

FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN
ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST OF
NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

BY ORDER of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds has prepared the following report on the species, subspecies, and changes of nomenclature proposed during the year ending November, 1891, forming the Fourth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List.

The numbers at the left of the scientific names facilitate collation with the Check-List. The interpolated species and subspecies are numbered in accordance with the provisions made therefor in the code of Nomenclature (see page 14, last paragraph).

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I. ADDITIONS.

310 *b.* *Meleagris gallopavo osceola* SCOTT.

Florida Wild Turkey.

Meleagris gallopavo osceola SCOTT, Auk, VII, Oct. 1890, 376.

[B 457 *part*, C 379a *part*, R 470a *part*, C 554 *part*.]

HAB. Southern Florida.

374 *a.* *Megascops flammeolus idahoensis* MERRIAM.

Dwarf Screech Owl.

Megascops flammeolus idahoensis MERRIAM, North American Fauna, No. 5, July, 1891, 96, pl. i.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Central Idaho.

- 462 a. **Contopus richardsonii peninsulæ** BREWST.
Large-billed Wood Pewee.
Contopus richardsonii peninsulæ BREWST. Auk, VIII,
 April, 1891, 144.
 [B—, C—, R—, C—.]
 HAB. Sierra da la Laguna, Lower California.
- 529 a. **Spinus tristis pallidus** MEARNs.
Western Goldfinch.
Spinus tristis pallidus MEARNs, Auk, VII, July, 1890, 244.
 [B 313 part, C 149 part, R 181 part, C 213 part.]
 HAB. Arizona.
- 547 a. **Ammodramus henslowii occidentalis** BREWST.
Western Henslow's Sparrow.
Ammodramus henslowii occidentalis BREWST. Auk, VIII,
 April, 1891, 145.
 [B 339 part, C 163 part, R 199 part, C 326 part.]
 HAB. Dakota.
- 567 c. **Junco hyemalis thurberi** ANTHONY.
Thurber's Junco.
Junco hyemalis thurberi ANTHONY, Zoe, I, Oct. 1890, 238.
 [B 352 part, C 175 part, R 218 part, C 263 part.]
 HAB. California.
- 593 c. **Cardinalis cardinalis canicaudus** CHAPMAN.
Gray-tailed Cardinal.
Cardinalis cardinalis canicaudus CHAPMAN, Bull. Am.
 Mus. Nat. Hist., III, Aug. 1891, 324.
 [B 390 part, C 203 part, R 242 part, C 299 part.]
 HAB. Southwestern Texas, south into northeastern Mexico.
- 629 d. **Vireo solitarius lucasanus** BREWST.
St. Lucas Solitary Vireo.
Vireo solitarius lucasanus BREWST., Auk, VIII, April,
 1891, 147.
 [B—, C—, R—, C—.]
 HAB. Lower California.

682.1. **Geothlypis poliocephala palpebralis** (RIDGW.).
Mirador Yellowthroat.

Geothlypis palpebralis RIDGW. Man N. Am. Bds. 1887, 526.

Geothlypis poliocephala palpebralis ALLEN, Auk, VIII,
July, 1891, 316.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Eastern Mexico, north to Brownsville, Texas. (Cf.
ALLEN, Auk, VIII, 1891, 316.)

II. CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE.

567.1. **Junco carolinensis** BREWST. This becomes

567 e. **Junco hyemalis carolinensis** BREWST. (Cf.
DWIGHT, Auk, VIII, July, 1891, 290, and BREWSTER,
Auk, III, Jan. 1886, 108.)

III. FORMS CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION.

Ictinia plumbea (VIEILL.).—The record of the occurrence of this species in Florida proves to have been founded on a misidentification of an immature example of *Ictinia mississippiensis*. (Cf. CAHOON, Orn. and Oöl. XV, March, 1890, 35, and CHAPMAN, *ibid.* XVI, March, 1891, 44.)

Ammodramus caudacutus becki RIDGW. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. XIV, 1891, 483.

The type and single known specimen proves to be not distinguishable from *A. c. nelsoni*.

Pipilo maculatus magnirostris BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 146.

Rejected on the ground of the slight and inconstant nature of the differences supposed to distinguish it from *P. m. megalonyx*.

Sitta carolinensis lagunæ BREWST. Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 149.

Not satisfactorily distinguishable from *S. c. aculeata*, the alleged characters proving slight and inconstant.

Turdus sequoiensis BELDING, Proc. Cala. Acad. Sci. 2d ser. II. Oct. 1889, 79.

Considered as not distinguishable from *T. aonalaschkæ auduboni*.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES IN NOMENCLATURE REJECTED.

Hirundo LINN. vs. *Chelidon* FORST. (Cf. REICHENOW, J. f. O. 1889, 187.)

An examination of SHÄFFER'S work (*Elementa Ornithologica*) as regards its scope, character, and purpose, including his treatment of *Hirundo*, fails to substantiate the claim that *H. rustica* must be considered the type of *Hirundo*, and that consequently *Chelidon* becomes a synonym of *Hirundo*. Therefore the former action of this Committee on this case is now reaffirmed.

V. ACTION DEFERRED FROM LACK OF MATERIAL.

Final action on the following was deferred, owing to the absence of sufficient material to enable the Committee to arrive at satisfactory decisions.

Megascops asio aikenii BREWST. Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 139.

Megascops asio macfarlanei BREWST. Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 140.

Megascops asio saturatus BREWST. Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 141.

Vireo vicinior californicus STEPHENS, Auk, VII, April, 1890, 159.

The following proposed changes of nomenclature were laid on the table, to be considered at some subsequent meeting of the Committee, in connection with other cases requiring revision.

216 a. *Porzana jamaicensis coturniculus* BAIRD vs. *Porzana coturniculus* RIDGW. (Cf. RIDGWAY, Pr. U. S. Nat Mus. XIII, 1890, 309.

431.1 *Trochilus floresii* GOULD vs. *T. rubromitratus* RIDGW. Auk, VIII, Jan. 1891, 114.

The question of the generic or subgeneric rank of the genus *Ardetta* GRAY.

ERRATA.—In the Third Supplement to the Check-List (Auk, VIII, Jan. 1891) numbers 582h and 582i (p. 86) should stand respectively as 581h and 581i.