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Golden-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus burkii*: a new species for Malaysia

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A Golden-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus burkii* was netted and photographed at Sintok on 13 October 1991. Sintok is north of Alor Setar, and just below the Kedah-Thai border. Mist-nets were erected in an area of semi-evergreen rain-forest with some bamboo.

The nets were inspected at 09h50 and the warbler was found together with a Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane* and a Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus*. The warbler weighed 9.5 g and its dimensions were: overall length 112 mm, wing 58 mm and tarsus 22 mm. It had a single yellow wing-bar and conformed in all respects with the description in King *et al.* (1975). A photograph was sent to Dr David Wells at the University of Malaya, who confirmed the identification.

Boonsong and Round (1991) refer to the Golden-spectacled Warbler as a common winter visitor and passage migrant in Thailand, and indicate that its range does not extend into the peninsula south of about 10°N. Smythies (1986) refers to the species as a winter visitor/altitudinal migrant in Myanmar (Burma), not recorded south of Amherst District in Tenasserim.

The capture of this species in Peninsular Malaysia shows a considerable extension to its range, and adds a new species to the avifauna of that country.

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