

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER
From a Letter from Eugene Eisenmann

"In the May-June issue of EBBA NEWS (vol. 25, p. 85) Mr. John V. Dennis in his interesting article, "Banding Experiences in Guatamala and Costa Rica", states that, with the exception of Lawrence's Woodcreeper, he was able to find the common and scientific names of all species banded in my booklet, "The Species of Middle American Birds" (Trans. Linn. Soc. N.Y. vol. VII).

"For the benefit of Mr. Dennis and other readers, may I say that the forms called by Ridgway "Lawrence's Woodhewer", "Tucurriquil Woodhewer", etc. included by him in the species Xiphorhynchus nanus, are all treated by me as merely subspecies of X. guttatus (following Hellmayr, Peters and other recent authors) and given the specific English name Buff-throated Woodcreeper."

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NOT A CASSIN'S SPARROW?
From a Card from John Bull

"I enjoyed your article on "Operation Recovery" in the last issue of EBBA NEWS. The Island Beach area is certainly a terrific place. For the record, however, I wish to say that the alleged Cassin's Sparrow taken last year may not be that species at all. Until it is compared with a large series of museum skins, the likelihood is that it is a Bachman's Sparrow until proved otherwise. The two are exceedingly close in appearance. . . .I thought you should know about this, so that you could publish a correction in the next EBBA NEWS."

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