

The bird life of ^{the} Sudd area is just about as unaffected by man as I have ever found. It still is unspoiled ^{and un-}depreciated in numbers however the G.S. are rapidly changing the picture. The King and white-backed Vulture were a common site along the river when we first arrived, and did not know the meaning of a gun but it was not long until they became weary of man and evaded those spots where formerly they found refuge. Many were killed, particularly on Sunday shooting sprees. Any thing that moved, included the monkey suffered. I now have a better picture of the concentrations of wildlife in America; endless flights of parakeets and long lines of other gregarious birds. Here is a list of the birds observed including those at Karachi, Sudd and Margharatta. The list is far from complete, particularly the smaller birds and those forms who had less dramatic characteristics. A book I purchased at Karachi for 18 rupees was the basis for my identification and drawings - 'Popular Handbook of Indian Birds' by Hugh Whistler. I made a feeble attempt at drawing a few of the more characteristic and common birds but conditions of operation just didn't allow me to carry it through. Most of them are taken directly from Hughes works.

Karachi:

- Corvus splendens zeynari* - Common House Crow
Corvus monedula - Jackdaw (Cairo)
Acridotheres tristis - Common Mynah
Passer domesticus - Common House Sparrow
Halauda cristata - Crested Lark
Micropis officinis - Indian Swift
Hirundo daurica - Red-rumped Shrike
Pittacula krameri borealis - Green Parakeet
Neophron percnopterus - Neophron
Milvus migrans - Pariah Kite
Streptopelia risoria - Indian Ring Dove
Antigone antigone - Sarus Crane (?)
Oenanthe picata - Desert Wheatear
Emmopterix grisea succata - Ashy-crowned Finch Lark
Aquila chrysaetos - Golden Eagle (?)
Sterna aurantia - River Tern (?)
Nycticorax nycticorax - Night Heron
Ardeola grayii - Paddy Bird
Coracias benghalensis - Blue Jay
Oenanthe deserti atragularis - Desert Wheatear
Numenius arquata - Curlew
Turnix sylvatica - Little Button Quail