

LIST OF A COLLECTION OF BIRDS
FROM THE ISLAND OF LIRUNG OR SALIBABU, THE LARGEST
OF THE TALAUT GROUP.

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SOME time ago Mr. John Waterstradt sent us an interesting collection of birds made for him by his Bornean hunters on Lirung. As so little is known of the Talaut birds (I only know of two articles which have the Talaut birds as their subject, both by Dr. A. B. Meyer & L. W. Wigglesworth, in *Journ. f. Orn.* 1894, p. 237, and *Abh. Mus. Dresden*, 1894-95, No. 9), we thought it worth while to give a list of the collection. We follow the arrangement of Messrs. Meyer & Wigglesworth, who enumerate 58 species as being known from the Talaut Archipelago. Those not in their list are marked with an asterisk.

1. **Butastur indicus** (Gm.).

Exactly like Celebes skins.

2. **Haliastur indus intermedius** (Gurn.).

An adult specimen, distinctly belonging to the intermediate subspecies. Although they run somewhat into each other, the three forms *H. indus indus*, *H. i. intermedius*, and *H. indus girrenera* are very well limited and easily recognisable, *H. indus indus* having broad shaft-stripes to the white feathers of the breast and neck, *H. i. intermedius* narrow ones, *H. indus girrenera* none.

*3. **Pandion haliaetus** L.

One large *male*, March 1897.

4. **Ninox scutulata japonica** (Schl.).

One adult bird, shot in April.

5. **Eos histrio talautensis** M. & Wg.

I find no difficulty in distinguishing every one of the series from March and April from *Eos histrio histrio*.

*6. **Trichoglossus ornatus** (L.).

One skin, differing in no way from Celebes specimens.

7. **Tanygnathus talautensis** M. & Wg.

A small series, excellently confirming all the statements of the describers of this species. A specimen from Bongao, one of the northernmost islands of the Sulu group, is quite like specimens from the Northern Philippines, and does *not* have longer wings at all.

8. **Tanygnathus mülleri sangirensis** M. & Wg.

Agreeing with the typical Sangi specimens.

9. **Tanygnathus megalorhynchus** (Bodd.).

Typical, as far as I can see.

10. **Prioniturus platurus talautensis** subsp. nov.

With a series of nine good skins from Lirung, which I have compared with a good number of Celebes specimens, I can confidently say that they are very different, as already suspected by Messrs. Meyer & Wilesworth. The mantle and wing of the Talaut birds are very much lighter and more greyish green than in *P. platurus platurus*, and the wing is from 5 to 10 mm. shorter. The orange patch across the mantle is not more orange than in most Celebes skins; but in most, though not all, Talaut *males* the lilac-bluish spot on the nape is paler. Two skins from Peling seem also paler than typical Celebes skins, but the wings not so greyish as in *P. platurus talautensis*.

*11. **Iyngipicus temmincki** (Malh.).

One pair, quite like Celebes specimens.

12. **Cuculus intermedius** Vahl.

13. **Eudynamis mindanensis sangirensis** (W. Blas.).

14. **Centropus bengalensis** (Gm.).

15. **Halcyon coromanda** (Lath.).

16. **Halcyon chloris** (Bodd.).

Specimens of very different sizes.

*17. **Alcedo ispida moluccana** (Less.).

One *female*, like Celebes specimens.

18. **Eurystomus orientalis** (L.).

*19. **Lyncornis macropterus** Bp.

One *male*, March, exactly like Celebes skins.

20. **Muscicapa griseosticta** (Swinh.).

21. **Zeocephus talautensis** M. & Wg.

22. **Monarcha inornata** (Garn.).

23. **Edoliosoma talautense** M. & Wg.

Both sexes, fully agreeing with the authors' descriptions.

24. **Dicaeum talautense** M. & Wg.

Several good skins. This form is closely allied to *D. sangirens* Salvad. From two skins from Siao, collected by Doherty, which I believe to be *D. sangirens*, it differs in being above more bluish purple, almost as purple as *D. celebense*, and in being darker below, but the size is the same.

25. **Hermotimia (Cinnyris) talautensis** M. & Wg.

Very close to *H. sangirens*, and only differing in the much more purplish throat, but not larger, as far as I can see.

26. **Zosterops babelo** M. & Wg.

Two fine *males*, fully agreeing with the description.

27. **Pitta inspeculata** M. & Wg.

Of this beautiful species we have received a good series from Lirung. Near the bend of the wing are some of the lesser upper wing-coverts with the basal two-thirds white.

28. **Calornis sangirens** Salvad. (an subsp. nov.?).

A series from Lirung has enormous beaks, and I believe it will have to be separated subspecifically from *C. sangirens*.

29. **Monticola solitarius** (P. L. S. Müll.).

Old and young, April and May!

30. **Oriolus melanisticus** M. & Wg.

The oldest *males* of this excellent species are uniform black on the mantle, but hardly two are alike in the extent of the black colour above. See Meyer & Wigglesworth's interesting remarks *t.c.* pp. 247 and 7.

*31. **Munia molucca** (L.).

Four *males*, all typical *M. molucca*, and not at all approaching *M. m. propinqua*.

32. **Ptilinopus xanthorrhous** (Salvad.).

33. **Myristicivora bicolor** (Scop.).

34. **Carpophaga pickeringi** Cass.

35. *Carpophaga concinna* Wall.

36. *Carpophaga intermedia* M. & Wg.

This interesting species is, no doubt, nearest to *C. aenea*, but different.

37. *Chalcophaps indica* (L.).

38. *Megapodius sangirensis* Schl.

39. *Ardeiralla flavicollis* (Lath.).

Several adult birds.

*40. *Totanus hypoleucus* L.

Several widespread Waders, etc.

There are also two specimens of *Oriolus celebensis*, but one of them is almost typical *O. cel. meridionalis*. As this bird is confined to Celebes, and not even reaches to the Sangir Islands, I have grave doubts whether these two Orioles might not be picked up by the native hunters on the way to or from Talaut.

The same applies to a skin of *Dicrurus leucops* with a wing shorter than all our Celebes skins. The wing only measures 160 mm. The bird is labelled "Lirung, March 1897, male. J.W."



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