CORACIAS CAUDATA

0 and I watched a pair of Lilac-breasted Rollers, Coracias caudata, in a large cage in the National Zoo for approximately 10 hours. I shall call the species "Caud." To avoid confusion with the common African Euprosthemus.

The birds were very active. Coming into the peak of the breeding season, the Q was "showing the nest" to the male. I think that the Q actually entered the nest (excavating?) on several occasions.

Very noisy. Lots of typical roller harsh notes. In a regular series, sometimes almost screaming.

The 2 birds frequently perched close together. Once, the Q seemed to preen the cheek of the Q. "Pilching." Once the Q passed an insect to the Q. I think that she swallowed it.

The general effect was very reminiscent of the Abyssinian.
The morning notes, see below:

This morning we are looking for House Kingfishers. By
house. First bird shows up 8:32 a.m. some "R" then silence.
Juno moves is going to try to record. Using my machine.
A black (back?) 9:22. A second exposed 12:15 up. Utters
"R" as it comes in and after landing, perched in a vertical posture. Then flies
off with more "R". (Note: Juno is calling this "Hunch Call") Juno gets

Juno made circles, Utter single "Chuck" until in flight. I
suppose that these are homologous with "Pips" of African Gosh.
Everything quiet 6:28 a.m.

According to Juno, this species is "semi-colonial". At least
pairs may nest in fairly close proximity.

Also according to Juno, House Kingfishers pay no attention
to Bank Kingfishers when the latter are in budina during the
northern winter.

Everything quiet 6:25

Juno sees a Great Kingfisher in neighborhood.
6:32. R flies back at last. Apparentlyjuveni for q.
We see "R" in neighborhood. Then male "flutters." All this is

Culling warm. 6:33. Bird(s) gone temporarily.

Now R at 6:34. Apparently 2 males. Not close together. Curious over-
looking Juno records. No one at 7 and 8. Suddenly then. R's head up
Possible interactions between the 2 males. Both fly off q's
turns more "R" in neighborhood. At 7:38 huge. While overlop-
ing. Caught not randomly but by a regular song sustained.
One "Chucking" another K of "R". Add some of what Juno terms
"Hunch Calls." Almost calling. Obviously highly aggressive.

Stopping 7:45

As we start to go we see one A perch high expose us the
returning K after K, after K, presumably in response to presence of other K.
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R's are accompanied by extreme V-D. Sub-sticks Bells wide open throughout.

w flies in, lands 4 ft away. Blue "greeting." Decisive V-D.

TE's fly's off to chase meals. With R's.