8. Contributions to the Ornithology of the Philippines.—

No. X. On the Collection made by Mr. A. H. Everett in the Island of Bohol. By Arthur, Marquis of Tweeddale, F.R.S., President of the Society.

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The island of Bohol lies between Leyte and Zebu, and is situated about seventy miles N.W. of Mindanao. It has a length of about forty miles and a breadth of thirty miles. After leaving Leyte, Mr. Everett stopped for a week at Talibon, on the north coast of the island, and then left for Palawan, while his brother proceeded to the interior of the island to collect. There he found a country covered with grass 12 feet high, and with no forest except on the tops of a few hills. Birds were scarce; and he had to return stricken with fever. The collection obtained in North Bohol contains representatives of 47 species; and although all belong to previously known birds, seven of them have not been hitherto recorded as being inhabitants of the Philippines. These are:

- Cisticola cursitans
- Alauda wattersi
- Terehia cinerea
- Limicola platyrhyncha
- Limosa lapponica
- Tringa albscens
- Strepsilas interpres

The rest of the species are generally distributed throughout the archipelago, with perhaps the exceptions of Lanius nasutus, which appears to be a northern form, and Orthotomus frontalis and Loriculus hartlaubi, which are southern species.
1. **Loriculus hartlaubi (7)**
   [Bohol, ? , October.]
   Only one example of a female, and not in full dress. It agrees with individuals of true *L. hartlaubi* in a similar stage of plumage, but has the maxilla shorter by one tenth of an inch.

2. **Haliastur intermedius (17).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]

3. **Butastur indicus (20).**
   [N. Bohol, ? , October: iris golden-yellow; bill black; cere and base of bill bright chrome-yellow; legs and feet dirty chrome-yellow; nails black.]

4. **Merops philippinus (35).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]

5. **Alcedo bengalensis (38).**
   [N. Bohol, ? , October.]

6. **Sauropatis chloris (47).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]

7. **Cacomantis merulinus (57).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October: iris light red; bill black; base of mandible reddish; nails black; feet and legs waxy Naples-yellow.]
   The above note pertains to the adult. Two other examples are in rufous and brown-banded plumage.

8. **Centrococcyx viridis (64).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]
   The male is immature; the female adult.

9. **Lanius nasutus (70).**
   [N. Bohol, ingleton, October and November.]

10. **Lanius lucionensis (72).**
    [N. Bohol, ingleton, October and November.]

11. **Artamus leucorhynchus (73).**
    [N. Bohol, ingleton, October and November.]

12. **Lalage dominica (76).**
    [N. Bohol, ingleton, November.]

13. **Leucocerca nigritorquis (83).**
    [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]

14. **Hirundo javanica.**
    [N. Bohol, ingleton, October.]
15. **Broderipus acrorhynchus** (90).
[N. Bohol, ♀, October and November.]

16. **Ixus goaviier** (99).
[N. Bohol, ♀, October.]

17. **Pratincola caprata** (104).
[N. Bohol, ♂, November. Locust in gizzard.]

18. **Cisticola cursitans**.

*Prinia cursitans*, Franklin, P. Z. S. 1831, p. 118; Dresser, B. of Europe, parts lxix., lxii.
[N. Bohol, ♂, October: iris yellow-brown.]
Four examples identical with Indian individuals, but distinct from the Negros example referred to anteæ, p. 285. no. 31.

19. **Orthotomus frontalis**.

[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October.]

20. **Budytes viridis** (114).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, November.]

21. **Corydalla lugubris** (117).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October and November.]

22. **Cyrtostomus jugularis** (123).
[N. Bohol, ♀, October.]

23. **Corvus philippinus** (125).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, November.]
Female smaller than the male.

24. **Calornis panayensis** (128).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October.]

25. **Munia jagori** (132).
[N. Bohol, ♀, October.]

26. **Alauda wattersi**.

[N. Bohol, ♂, October.]
A single example of the genus *Alauda*, which most nearly agrees with the South-Formosan race of *A. celivox*, separated under the above title by Mr. Swinhoe. The occurrence in the Philippines of any member of the genus has not before been recorded.

27. **Osmotrenon vernans** (135).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October.]
28. Turtur dussumieri (147).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October and November.]

29. Charadrius fulvus (159).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October.]

30. Eudromias geoffroyi (161).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October and November.]

31. Eudromias mongolicus (163).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October and November.]

32. Ægialitis dubia (162).
[N. Bohol, ♀, October.]

33. Ægialitis cantiana.
[N. Bohol, ♀, October.]

34. Ægialitis peronii.
Charadrius peronii, Temminck, Schlegel, Mus. P.-Bas, Cursor, p. 33.

Ægialitis, sp.?
[N. Bohol, ♂, November.]

35. Strepsilas interpres.
Tringa interpres, Linn. S. N. i. p. 248.
[N. Bohol, ♂, November. ♀, November: iris chocolate; nails and bill black; legs and feet dirty orange.]
New to the Philippines.

36. Limosa lapponica.
[N. Bohol, ♂, November.]

37. Rhyacophilus glareola (182).
[N. Bohol, ♂, November: iris dark brown; bill and nails black; legs and feet yellow-green.]

38. Tringoides hypoleucus (183).
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October and November.]

39. Totanus incanus.
Scolopax incanus, Gm. S. N. i. p. 658.
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, November: iris chocolate-brown; legs and feet dirty chrome; nails black; bill dark dull grey, base yellow.]

40. Terekia cinerea.
[N. Bohol, ♂ ♀, October.]
New to the Philippines.
41. **LIMICOLA PLATYRHYNCHA.**


[N. Bohol, ♂, October.]

The specimens have been submitted to Mr. Dresser, who is of opinion that they belong to this species and not to *L. sibirica*.

42. **TRINGA ALBESCENS.**

*Tringa albescens*, Temminck, Pl. Col. 41, f. 2.

[N. Bohol, ♂♀, October and November.]

New to the Philippines.

43. **GALLINAGO SCOLOPACINA** (187).

[N. Bohol, ♂, November.]

44. **BUBULCUS COROMANDUS** (194).

[N. Bohol, ♂, October.]

45. **HERODIAS GARZETTA** (195).

[N. Bohol, ♂, October.]

46. **DENDROCYGNA VAGANS** (203).

[N. Bohol, ♂♀, October and November.]

47. **STerna BERGII.**


[N. Bohol, ♂♀, November.]

9. On a new Species of Starling. By O. Finsch, Ph.D., C.M.Z.S.

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This species, which I propose to name after General Poltaratzky, Governor of Semipalatinsk, is easily distinguishable from our common Starling by having the back green instead of purplish-violet, and the underparts below the neck of a deep purplish-violet instead of green as in the remaining species.

I found this Starling breeding on Lake Marka-Kul, in the Chinese High Altai, about 5000 feet above the sea-level. A careful comparison of it with the rich series of *Sturni* in the British Museum has convinced me that it belongs to a distinct species hitherto confounded with *St. vulgaris* and its allies. The British Museum contains fifteen specimens of the same bird from North-Western India, Persia, and Baluchistan. Specimens from the two last-named localities are marked *St. unicolor* and *St. vulgaris* by Mr. Blanford. The single specimen of a Starling brought home by Mr. Seebohm from the Yenisey belongs also to this species. It is the *St. humei*, Gould (1877), but not of Brooks (1876), and most probably also the *St. vulgaris* of Radde and Schrenck from Eastern Siberia. The


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