
A FURTHER NOTE ON THE BLUE-CROWNED HANGING-PARROT *W* WEST JAVA

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In van Balen & Lewis (1991, but see also *KUKILA* 6(2): 145), the presence of a single Blue-crowned Hanging-parrot *Loriculus galgulus* was described from Carita, West Java, at localities which appear to be virtually the same, in July 1989 and June 1990. Although not specifically stated, a male was described in each case, and the assumption could be made that these observations were of the same bird.

On 26 August 1994, the author observed a male Blue-crowned Hanging-parrot at the same location. This was readily identified by its red throat and rump. This bird then joined a female hanging-parrot, which was observed only briefly but appeared to be all green except for a red rump. A third hanging-parrot then joined the pair, and all three flew off before any further observations could be made. At the time, the second bird was assumed to be a female Blue-crowned Hanging-parrot, but of course such speculation is unjustified. Indeed, it would be extremely interesting if the identity of the second and third birds could be determined.

The 1991 communication speculates on the possible origin of this bird (assuming that all three observations relate to a single bird). It might therefore be significant to record that an all red parrot was observed nearby soon afterwards. This was later determined to be a Violet-necked Lory *Eos squamata*. Several of the latter were seen for sale later in the market at Cilegon, the nearest large town.

Reference

Van Balen, S. & A. Lewis. 1991. Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot on Java. *Kukila*. 5(2): 140-141.