

species, the colour of the back, and the wing markings, as well as size, easily separates the Basilan skin as *R. fasciata*." The Museum register shows that BM 1896.6.6. 1269) was originally entered as *Rallina fasciata*.

On the basis of this, *Porzana paykullii* must be deleted from the Philippine list. It may well be added again one day as the species has recently been taken in Hong Kong (Hong Kong Bird Report 1977; specimen now in BMNH).

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A second Philippine record of *Sterna bernsteini*

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Mees (1975) demonstrated that the Chinese Crested Tern should be known as *Sterna bernsteini* Schlegel rather than *Sterna zimmermanni* Reichenow. In a review of its distribution he pointed out that the sole record from the Philippines was a skin at Harvard in the Museum of Comparative Zoology collected by Governor Cameron Forbes, but unfortunately without locality or collecting date.

There is an unreported skin (C. 20608) in the Staatliches Museum für Tierkunde, Dresden. Collected in Manila Bay on 6 May 1905 it reached Dresden by exchange in 1910, from the Philippine Museum, Manila. Richard C. McGregor, author of 'A Manual of Philippine Birds' (1909-10) and ornithologist at the museum, was a friend and sometime field companion of Governor Forbes and this specimen was no doubt taken by him or his staff—quite possibly together with the specimen now at Harvard. Although no doubt has ever been cast on the Philippine provenance of Forbes's specimen it is good to have the confirmation that this additional record provides.

The original label, of C. 20608, is marked "bill chrome yellow at base, terminal half black" and the following measurements have been taken: wing 305 mm, bill from feathers on forehead 60 mm, terminal black part 24 mm.

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