

screws. After the clip had been screwed tightly to the tail, the screws were cut near the tightening nut and Superglue used to prevent the nut loosening. Superglue was also used to prevent the clip from slipping off the tail. Back mounts were composed of the transmitter with battery, attached to a small piece of cloth gauze. This package was glued to the bases of back-feathers. Superglue was utilised in both mounting techniques, whilst epoxy-resin (Rapid Araldite) was used to cover, and therefore waterproof, the whole tag.

Dusting by a Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis*

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At around 10h00 on 7 August 1986, about a kilometre beyond the checkpoint at km38 on the road to Mae Chaem in Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand, we observed a male Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis* dusting. It used a metre-wide strip of bare earth between the tarmac and the vegetation, at a point where montane forest practically abutted the road. During the two minutes or so that we had the bird in view, we were able to approach it to within 10m; its actions were similar to those of a sparrow *Passer* when dusting. When it finally flew up, it joined another Green Cochoa whose sex we could not determine, and together they moved fairly low through the trees near the road until lost to sight.

This took place on the third day of our visit to Doi Inthanon, throughout which it was consistently very cloudy with intermittent, usually very light rain. The dusting took place in a dry spell, but it started drizzling fifteen minutes later; indeed, only some 300m further along the road to Mae Chaem, we encountered very dense fog.

We can find no reference to dusting by this species, and P. D. Round, whom we told of our observation, knew of no similar record in Thailand, where probably the majority of sightings of Green Cochoa are currently made.

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A Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris* nest in Nepal

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On the morning of 27 April 1986, I briefly watched a pair of Short-billed Minivets *Pericrocotus brevirostris* building a nest in an area of forest just above Hanga Than (c. 27°05'N 87°54'E), at about 2,140m, in the upper Mai valley in eastern Nepal.

The nest structure was built on a flat fork, about half-way along a large moss- and lichen-covered branch at a height of about 10m in a large tree,