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TWO MORE REMARKABLE NEW BIRDS
FROM CUBA

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THESE two new birds were secured by the senior author while recently in Cuba. They were taken by the collector, Mr. Fermin Z. Cervera, to whom all credit for their discovery is due. A full discussion of their relationships will follow in a later paper.

Cyanolimnas cerverai gen. et sp. nov.

Generic characters. — A medium-sized ralline with short rounded wing; very short tail, the barbs of the rectrices very sparse; tarsus stout and short, not exceeding middle toe with claw.

Bill moderate, somewhat longer than head, swollen basally. Nostril situated about midway in nasal groove, which is only about half as long as bill. Culmen ending in a *point* in the frontal feathering. Wing rounded: third, fourth and fifth primaries longest; second about equal to seventh. Tail very short, about two fifths as long as wing, the feathers sparsely barbed. Tarsus short, less than half the length of the wing and about as long as the bill; toes fairly stout, the middle one about the length of the tarsus.

Coloration: Above, olive brown; sides of head and under parts plumbeous; throat white. The coloring resembles closely that of *Pardirallus rhythynchus* Vieillot.

The combination of short wing and stout tarsus suggests relationship with *Nesotrochis* Wetmore (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., vol. 54, 1918, p. 516, type *Nesotrochis debooyi* Wetmore), but the latter has a tarsus more than twice as long as that of the bird with which we are dealing.

Type, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, no. 236,691, adult male, from Santo Tomás, Peninsula de Zapata, Cuba, collected 8, March, 1927, by Fermin Z. Cervera.

Forehead and anterior part of crown gray, shading into dark brown on the crown; back and wing coverts brownish olive, becoming brown on the rump and upper tail coverts; throat white; the rest of under parts slate gray, becoming olive brown on the flanks, which are narrowly edged with white; under tail coverts white; wings and tail blackish; bill yellowish green terminally, greenish medially, red at the base; legs and feet red.

MEASUREMENTS (in millimeters)

No. M. C. Z.	sex	wing	tail	culmen	tarsus
236,691	♂	110	46	48	49
236,692	♀	99	40	45	43

***Torreornis inexpectata* gen. et spec. nov.**

Generic characters. — A medium-sized fringillid with short rounded wing; rounded, almost graduated, tail; plumage long and lax.

Bill moderately stout; culmen convex; rictal bristles indistinct. Wing very short, three times the length of the tarsus, much rounded; third and fourth primaries longest, only very slightly exceeding the second, fifth and sixth, which are subequal; outermost not longer than ninth; tip of longest secondaries reaching to the end of the eighth primary. Tail somewhat longer than wing, slightly graduated; middle pair of rectrices exceeding the outer pair by about one half the length of the tarsus. Tarsus longer than middle toe with claw; lateral toes about equal, their claws reaching beyond the base of the middle claw; hind toe and claw about equal, together not exceeding the middle toe and claw.

Type, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, no. 236,694, adult male from Santo Tomás, Peninsula de Zapata, Cuba, collected 2, March, 1927, by Fermin Z. Cervera.

Crown rufous with an indistinct grayish median line; rest of the upper parts grayish olive, the feathers in the middle portion with dusky centres; rump and upper tail coverts clearer. Lores whitish; superorbital stripe and sides of neck gray, auricular region darker; a white malar stripe sepa-

rated from the white throat by a narrow black malar stripe; lower border of throat pale gray; breast and abdomen a bright lemon-yellow, shading into grayish olive on the chest and olive on the flanks. Wings and tail dusky brownish, narrowly margined on the outer webs with olive.

Female similar, but duller above and smaller.

MEASUREMENTS (in millimeters)

No. M. C. Z.	sex	wing	tail	bill from base	tarsus
236,693	♂	67	75	17.0	22.0
236,694	♂	66	73	17.5	22.5
236,695	♀	64	70	17.5	22.5