

## **Project Update: March 2001**

Despite six weeks of almost continuous rain and subsequent flooding and fuel supply problems, some progress was made with field coverage during February and March, mainly on the Angonia Plateau of north east Tete Province.

The first records for central Mozambique of Palebilled Hornbill and Redrumped Swallow (the only previous record for Mozambique was from the Mount Namuli expedition of 1999) and the first records of this survey for Whitetailed Blue Flycatcher and Yellowbacked Widow were obtained. Oliveheaded Weavers were observed at two more locations on the edge of the plateau.

The Angonia Plateau, at 1200m altitude, is cool and wet. It is densely populated and intensively cultivated, with natural vegetation mainly restricted to the less accessible locations. It was a surprise to find that in Villa Ulungue, the main town in the centre of the plateau, spotted hyenas roam the streets at night.