

11. NEW NAME FOR ANDAMAN BLACKHEADED ORIOLE,  
*ORIOLOUS XANTHORNUUS ANDAMANENSIS* ABDULALI

In 1968 (*JBNHS* 63:421-22) I described and named *Oriolus xanthornus andamanensis* from the Andaman Islands, overlooking the prior use of the name in the same genus in *Oriolus andamanensis* Tytler (*in* Beavan, 1867, *Ibis*, p. 326) now a subspecies of *O. chinensis* L. This makes *Oriolus xanthornus andamanensis* a primary homonym of *O. andamanensis* Tytler and must be rejected and replaced. I therefore rename the subspecies as:

***Oriolus xanthornus reubeni*** nom. nov.

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after Mr. David E. Reuben, I.C.S. (Retd.) who served on the Executive Committee of the Bombay Natural History Society from 1954 to 1975 and who over many years has advised and assisted me with the drafting and editing of ornithological and other notes and papers.

I am grateful to Mr. Murray Bruce of Turramurra, N.S.W., Australia, for drawing my attention to the error.

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12. REDVENTED BULBUL, *PYCNONOTUS CAFER* NESTING IN A  
HOLE IN A MUD BANK

On 29th May, 1975 I came across a Redvented Bulbul's nest placed in a hole in the mud bank of Chor Khala, a rain water nulla at Dehra Dun. The hole was situated at the height of 1.3 metres from the ground; it was 15 cm in diameter and 22 cm deep. The entrance was effectively concealed by a bush growing in the mud bank about 25 metres below the hole.

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The nest contained 4 eggs, two of which ultimately hatched out.

In the existing Indian ornithological literature including the comprehensive collations of Hume and Oates (1889-1890), Baker (1932-1935) and Ali & Ripley (1968-1974) this species has not been recorded as placing its nests in holes.

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