It was identified as an immature Black-collared Starling Sturnus nigricollis from King et al. (1975) and Viney and Phillips (1988). The species occurs from southern China south to Myanmar and Thailand but has not previously been recorded in the Sundas.

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Long-billed Partridge Rhizothera longirostris: a new species for Sabah

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The Long-billed Partridge Rhizothera longirostris is represented in Borneo by two races, neither of which has been recorded previously in Sabah (Smythies 1981, Francis 1986). R. l. dutiliius apparently occurs only on Mt. Dutil and Mt. Batu Song in Sarawak, above 1,000 m. R. l. longirostris is the lowland race, known previously only from south-west Sarawak and the Barito drainage in south Kalimantan (Smythies 1981). It is presumably this latter race that has been seen and heard by several observers in primary lowland dipterocarp rainforest at Danum valley, east Sabah. It was apparently first recorded in the area by R. Orenstein (Toronto, Canada) and two Australian birders, during the third week of March 1992. I heard a pair duetting at dusk on 27 March 1992, 500 m along the main trail west (W5), and about 1 km from Danum Valley Field Centre. I subsequently heard a pair (probably the same birds) duetting, and saw a male walking back into cover, at 17h15 on 4 April 1992, 300-400 m along the main trail west (W3-W4).

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