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Front Cover: **TRISTRAM'S STARLING**

Tristram's starling or **Tristram's grackle** (*Onychognathus tristramii*) is indigenous to the Middle Eastern countries nesting on rocky cliff faces. It is often seen in the area of the Dead Sea in Israel especially when visiting Masada. The males have a glossy black plumage with orange patches on the outer wing, which are particularly noticeable in flight. The species is named after Reverend Henry Baker Tristram. The pictures for the cover of the journal were gratefully provided by Mr. Moshe Tachnai.