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DESCRIPTIONS OF FOUR NEW SPECIES OF HAITIAN BIRDS.

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Picumnus lawrencii. (PLATE I.)

d ad. Tail soft, composed of ten feathers. General plumage above olive-green. Forehead showing a tinge of black; top of the head bright yellow, cut by a band of red, again becoming yellow at the base. Under parts yellowish, palest on the throat, mottled and streaked with brown feathers; on the sides of the neck marked with dull white, nearly joining above, forming an imperfect collar. Wing-coverts and outer webs of primaries and secondaries, olive-green; inner webs brown, becoming pale on the edges. Bill, legs, and feet dark slate color. Iris reddish brown.

Q ad. Differs from the male in wanting the red band on the head.

Length, 5.25; wing, 2.75; tail, 1.75; tarsus, .56; bill, .62.

Dr. Bryant refers to a Picumnus taken in Haiti (Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. XI, p. 96) but considers it to be P. micromegus of Sundevall (Consp. Avium Picin., 1866, p. 95); but that species came from Brazil and I cannot make his description agree with the Haitian bird. In all probability Dr. Bryant's specimen was the present species wrongly identified.

I have named it in honor of Mr. Geo. N. Lawrence of New York.

Phœnicophilus dominicensis.

3 ad. Forehead and sides of the head black; a spot of white above and below the eye and on each side of the forehead; chin white, extending in two stripes down the sides of the throat to the breast, bordering the black of the head. The rest of the head, neck, and underparts grayishplumbeous. Back, wing-coverts, tail and coverts, and outer edges of wing feathers, bright yellowish-green. Inner webs of primaries and secondaries brown, pale on the edges. Legs and lower mandible dark slate color; upper mandible black. Iris reddish-brown.

Length, 7.00; wing, 3.50; tail, 3.00; tarsus, .90; bill, .72.

Authors have generally considered this bird to be the female of P. palmarum; but a careful examination of a large series of the latter species proved the sexual difference, if any, to be merely a slight variation in size.

Parra violacea.

3 ad. Bill and comb pale orange; bare skin at the base of the lower mandible pale bluish-white. Head, neck, and upper breast, dark lustrous green, back and wing-coverts purple, shading into rich golden-brown near the rump; rump and tail coverts bright purple. Underparts dark purple, showing a tinge of dark rufous on the crissum. Most of the primaries and secondaries bright yellow, edged with brown; tail rufous brown; carpal spur pale orange; legs and feet dull olive; iris brown.

Length, 9.00; wing, 5.50; tail, 2.25; tarsus, 2.25; bill. 1.40.

A single specimen taken, possibly a straggler to the island but apparently differing from any known form.

Myiadestes montanus.

dad. Upper parts and two central tail feathers slaty gray; primaries and secondaries brownish-black, showing white near the base of the inner webs; outer webs of primaries and terminal portion of the outer webs of secondaries edged with gray; throat, crissum, and belly near the vent, reddish-brown, intermediate between that of M. solitarius and M. sibilans, but approaching nearer the color of the former; rest of underparts pale gray. Outer tail feather white with black shaft, showing a dark tinge near the extremity of the outer web; second feather black, with the central portion of the terminal half white, the black narrowing to the extremity leaving the tip white; third feather showing a triangular patch of white at the tip; rest of tail feathers, except the two central ones, black. Bill black; legs and feet pale; iris brown.

Length, 7.00; wing, 3.35; tail, 3.38; tarsus, 1.00; bill, .38.