

Female lighter, less blackish over the head-top and hind neck, and paler and greener over the mantle, scapulars and rump. Similar in tail-length.

*Distribution:* Montane forests of southern Malawi from Blantyre and Chiradzulu north to Mt. Mangoche and Namizimu, and still further north in Portuguese territory at Vila Cabral and Unangu (Njesi Plateau), Niassa district, western northern Moçambique. Benson (1953) lists "*lightoni*" (= *adjacens*) from "hills" near Blantyre, Chiradzulu, Zomba, Chikala, Mangoche and Namizimu.

*Measurement of the Type:* Wing (flattened) 51, culmen from base 14, tarsus 18, tail 71 mm.

*Material examined:* 10. (*Malawi:* Ndirande Mt., Blantyre, 1, Zomba Plateau, 1, Chikala Mt., Upper Shiré, 1, Mangoche Mt., 6; *Niassa, northern Mocambique:* Njesi Plateau, Unangu, 1). *A.m. lightoni*, 28. *A.m. addenda*, 3.

*Remarks:* As far as the material available to me goes, I do not find *A.m. fuliginosa* very convincingly different from *A.m. tenebricosa*, and would be inclined to merge the two races under the latter name. The development of a greyish or olivaceous wash over the mantle and rump in males seems to occur in varying proportion in all the southern montane isolate populations having sooty black-dorsalled males, and I suspect the character defined by Vincent (1933) for *fuliginosa* is actually individual rather than racial. *A.m. fuliginosa* appears to have been named on a very limited sample. While named from Malawi, I note Mackworth-Praed and Grant do not include *fuliginosa* in their 1963 work, referring all the southern Malawi populations to *A.m. lightoni*.

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## Little Gull in Sierra Leone

On 11th October, 1967, a first winter Little Gull *Larus minutus* Pallas was caught on the beach near Freetown, Sierra Leone, by men employed by the Zoology Department, Fourah Bay College, to collect terns for parasitological research. The bird which was brought in alive and in good condition was later killed and is now in the Zoology Department collection. This is the first record of a Little Gull in Sierra Leone and apparently a new bird for West Africa.

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