

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*: a new species for Sumatra

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Ringkasan. Seekor Layang-layang pasir *Riparia riparia* teramati di antara Layang-layang api *Hirundo rustica* di dekat pintu masuk taman nasional Kerinci Seblat. Kepastian identifikasi didapat melalui karakteristik morfologis. Perbandingan dengan *R. diluta* juga dilakukan untuk memperjelas perbedaan kedua spesies ini. Spesies yang bermigrasi ke selatan ini paling jauh dilaporkan sampai ke Singapura dan Kalimantan.

On 25 November 1996, Johannes Persson and I were walking from Pelompek to Mount Tujuh (1°42'S, 101°22'E) in the Kerinci valley, Sumatra. Just below the park entrance to Kerinci Seblat National Park we observed a great number of foraging Barn Swallows *Hirundo rustica* over the paddy fields. Among the Barn Swallows we found a bird, which we identified as a Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* by the combination of uniform dark brown upperparts, whitish belly and throat, and a conspicuous brown breast-band. The bird appeared rather square-tailed and had no tail-streamers. The presence of a dark breast-band on the bird discounts most congeners and juveniles of swallows in the South-east Asian region. The Pale Martin *R. diluta* has lighter upperparts and a more diffuse breast band than the Sand Martin (Turner & Rose 1994; Robson 2000).

The Sand Martin winters as far south as Singapore (Turner & Rose 1994), and they are scarce, but probably annual migrants in small numbers to northern Borneo (MacKinnon & Phillipps 1993; Smythies & Davison 1999). It is surprising, therefore, that there are no previous published records from Sumatra (van Marle & Voous 1988; Holmes 1996).

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