

impression of "a rather short bill" on the larger *C. bairdi*, it was the unusual length of bill on *C. mauri* which first drew our attention to the bird.

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