

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

TWO YEARS have elapsed since the publication of the Seventh Supplement to the A. O. U. Check-List of North American Birds, during which period the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature has held three sessions,—one in Cambridge and two in Washington. Five of the decisions reached by the Committee at its first Washington meeting were incorporated in the second edition of the Check-List, published in December, 1895. These are included below with the others, and are distinguished by an asterisk prefixed to the marginal number of the species. In the subjoined list are included all of the cases published in 'The Auk' for January, 1897, they having come before the Committee at its last session, in proof sheets of this number of 'The Auk'.

As heretofore, 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 provision made therefor in the Code of Nomenclature (p. 14, last paragraph).

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## I. ADDITIONS.

108.1. *Oceanodroma socorroensis* TOWNSEND.

Socorro Petrel.

*Oceanodroma socorroensis* TOWNSEND, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.  
XIII, 1890, 134.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Islands off west coast of Mexico, north to San Diego, Cal. (Cf. ANTHONY, *Auk*, XIII, Oct. 1895, 387.)

GENUS **MERGUS** LINNÆUS.

*Mergus* LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 129. Type, by elimination, *Mergus albellus* LINN.

[131.1.] **Mergus albellus** LINN.

Smew.

*Mergus albellus* LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 129.

[B 614, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—In summer, northern Europe and Asia; in winter, south to the Mediterranean, northern India, China and Japan. Accidental in northern North America. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1896, 467, 468.)

GENUS **CASARCA** BONAPARTE.

*Casarca* BON. Geogr. & Comp. List, 1838, 56. Type, *Anas rutila* PALL. = *Anas casarca* LINN.

[141.1.] **Casarca casarca** (LINN.).

Ruddy Sheldrake.

*Anas casarca* LINN. S. N. ed. 12, III, App. 1768, 224.

*Casarca casarca* ALLEN, Auk, XIII, 1896, 164, 243.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern Europe and southern Asia, south to northern Africa. Accidental in Greenland, Iceland, and the Scandinavian Peninsula. (Cf. ALLEN, Auk, *l. c.*)

[171.1.] **Anser fabalis** (LATH.).

Bean Goose.

*Anas fabalis* LATH. Gen. Syn. Suppl. I, 1787, 297.

*Anser fabalis* SALVAD. Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 99.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Northern Asia, eastward into northern Europe; in winter south to southern Europe and northern Africa. Accidental in Greenland. (Cf. SALVADORI, *l. c.*)

201c. **Ardea virescens anthonyi** MEARNs.

Anthony's Green Heron.

*Ardea virescens anthonyi* MEARNs, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 257.

[B 493, *part*, C 457, *part*, R 497, *part*, C 663, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Arid region of southwestern United States, and southward into Mexico.

SUBGENUS **ASARCIA** SHARPE.

*Asarcia* SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 86.

Type, *Parra variabilis* LINN. 1766 = *Fulica spinosa* LINN. 1758. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 88.)

The genus *Asarcia* SHARPE is accepted as a subgenus.

302d. **Lagopus rupestris townsendi** ELLIOT.

Townsend's Ptarmigan.

*Lagopus rupestris townsendi* ELLIOT, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 26.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Kyska and Adak Islands, Aleutian Chain.

302.1. **Lagopus evermanni** ELLIOT.

Evermann's Ptarmigan.

*Lagopus evermanni* ELLIOT, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 25, pl. iii.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Attu, one of the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

SUBGENUS **BREWSTERIA** MAYNARD.

*Brewsteria* MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am. pt. 40 [1896],

691. Type, *Archibuteo ferrugineus* (LICHT.).

Accepted as a subgenus of *Archibuteo*.

375c.—**Bubo virginianus pacificus** CASSIN.

Pacific Horned Owl.

*Bubo virginianus* var. *pacificus* CASS., Ill. Bds. Cal., Texas, etc., July, 1854, 178.

[B 48, *part*, C 317*b*, R 405*b*, *part*, C 464.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern California (exact range not known).

394*c*. **Dryobates pubescens medianus** (SWAINS.).

Downy Woodpecker.

*Picus (Dendrocopus) medianus* SWAINS. in SWAINS. & RICH. Faun. Bor.-Am. II, 1831, 308.

*Dryobates pubescens medianus* BREWSTER, Auk, Jan. 1897, 82.

[B 76, *part*, C 299, *part*, R 361, *part*, C 440, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Middle and northern parts of eastern United States and northward.

No. 394, **Dryobates pubescens**, the Southern Downy Woodpecker, thus becomes restricted to the South Atlantic and Gulf States, from South Carolina to Florida and Texas. (*Cf.* BREWSTER, *l. c.*)

394*d*. **Dryobates pubescens nelsoni** OBERHOLSER.

Nelson's Downy Woodpecker.

*Dryobates pubescens nelsoni* OBERHOLSER, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. XVIII, 1895, 549.

[B 76, *part*, C 299, *part*, R 361, *part*, C 440, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Alaska and northern British America.

407. **Melanerpes formicivorus** (SWAINS.).

Ant-eating Woodpecker.

*Picus formicivorus* SWAINS. Phil. Mag. I, 1827, 439.

*Melanerpes formicivorus* BONAP. Consp. Av. I, 1850, 115.

[B 95, *part*, C 310, *part*, R 377, *part*, C 454, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Western Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, thence southward over the tablelands of Mexico.

(The numeration of Nos. 407 and 407*a* hereby becomes changed to 407*a* and 407*b* respectively.)

414*a*. **Colaptes chrysoides brunnescens** ANTHONY.

Brown Flicker.

*Colaptes chrysoides brunnescens* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Oct. 1895, 347.

[B 99, *part*, C 313, *part*, R 379, *part*, C 458, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Northern Lower California.

420c. **Chordeiles virginianus sennetti** (COUES).

Sennett's Nighthawk.

[*Chordeiles popetue*] *sennetti* COUES, Auk, V, Jan. 1888, 37.

*Chordeiles virginianus sennetti* BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April 1896,  
134.

[B 115, *part*, C 267a, *part*, R 357a, *part*, C 400, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Treeless region of the Great Plains, from the  
Saskatchewan south to Texas.

498c. **Agelaius phoeniceus floridanus** MAYNARD.

Florida Red-wing.

*Agelaius phoeniceus floridanus* MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am.,  
pt. 40 [1896], 689.

[B 401, *part*, C 212, *part*, R 261, *part*, C 316, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Florida.

544.1. **Ammodramus sanctorum** COUES.

San Benito Sparrow.

*Passerculus sanctorum* COUES, Key N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1884,  
364.

*Ammodramus* (*Passerculus*) *sanctorum* COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan.  
1897, 92.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—San Benito Island, Lower California.

550c. **Ammodramus maritimus macgillivrayi** AUD.

Louisiana Seaside Sparrow.

*Fringilla macgillivrayi* AUD. Orn. Biog. II, 1834, 285; IV,  
1838, 394, pl. ccclv.

*Ammodramus maritimus macgillivrayi* RIDGW. Man. N. Am.  
Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 602.

[B—, C 165, *part*, R—, C 238, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Coast of Louisiana, to coast of Texas in winter.

581j. **Melospiza fasciata juddi** BISHOP.

Dakota Song Sparrow.

*Melospiza fasciata juddi* BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April, 1896, 132.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Turtle Mountain, and vicinity, North Dakota.

581k. **Melospiza fasciata merrilli** BREWSTER.

Merrill's Song Sparrow.

*Melospiza fasciata merrilli* BREWSTER, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896,  
46.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Type locality, Fort Sherman, Idaho.

\* 581.1. **Melospiza insignis** BAIRD.

Bischoff's Song Sparrow.

*Melospiza insignis* BAIRD, Trans. Chicago Acad. Sci. I, 1869,  
319, pl. xxix, fig. 2.(Cf. RICHMOND, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 144. Also Check-List,  
2d ed. 1895, 243.)585d. **Passerella iliaca stephensi** ANTHONY.

Stephens's Sparrow.

*Passerella iliaca stephensi* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Oct. 1895, 348.

[B 376a, part, C—, R 235b, part, C 285, part.]

GEOG. DIST.—Mountains of southern California (type locality,  
San Jacinto Mts.).593d. **Cardinalis cardinalis floridanus** RIDGW.

Florida Cardinal.

*Cardinalis cardinalis floridanus* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d  
ed. 1896, 606.

[B 390, part, C 203, part, R 242, part, C 299, part.]

GEOG. DIST.—Florida.

648a. **Compsothlypis americana usneæ** BREWSTER.

Northern Parula Warbler.

*Compsothlypis americana usneæ* BREWSTER, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 44.[B 168, *part*, C 58, *part*, R 88, *part*, C 93, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—New England, New York, and westward along the northern tier of States, and northward into the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, migrating southward beyond the United States in winter.

652b. **Dendroica æstiva rubiginosa** (PALL.).

Alaskan Yellow Warbler.

*Motacilla rubiginosa* PALLAS, Zoogr. Rosso-Asiat. I (1811?), 1831, 496.*Dendroica æstiva rubiginosa* OBERHOLSER, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 76.[B 203, *part*, C 70, *part*, R 93, *part*, C 111, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Alaska and British Columbia, southward through western United States in migration.

654a. **Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi** COUES.

Cairns's Warbler.

*Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi* COUES, World's Cong. on Orn. of 1893, Nov. 1896, 138.*Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi* COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.[B 193, *part*, C 76, *part*, R 94, *part*, C 117, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Higher parts of the Alleghanies, from Virginia to Georgia.

SUBGENUS **CHAMÆTHLYPIS** RIDGW.*Chamæthlypis* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 1887, 525. Type, *Geothlypis poliocephala* BAIRD.

(Accidentally omitted from the Check-List, 2d ed., 1895.)

## II. CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE.

- 13a. **Fratercula arctica glacialis** (TEMME) Check-List, 2d ed 1895, 5.

The first reference should be as in the original edition, *viz.*: *Mormon glacialis* "LEACH," TEMME. Man. d'Orn. 2d ed. II, 1820, 933. (Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 185; ALLEN, *ibid.* 189.)

89. **Puffinus major** FABER. This becomes  
**Puffinus gravis** (O'REILLY).

*Procellaria gravis* O'REILLY, Voy. to Greenland, etc. 1818, 140, pl. 12, fig. 1.

*Puffinus gravis* SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 373.

The name *gravis* O'REILLY (1818) has four years' priority over *major* FABER (1822).

93. **Puffinus gavia** (FORST.). This becomes  
**Puffinus opisthomelas** COUES.

*Puffinus opisthomelas* COUES, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1864, 139, 144.

Considered as specifically distinct from *Puffinus gavia* (FORST.). (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 60; SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 380.)

- 114.1. **Sula gossi** GOSS. This will stand as  
**Sula nebouxii** MILNE-EDWARDS.

*Sula nebouxii* MILNE-EDWARDS, Ann. Soc. Nat. Zool. 52, Ann. VI, Ser. T, XIII, 1882, No. 2-4, Art. 4, 37, pl. xiv.

The name *nebouxii* MILNE-EDWARDS has priority over *gossi* GOSS. (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 584.)

GENUS **CLANGULA** LEACH (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 55).

This becomes

GENUS **HARELDA** STEPHENS.

*Harelda* STEPHENS (ex LEACH, MS.?) in Shaw's Gen. Zool. XII, pt. ii, 1824, 174. Type, *Anas glacialis* LINN. (1766= *A. hyemalis* LINN. 1758).



154. **Clangula hyemalis** LINN. hence becomes

**Harelda hyemalis** (LINN.).

*Anas hyemalis* LINN. S. N. ed. 10, I, 1758, 126.

*Harelda hiemalis* L. BREHM, Vogelfang, 1855, 386.

- GENUS **GLAUCIONETTA** STEJNEGER (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 54). This becomes

GENUS **CLANGULA** LEACH.

*Clangula* LEACH, in ROSS'S Voy. Discov. 1819, App. xlviii, (ex GESNER). Type, *Anas clangula* LINN. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 376.)

151. **Glaucionetta clangula americana** (BONAP.) hence becomes

**Clangula clangula americana** BONAP.

*Clangula americana* BONAP. Geog. & Comp. List, 1838, 58.

*Clangula clangula americana* A. O. U. COMM. MS.

152. **Glaucionetta islandica** (GMEL.) becomes

**Clangula islandica** (GMEL.).

*Anas islandica* GMEL. S. N. I, 1788, 541.

*Clangula islandica* BONAP. Cat. Met. Ucc. Eur. 1842, 74.

163. **Oidemia americana** SW. & RICH. The authority should be SWAINS. Hence,

**Oidemia americana** SWAINS. The reference should stand as follows:

*Oidemia americana* SWAINS. in SWAINS. & RICH. Faun. Bor.-Amer. II, 1831, 450.

(Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 186, and ALLEN, *ibid.* 190.)

167. **Erismatura rubida** (WILS.). This becomes

**Erismatura jamaicensis** (GMEL.).

*Anas jamaicensis* GMEL. Syst. Nat. I, ii, 1788, 519.

*Erismatura jamaicensis* SALVAD. Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1896, 445.

The name *Anas rubida* WILSON (1814) is antedated by *A. jamaicensis* GMELIN (1788).

SUBGENUS **STEGANOPUS** VIEILLOT (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 83).

This is raised to a full genus. No. 224 will hence stand as

224. **Steganopus tricolor** VIEILL.

*Steganopus tricolor* VIEILL. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. XXXII, 1819, 136.

SUBGENUS **SQUATAROLA** CUVIER (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 99).

This is raised to a full genus. Hence No. 270 will stand as

270. **Squatarola squatarola** (LINN.).

*Tringa squatarola* LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 149.

*Squatarola squatarola* CUV. Règne Anim. I, 1817, 467.

[322.] **Geotrygon martinica** (LINN.). This becomes

**Geotrygon chrysia** BONAP.

*Geotrygon chrysia* BONAP. Consp. Av. II, 1854, 72.

*Geotrygon martinica* (LINN.) is restricted to the Lesser Antilles. *G. chrysia*, a very different species, occurs in Cuba, Haiti, the Bahamas, and on the Florida Keys. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXI, 1893, pp. 570-572.)

394b. **Dryobates pubescens oreocæus** BATCH. This becomes

**Dryobates pubescens homorus** (CAB.).

*Dryobates homorus* CABANIS, Mus. Hein. pt. iv, 1863, 65.

*Dryobates pubescens homorus* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 597.

422. **Cypseloides niger** (GMEL.). This becomes

**Cypseloides niger borealis** (KENNERLY).

*Cypselus borealis* KENNERLY, Proc. Ac. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1857, 202.

*Cypseloides niger borealis* DREW, Auk, II, Jan. 1885, 17.

[B 108, part, C 270, R 350, part, C 404.]

GEOG. DIST.—Rocky Mountain region (Colorado), west to the Pacific coast; north to British Columbia, and south to Lower California, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

453. **Myiarchus mexicanus** (KAUF). The second reference under this species should be

*Myiarchus mexicanus* LAWRENCE, Ann. Lyc. N. Y. IX, May, 1869, 202 (as in the orig. ed. of the Check-List). (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 92.)

- \* 465 **Empidonax acadicus** (GMEL.).

**Acadian Flycatcher.**

This has become

**Empidonax virescens** (VIEILL.).

**Green-crested Flycatcher.**

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 157. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, p. 188.)

- \* 466. **Empidonax pusillus** (SWAINS.).

**Little Flycatcher.**

This has become

**Empidonax traillii** (AUD.).

**Traill's Flycatcher.**

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 159. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 188.)

- \* 466a. **Empidonax pusillus traillii** (AUD.).

**Traill's Flycatcher.**

This has become

**Empidonax traillii alnorum** BREWST.

**Alder Flycatcher.**

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 161. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 188.)

- 474j. **Otocoris alpestris pallida** TOWNSEND. The authority should be DWIGHT, and the reference changed to

*Otocoris alpestris pallida* DWIGHT (ex TOWNS. MS.), Auk, VII, Apr. 1890, 154. (Cf. STONE, Auk XIII, Apr. 1896, 185, and ALLEN, *ibid.*, 188.)

- 498a. **Agelaius phoeniceus sonoriensis** RIDGW. This becomes

**Agelaius phoeniceus longirostris** (SALVAD.).

*Agelaius longirostris* SALVAD. Atti del Reale Accad. Sci. Torino, IX, Apr. 26, 1874, 632.

*Agelaius phoeniceus longirostris* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 370.

The name *longirostris* SALVADORI (1874) antedates *sonoriensis* RIDGWAY (1887). (Cf. RIDGWAY, *l. c.*)

499. **Agelaius gubernator** (WAGL.). This becomes

**Agelaius gubernator californicus** NELSON.

*Agelaius gubernator californicus* NELSON, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 59.

[B 402, *part*, C 212a, *part*, R 216a, *part*, C 317, *part*.]

- 567b. **Junco hyemalis shufeldti** COALE. This becomes

**Junco hyemalis connectens** COUES.

*Junco hiemalis connectens* COUES, Key N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1884, 378 (and later eds.); Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94. (Cf. COUES, Auk, *l. c.*)

568. **Junco annectens** BAIRD.

**Pink-sided Junco.**

- 568.1. **Junco ridgwayi** MEARNs.

**Ridgway's Junco.**

*Junco ridgwayi* MEARNs proves to be a synonym of *Junco annectens* BAIRD, but not the *J. annectens* of recent authors and of the Check-List, while the species commonly known as *J. annectens* requires a new name. (Cf. RIDGWAY, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94.)

Hence Nos. 568 and 568.1 will stand as follows :

568. **Junco mearnsi** RIDGWAY.

**Pink-sided Junco.**

568.1. **Junco annectens** BAIRD.

Ridgway's Junco.

GENUS **ARREMONOPS** RIDGWAY.

*Arremonops* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 434.  
Type, *Embernagra rufivirgata* LAWR.

586. **Embernagra rufivirgata** LAWR. hence becomes  
**Arremonops rufivirgata** (LAWR.).

*Embernagra rufivirgata* LAWR. Ann. Lyc. N. Y. V, May, 1851,  
112, pl. v, fig. 2.

*Arremonops rufivirgata* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed.  
1896, 435.

GENUS **OREOSPIZA** RIDGWAY.

*Oreospiza* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 439.  
Type, *Fringilla chlorura* AUD.

590. **Pipilo chlorurus** (TOWNS. = AUD.) hence becomes  
**Oreospiza chlorura** (AUD.).

*Fringilla chlorura* AUD. Orn. Biog. V, 1839, 336.

*Oreospiza chlorura* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds., 2d ed., 1896,  
605.

The authority for the specific name should be AUDUBON and not TOWNSEND, in accordance with the rule followed by the Committee in other similar cases in the revised edition of the Check-List. (Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 185; ALLEN, *ibid.* 188).

594. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata** BONAP. This becomes594a. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata texana** RIDGW.

Texas Pyrrhuloxia.

*Pyrrhuloxia sinuata texana* RIDGW. Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897,  
95.

[B 389, *part*, C 202, *part*, R 243, *part*, C 298, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern border of the United States, from the valley of the Lower Rio Grande, south to San Luis Potosi, Puebla, etc. North casually to the coast of Louisiana.

594a. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata beckhami** RIDGW. This becomes

594. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata** BONAP.

**Arizona Pyrrhuloxia.**

The references stand as at present under No. 594, but the concordance and GEOG. DIST. require to be changed, as follows:

[B 389, *part*, C 202, *part*, R 243, *part*, C 298, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern Arizona, east to western Texas, and south into western Mexico.

GENUS **Habia** REICH. (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 250). This becomes

GENUS **ZAMELODIA** COUES.

*Zamelodia* COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

Type, *Loxia ludoviciana* LINN. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 39-42.)

Hence the following:

595. **Habia ludoviciana** (LINN.). This becomes

**Zamelodia ludoviciana** (LINN.).

*Loxia ludoviciana* LINN. S. N. ed. 12, I, 1766, 306.

*Zamelodia ludoviciana* COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

596. **Habia melanocephala** (SWAINS.). This becomes

**Zamelodia melanocephala** (SWAINS.).

*Guiraca melanocephala* SWAINS. Philos. Mag. I, 1827, 438.

*Zamelodia melanocephala* COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

645. **Helminthophila ruficapilla** (WILS.). This becomes

**Helminthophila rubricapilla** (WILS.).

*Sylvia rubricapilla* WILS Amer. Orn. VI, 1812, 15.

*Helminthophila rubricapilla* FAXON, Auk, XIII, July, 1896,  
264.

*Sylvia ruficapilla* WILS. (1810), is preoccupied by *Sylvia ruficapilla* LATH. (1790) = *Dendroica ruficapilla* (LATH.). (Cf. FAXON, *l. c.*)

645a. **Helminthophila ruficapilla gutturalis** RIDGW. hence becomes

**Helminthophila rubricapilla gutturalis** (RIDGW.).

*Helminthophaga ruficapilla* var. *gutturalis* RIDGW. in Hist. N. Am. Bds. I, Jan. 1874, 191.

*Helminthophila rubricapilla gutturalis* FAXON, Auk, XIII, July, 1896, 264.

658. **Dendroica cærulea** (WILS.). This becomes

**Dendroica rara** WILS.

*Sylvia rara* WILSON, Am. Orn. III, 1811, 119, pl. 27, fig. 2.

*Dendroica rara* RIDGWAY, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.

*Sylvia cærulea* WILSON (1811) is preoccupied by *Sylvia cærulea* LATHAM (1790) = *Polioptila cærulea* (LINN.). (Cf. RIDGWAY, *l. c.*)

\*714. **Heleodytes affinis** (XANTUS). This has become

713b. **Heleodytes brunneicapillus affinis** (XANTUS).

(Cf. ANTHONY, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 280. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 296).

719b. **Thryothorus bewickii bairdi** (SALV. & GODM.). This becomes

**Thryothorus bewickii leucogaster** BAIRD.

*Thryothorus bewickii leucogaster* BAIRD, Rev. Am. Bds. Aug. 1864, 127.

Changed on the ground that a prior *Troglodytes leucogaster* GOULD (1836 = *Hemiura leucogastra*) does not preclude the use of the name *leucogaster* in the genus *Thryothorus*. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIII, Oct. 1896, 345.)

- 726a. **Certhia familiaris alticola** MILLER. This becomes  
**Certhia familiaris albescens** (BERLEPSCH).

*Certhia mexicana albescens* BERLEPSCH, Auk, V, Oct. 1888,  
450.

*Certhia familiaris albescens* OBERHOLSER, Auk, XIII, Oct. 1896,  
315.

739. **Parus cinctus obtectus** (CAB.). This becomes  
**Parus cinctus alascensis** (PRAZAK).

*Pæcila cincta alascensis* PRAZAK, Orn. Jahrb. VI, March-April,  
1895, 92.

- 766a. **Sialia sialis azurea** (SWAINS.). The authority should be  
changed to BAIRD, as given in the first reference under this  
name in the Check-List, 2d ed. p. 322. (But "1884" in the  
reference should be 1864.) (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds.  
1887, 581.)

### III.—CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTITLED TO RECOG- NITION.

**Callipepla gambelii deserticola** STEPHENS, Auk, XII, Oct.  
1895, 371.

Considered as not separable from *Callipepla gambelii* (GAMB.).

**Bubo virginianus occidentalis** STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr.  
1896, 155.

Not admitted, on the ground that the type, from Mitchell  
County, Iowa, proves to be an intergrade between *B. virginianus*  
and *B. v. arcticus*, and not the interior form which Mr. Stone in-  
tended to recognize.

**Melanerpes formicivorus aculeatus** MEARNS, Auk, VII,  
July, 1890, 249. (Cf. Third Supplement A. O. U. Check-List, in  
Auk, Jan. 1891, 88, and RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896,  
597). This is now referred to *Melanerpes formicivorus* (SWAINS.).  
(Cf. *antea*, p. 120.)



**Otocoris alpestris hoyti** BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April, 1896,  
130.

Considered as not sufficiently distinct from *Otocoris alpestris leucolema* (COUES).

**Junco danbyi** COUES, Nidologist, III, Oct. 1895, 14.

Proves to have been based on immature examples of *Junco aikeni* RIDGW. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94.)

**Minus** [*sic*] **carolinensis grisifrons** [*sic*] MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am. pt. 40 [1896], 710.

The alleged character of gray frontlet is not distinctive, being of frequent occurrence in *Galeoscoptes carolinensis* from any locality.

#### IV. PROPOSED CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE REJECTED.

92. **Puffinus auduboni** FINSCH, *vs.* **Puffinus obscurus** (GMEL.). Cf. SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 382.

Change not required, the two names representing, in the opinion of the Committee, two sufficiently distinct birds.

Genus **Aythya** BOLE, *vs.* **Nyroca** FLEMING. Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 334.

*Aythia* is rejected by SALVADORI because not defined.

Genus **Actitis** ILLIGER, 1811, *vs.* **Tringoides** BONAP. 1831. Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 456.

The type of *Actitis* is, by elimination, *Tringa hypoleucos* LINN., which is also the type of *Tringoides*, of much later date.

236. **Tringa couesi** (RIDGW.), *vs.* **Arquatella maritima couesi** (RIDGW.). Cf. SHARPE, *t. c.*, 583.

243a. **Tringa alpina pacifica** COUES, *vs.* **Tringa americana** (CASSIN). Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 608.

*Tringa alpina*, var. *americana* CASSIN (1858) is antedated by *Tringa americana* BREHM (1855 = *Tringa fuscicollis* VIEILL.).

374a. **Megascops flammeola idahoensis** MERRIAM *vs.* **Megascops idahoensis**. *Cf.* WM. PALMER, *Nidologist*, III, May, 1896, 103.

After careful reconsideration of the case, it was decided not to change the status of the bird as now recognized in the Check-List.

375 a. **Bubo virginianus subarcticus** (HOY).

This proves to be a synonym of *Bubo virginianus arcticus* (SWAINS.). (*Cf.* STONE, *Auk*, XIII, Apr. 1896, 153-156.)

378a. **Speotyto cunicularia floridana** RIDGW. *vs.* **Speotyto floridana**. *Cf.* WM. PALMER, *Auk*, XIII, April, 1896, 108.

An examination of a large amount of material from Florida and from the central and western parts of North America shows that while the Florida form, as at present known, is geographically isolated from that of the Great Plains and the western United States at large, the differences between the two forms are so slight and inconstant that the relationship of the Florida form to the western one is most satisfactorily expressed by the use of a trinomial, as in the Check-List.

Genus **Lucar** COUES *ex* BARTRAM (*Cf.* COUES, *Auk*, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.)

Rejected as being not only practically a *nomen nudum*, but as debarred under Canons XLIV and XLV of the A. O. U. Code, which require that names shall be identifiable by the contemporary literature of the subject.

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Many proposed changes of names not here formally treated are covered by the following resolution, adopted by the Committee at its session in Cambridge, Nov. 13, 1896.

“*Resolved:* That changes of names from those adopted in the Check-List, due to taking the 12th instead of the 10th edition of Linnæus’s ‘*Systema Naturæ*’ as the starting point for the law of priority, do not require consideration by this Committee.”

This has especial relation to cases occurring in Vols. XXIV, XXV, and XXVII of the ‘*Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus.*’

## V. CASES DEFERRED.

- 86a. *Fulmarus glacialis minor* (KJÆRB.) vs. *Fulmarus glacialis*. Cf. SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXV, 1896, 426.
- 86b. *Fulmarus glacialis glupischa* STEJN. vs. *Fulmarus glupischa*. Cf. SALVIN, t. c. 427.
- 86c. *Fulmarus glacialis rodgersi* (CASS.) vs. *Fulmarus rodgersi*. Cf. SALVIN, t. c. 427.
- Fulmarus glacialis columba* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, 1895, 372.
85. *Puffinus borealis* CORY vs. *Puffinus kuhli* (BOIE). Cf. SALVIN t. c. 375.
94. *Puffinus stricklandi* RIDGW. vs. *Puffinus griseus* (GMEL.). Cf. SALVIN, t. c. 386.
148. *Aythya marila nearctica* STEJN. vs. *Aythya marila* (LINN.). Cf. BISHOP, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 293.
- Oidemia carbo* (PALLAS). Reported as occurring in Alaska. Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 412.
- 277a. *Ægialitis meloda circumcincta* RIDGW. vs. *Ægialitis meloda* (ORD). Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 294.
- Speotyto cunicularia obscurus* STEPHENS, Auk, XII, Oct. 1895, 372.
- Dryobates villosus montanus* ANTHONY, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 32.
- While this subspecies is admissible, the tenability of the name *montanus* is in question.