contact me at the address below or by telephone (Nairobi 48772).

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NOTICES

CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF KENYA

This 40 page list, *Scopus*-size (i.e. A5), has been produced by the OS-C and is likely to prove very useful. It consists of a list of all the birds recorded for Kenya in *Birds of East Africa*. The nomenclature and order of the book are followed and each species is provided with four 'boxes' - useful for ticking for different localities, months, etc. The *Check-list* may be bought by personal callers from the EANHS office in the National Museum, Nairobi for Shs.10/- per copy - this price applies to EANHS members and *Scopus* subscribers only.

Postal orders (to D.A. Turner, Box 48019, Nairobi, cheques or drafts made payable to 'Birds of East Africa') are at the following rates, per copy.

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THE EAST AFRICAN BIRD REPORT 1980

Please send all records as soon as possible, preferably before the end of April, to D.A. Turner, Box 48019, Nairobi (all non-Palaearctic species) or to Dr D.J. Pearson, Department of Biochemistry, Box 30197, Nairobi (Palaearctics).

THE BIRDS OF THE WESTERN PALEARCTIC

The compilers of this fine handbook are anxious to hear from ornithologists who have information on species which are not well known in the Western Palaearctic itself. Anyone who may be able to help is asked to write to Stanley Cramp, the Chief Editor, 32 Queen Court, London WC1N 3BB.

BIRDS OF EAST AFRICA

Copies of this 270 page book are still available, but for how long, we don't know. It seems likely that our printers will not be able to fulfil the original order. Copies may be obtained by post from D.A. Turner, Box 48019, Nairobi; cheques or drafts should be made out to 'Birds of East Africa'. Post-free prices (surface mail) are as follows: to East Africa Shs. 130/-, to the rest of the world, £8.00 or \$17.00. East African residents wishing to send copies to friends abroad may do so for Shs. 130/- per copy.



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