

Migdalski who accompanied me on the Smithsonian-Yale Expedition, and who spared no pains in pursuit of this species.

The type specimen is in breeding condition and measures; wing 148; tail 146; culmen 17. Soft parts; iris pinkish-purple; feet pinkish-purple.

Athene brama ultra subsp. nov.

Type.—♂ ad. (U.S.N.M. No. 390159), collected Dec. 21, 1946, by S. Dillon Ripley at Chabua, Lakhimpur district, N.E. Assam.

Diagnosis.—This race differs from *indica* by somewhat larger size and darker coloration. On the upper parts, particularly the center of the back, the amount of white spotting characteristic of the species is very considerably reduced. From *brama* this race differs by larger size and reduced spotting on the back.

From *pulchra* this race can be distinguished by larger size, slightly paler coloration, and by reduced spotting on the back. From *mayri* of northern and eastern Siam, *ultra* apparently differs by larger size, slightly paler coloration and by reduced spotting on the back.

Measurements		wing	tail	culmen (from cere)
<i>ultra</i> 2 ♂ ♂	Chabua	164.5, 167	83, 92.5	15, 15.5
<i>indica</i> 6 ♂ ♂	Nepal, C. P.			
	Punjab	152.5-164(158.3)	74-81(76.7)	14(5)
" 13 ♀ ♀	"	154-165.5(160.4)	67-86(78.5)	13-14.5(13.8)

Range.—Lakhimpur district, N.E. Assam, north and south of the Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers.

Remarks.—Birds collected recently by Walter Koelz in the Central Provinces approach *brama* in size and color. Mayr (Ibis, 1938, p. 313), and Deignan (Bull. 168, U.S.N.M., 1945, p. 181), give measurements of *pulchra* and *mayri*. Wing measurements of *pulchra* run from 138-152 mm., of *mayri* from 152-163 mm.

Megalaima virens mayri subsp. nov.

Type.—♂ ad. (U.S.N.M. No. 390200), collected Jan. 6, 1947, by E. C. Migdalski at Dreyi, Mishmi Hills, N.E. Assam.

Diagnosis.—From *Megalaima virens magnifica* of Assam, this form differs by being very noticeably darker both above and below. It is apparently somewhat larger also, with a greater amount of black on the culmen. From *M.v.clamator* of N. Burma, this race differs by having yellow-tipped nape feathers, and by being somewhat less richly colored on the lower surface. In size it appears to be identical with that race.

Measurements of type.—Wing 147.5, tail 100, culmen 45.

Range.—Mishmi Hills, N.E. Assam.

Remarks.—I should have been reluctant to describe this race from a single specimen which happens to be intermediate in character between *magnifica* and *clamator*. I would have included it in the latter race, which it resembles very closely, had it not been for the fact that this type as well as other specimens noted in the field all have the yellow pointed feathers on the nape, an important and distinctive pattern which *clamator* lacks. This race is named for my friend and preceptor, Ernst Mayr, who first pointed out the differences between the neighboring Assam and Burma populations.