

attempt at dislodging it. While eating lunch at a pond watched a common kingfisher work not over 20 feet away. Later during the day two Hindu boys arrived on the scene and make small clay balls from the dirt at the edge of the water, and while making these balls the kingfisher came near the edge about 35 feet and was immediately subjected to a bombardment of clay balls rather one clay ball which struck its mark in perfect aim. The shot was probably accidental but at the same time was willing to give the lads credit for their accuracy. This pond had many small fish which were continually jumping out of the water. Two elderly men paid the pond a visit and during the course of a half an hour circumnavigated it in their search for these fish. Most of the fish were taken from bamboo traps which consisted of a length of bamboo which was sealed at each end with the node and opened on the edge with a small aperture. The idea was to catch the fish in this opening before they could make their escape. These traps were lying on the bottom of the pond and required a few minutes search for each one. The other method was to finger fish along the overhanging bank of the pond. On the return trip while walking across the savanna observed three large and ungainly birds flying west into the lowering sun. I had never seen these birds but something told me that they were hornbills long before they arrived at our position. As they flew directly overhead and about 150 high was able to pick out all of the unique characteristics of these birds. I never expected to see a bird with such proportions or size having had the idea that the bird was one the size of a crow or chicken. You can imagine the surprise when the hornbill flew over in the proportion of a crane. The wing beat is slow and deliberate. Other than the outline the most diagnostic characteristic is the definitely audible vibration of the wing. I still cannot figure out how the sound is produced and in such volume as to carry so far. I watched this grand bird fly west until it was completely lost to the vision.