

A new Race of Sunbird from the Southern Belgian Congo.

Captain C. H. B. GRANT and Lieut.-Colonel C. W. MACKWORTH-PRAED sent the following description :—

Cyanomitra verticalis bannermani, subsp. nov.

Description.—Differs from *Cyanomitra verticalis böhdorffi* (Reichenow) and *Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens* (Reichenow) in having the chin and throat duller matt metallic steel blue with greenish reflections. The bill is also shorter.

Distribution.—Southern Belgian Congo (Kayoyo, Lualaba River and Lufupa River).

Type.—In the British Museum. Male adult. Kayoyo, southern Belgian Congo, September 1, 1933. Collected by Rear-Admiral H. Lynes ; collector's no. 276.

Measurement of type.—Wing 71, culmen from base 25, tail 50, tarsus 17 mm.

Remarks.—Four adult males examined. No females or young birds examined. The three other males measure : wing 70–72, culmen from base 22–25, as against 26–29 mm. in *C. v. böhdorffi* (thirteen adult males) and 25·5–30 mm. in *C. v. viridisplendens* (twenty-six adult males).

Named in honour of Dr. D. A. Bannerman, who has remarked on the labels of these specimens that they probably represent a new race, and desires that we should give it a name.

A new Race of Green Pigeon from Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. C. M. N. WHITE sent the following description of a new race of Green Pigeon from Northern Rhodesia :—

Vinago australis clayi, subsp. nov.

Description.—Nearest to *Vinago australis chobiensis* Roberts of western Northern Rhodesia, but with the back and scapulars dark olive-green, without the greyish wash found in *V. a. chobiensis*. Differs from *V. a. wakefieldii* (Sharpe) of coastal Kenya Colony in its larger size and from *V. a. salvadorii* Dubois in the yellower head and under surface and in the tail colour, which resembles *V. a. chobiensis*, and is not slate as in *V. a. salvadorii*.

Wing measurements.—4 males 174–180, 1 female imm. 169 mm., against 145–155 in *V. a. wakefieldii* and 155–175 mm. in *V. a. salvadorii*.



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