

Zeledon's Catalogue of the Birds of Costa Rica.* — This is simply an enumeration of the birds of Costa Rica, without notes. The catalogue numbers 692 species, about eight to nine tenths of them being indicated as represented in the National Museum by *Costa Rican specimens!* The identification of the species is therefore doubtless beyond question. This list is intended as preliminary to a work of a more extended character to contain descriptions of the genera and species, with notes on their habits and geographical distribution, which the author has in contemplation, and for which his long residence in the country, and his unrivalled experience with the birds of Costa Rica eminently fit him to prepare. — J. A. A.

Ridgway on New American Birds. — Mr. Ridgway has separated the Boat-billed Heron of Central America from that of Guiana and Brazil, under the name *Cancroma zeledoni*.† Twelve examples from southern and western Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Veragua are found to differ constantly from two South American specimens (British Guiana and mouth of the Amazon) in having the upper parts much deeper pearl-gray, the neck and breast deep buff instead of white, and the crest less developed.

The same author has also described a new Hawk from Cozumel, under the name *Rufornis gracilis*.‡ It is compared with *R. ruficauda griseicauda* of Mexico, from which it differs in being decidedly smaller, with the thighs and under wing-coverts nearly immaculate instead of barred and spotted.

A re-examination of some specimens of *Peucea* collected by Dr. J. C. Merrill, and identified by Mr. Ridgway as *Peucea arizonæ* (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., I, p. 127), in the light of additional material, shows that the specimens represent *Coturniculus mexicana* of Lawrence, described from Mexican specimens in 1867, and subsequently referred by Mr. Ridgway (Hist. N. Am. Birds, II, p. 38, footnote) to *P. botteri*. A second examination of the Texas specimens, in comparison with the Mexican examples, results in the addition of a new bird to the fauna of the United States, which Mr. Ridgway calls *Peucea mexicana* (Lawr.).

In a paper on the Golden Warblers§ Mr. Ridgway describes a new subspecies from Western Mexico and Cape St. Lucas as *Dendroca bryanti castaneiceps*. *D. bryanti* is now separated specifically from *D. vieilloti*, to which it was originally referred as a subspecies, and its habitat is restricted to the "Atlantic coast, Belize to Northern Yucatan (Merida)."

* Catalogue of the Birds of Costa Rica, indicating those species of which the United States National Museum possesses specimens from that Country. By José C. Zeledon, of San José, Costa Rica. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., VIII, pp. 104-118. Published May 23, 1885.

† Description of a New Species of Boat-billed Heron from Central America. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., VIII, pp. 93, 94. Published May 20, 1885.

‡ Description of a New Hawk from Cozumel, *Ibid.*, pp. 94, 95.

§ A Review of the "Golden Warblers." *Ibid.*, pp. 348-350. Published Sept. 2, 1885.