

FOURTH ANNUAL LIST OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN
THE A. O. U. CHECK LIST OF NORTH AMERICAN
BIRDS.

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THIS is the Fourth Annual List of proposed A. O. U. Check-List additions and changes in the names of North American birds. Like the First, Second, and Third,¹ the present list comprises only ornithological cases — *i. e.*, such as require specimens or the identification of descriptions for their determination — and consists of additions, eliminations, rejections, and changes of names due to various causes. However, only changes known to be the result of revisionary work are included; therefore no mention is here made of changes involved in names in local lists or elsewhere, used without sufficient explanation or not known to be based on original research, of changes or additions queried or but tentatively made, or of the elimination of subspecies by authors who, on general principles, recognize no subspecies.

This list is intended to include everything pertinent up to December 31, 1918, and nothing after that date has been taken. In view of the volume and widely scattered character of current ornithological literature, it is not at all unlikely that some names or changes have been overlooked, and the writer would be very thankful for reference to any omissions, in order that such may be duly given a place in next year's list.

ADDITIONS² AND CHANGES IN NAMES.

Gavia arctica (Linnaeus) becomes, so far as North American specimens are concerned, **Gavia viridigularis** Dwight, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, p. 198 (Gichega, northeastern Siberia). (Cf. Dwight, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, pp. 196-199.)

Gavia pacifica (Lawrence) becomes **Gavia arctica pacifica** (Lawrence). (Cf. Dwight, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, pp. 198-199.)

¹ For the three previous lists see, 'The Auk,' XXXIII, October, 1916, pp. 425-431; XXXIV, April, 1917, pp. 198-205; XXXV, April, 1918, pp. 200-217.

² Additions to the A. O. U. Check-List, the Sixteenth Supplement, and the First, Second, and Third Annual Lists, are marked with a dagger (†).

- †**Larus hyperboreus barrovianus** Ridgway. *Larus barrovianus* Ridgway, 'The Auk,' III, No. 3, July, 1886, p. 330 (Point Barrow, Alaska). Reinstated as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 472.) Range: northwestern North America, south in winter to California.
- Thalassogeron** Ridgway becomes **Thalassarche** Reichenbach (Naturl. Syst. Vögel, 1852, p. V), because not considered generically separable. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, p. 44.)
- Thalassogeron chryostomus culminatus** (Gould) becomes **Thalassarche culminata culminata** (Gould), because *Diomedea chryostoma* Forster is considered not with certainty identifiable. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, p. 85.)
- Fulmarus rodgersi** Cassin becomes **Fulmarus glacialis rodgersii** Cassin, because not specifically distinct from *Fulmarus glacialis*. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, pp. 88-90.)
- Thyellodroma cuneata** (Salvin) becomes **Thyellodroma chlororhyncha** (Lesson) (*Puffinus chlororhynchus* Lesson, Traité d'Ornith., 1831, p. 613, no locality), because it is only a light color phase of the latter. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, pp. 141-145.)
- †**Prioifinus** Hombron and Jacquinot. Recognized as a genus. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, pp. 59, 108.) The only species therefore should be called
Prioifinus cinereus (Gmelin).
- †**Pterodroma gularis** (Peale). *Procellaria gularis* Peale, U. S. Explor. Exped., VIII, 1848, p. 299 (Atlantic Ocean, lat. 68° S., long. 95° W.). Recorded from Alaska. (Cf. Bent, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, p. 221.)
- Æstrelata gularis** Peale becomes **Pterodroma inexpectata** (Forster) (*Procellaria inexpectata* Forster, Descript. Anim., 1844, p. 204, Antarctic Ocean), because the latter is identical and of earlier date. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, pp. 104-105.)
- Pelecanus californicus** Ridgway becomes **Pelecanus occidentalis californicus** Ridgway. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 1, Jan., 1918, p. 62.)
- Aristonetta** Baird, Rep. Expl. & Surv. R. R. Pac., IX, 1858, p. 793 (type, *Anas valisineria* Wilson). Raised to generic rank. (Cf. Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, June 29, 1918, p. 98.) The only species therefore becomes
Aristonetta valisineria (Wilson).

† See previous footnote on page 266.

- Creciscus coturniculus** (Ridgway) becomes **Creciscus jamaicensis coturniculus** (Ridgway). (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 1, Jan., 1918, p. 63.)
- †**Numenius americanus occidentalis** Woodhouse. *Numineus occidentalis* Woodhouse, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1852, p. 194 (near Albuquerque, New Mexico). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, p. 191.) Range: southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States, south in winter to Mexico and Jamaica.
- Ectopistes migratorius** (Linnæus) becomes **Ectopistes canadensis** (Linnæus) (*Columba canadensis* Linnæus, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, I, 1766, p. 284, Canada), because the latter has been identified as the same species, and has anteriority. (Cf. Oberholser, Science, N. S., XLVIII, No. 1244, Nov. 1, 1918, p. 445.)
- Polyborus cheriway** (Jacquin) becomes **Polyborus cheriway auduboni** Cassin (*Polyborus auduboni* Cassin, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1865, p. 2; Florida), because the North American bird is subspecifically distinct. (Cf. Bangs and Noble, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 443.)
- Streptoceryle** Bonaparte becomes **Megaceryle** Kaup, because not regarded as generically distinct. (*Megaceryle* Kaup, Verh. Naturhist. Vereins Hessen, II, 1848, p. 68; type, *Alcedo guttatus* Vigors = *Alcedo lugubris* Temminck). (Cf. Miller, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 3, July, 1918, p. 352.)
- †**Cyanolæmus clemenciæ bessophilus** Oberholser. New subspecies. Oberholser, Condor, XX, No. 5, Sept. 27, 1918, p. 181 (Fly Park, Chiricahua Mts., Arizona). Range: southwestern border of United States to northern Mexico; in winter to southeastern Mexico.
- Empidonax traillii traillii** (Audubon) becomes **Empidonax traillii brewsteri** Oberholser, Ohio Journ. Sci., XVIII, No. 3, January, 1918, (published, Feb. 8, 1918), p. 93 (Cloverdale, Nye Co., Nevada). (Cf. Oberholser, Ohio Journ. Sci., XVIII, No. 3, Jan., 1918, pp. 93-98.)
- Empidonax traillii alnorum** Brewster becomes **Empidonax traillii traillii** (Audubon). (Cf. Oberholser, Ohio Journ. Sci., XVIII, No. 3, January, 1918 [published, Feb. 8, 1918], pp. 85-92.)
- †**Otocoris alpestris enertera** Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XX, March 27, 1907, p. 41 (Llano de Yrais, Lower California, Mexico). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, Bird-Lore, XX, No. 5, pp. 346-347.) Range: central and southern Lower California.
- †**Otocoris alpestris ammophila** Oberholser, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXIV, June 9, 1902, pp. 806, 849 (Coso Valley, southeastern California). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, Bird-Lore, XX, No. 5, Oct. 1, 1918, pp. 346-347.) Range: Mojave Desert to Owens Valley, southern California.
- †**Otocoris alpestris leucansiptila** Oberholser, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXIV, June 9, 1902, pp. 806, 864 (Yuma, Arizona). Revived as a

- subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, Bird-Lore, XX, No. 5, Oct. 1, 1918, pp. 346-347.) Range: western edge of Arizona, southeastern border of California, southern Nevada, and northeastern Lower California.
- †**Otocoris alpestris aphaesta** Oberholser, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXIV, June 9, 1902, pp. 806, 860 (Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, Bird-Lore, XX, No. 5, Oct. 1, 1918, pp. 346-347.) Range: central northern Mexico, north to southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico.
- †**Otocoris alpestris enthymia** Oberholser, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXIV, June 9, 1902, pp. 807, 817 (St. Louis, Saskatchewan, Canada). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, Bird-Lore, XX, No. 5, Oct. 1, 1918, pp. 345-346.) Range: Great Plains region from northwestern Texas to Saskatchewan.
- †**Aphelocoma californica oöcleptica** Swarth. New subspecies. Swarth, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., XVII, No. 13, Feb. 23, 1918, p. 413 (Nicasio, Calif.). Range: coast region of northern California.
- †**Sieberocitta** Coues, Key to North Amer. Birds, 5th ed., I, 1903, pp. 497, 499 (type, *Cyanocitta ultramarina* var. *arizonæ* Ridgway). Recognized as a subgenus. (Cf. Swarth, Univ. Calif. Pub. Zool., XVII, No. 13, Feb. 23, 1918, pp. 406-407.) Includes the following North American forms:
- Aphelocoma sieberi arizonæ** (Ridgway).
Aphelocoma sieberi couchii (Baird).
- †**Corvus corax europophilus** Oberholser. New subspecies. Oberholser, Ohio Journ. Sci., XVIII, No. 6, April, 1918 (published, May 6, 1918), p. 215 (Ardell, Alabama). Range: eastern United States and southeastern Canada.
- †**Agelaius phœniceus arctolegus** Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXIV, No. 3, July, 1907, p. 332 (Fort Simpson, Mackenzie, Canada). Reinstated as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 1, Jan., 1918, p. 64.) Range: middle Canada and central northern United States, wintering in the southeastern United States.
- †**Icterus icterus** (Linnæus). *Oriolus icterus* Linnæus, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, I, 1766, p. 161 (warmer parts of America). Recorded from a specimen taken at Santa Barbara, Calif. (Cf. Bowles, 'The Auk,' XXVIII, No. 3, July, 1911, pp. 368-369.)
- Quiscalus quiscula quiscula** (Linnæus) becomes **Quiscalus quiscula versicolor** Vieillot (*Quiscalus versicolor* Vieillot, Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XXVIII, 1819, p. 488, North America), because *Quiscalus quiscula quiscula* is applicable only to *Quiscalus quiscula aglæus* Baird. (Cf. Wayne, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 440.)
- Quiscalus quiscula aglæus** Baird becomes **Quiscalus quiscula quiscula** (Linnæus) because the latter is based on the same bird. (Cf. Wayne, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 440.)
- †**Passerculus sandwichensis bradburyi** Figgins. New subspecies.

- Figgins, Proc. Colorado Mus. Nat. Hist., April, 1918, p. 2 (James Island, South Carolina).
- †**Nemospiza henslowii susurrans** (Brewster). New subspecies. *Passerherbulus henslowii susurrans* Brewster, Proc. New Engl. Zoöl. Club, VI, Feb. 6, 1918, p. 78 (Falls Church, Va.). Range: United States east of the Allegheny Mountains.
- Junco oreganus shufeldti** Coale becomes **Junco oreganus couesi** Dwight (*Junco oreganus couesi* Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, p. 291; Okanagan, British Columbia), because *Junco oreganus shufeldti* Coale is regarded as a synonym of *Junco oreganus oreganus* (Townsend). (Cf. Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, pp. 289-295.)
- Junco oreganus mearnsi** Ridgway becomes **Junco mearnsi mearnsi** Ridgway, because a distinct species. (Cf. Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, pp. 296-298.)
- Junco oreganus townsendi** Anthony becomes **Junco mearnsi townsendi** Anthony, because regarded a subspecies of *Junco mearnsi* instead of *Junco oreganus*. (Cf. Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, pp. 296-297.)
- Junco insularis** Ridgway becomes **Junco mearnsi insularis** Ridgway, because regarded as a subspecies. (Cf. Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, pp. 296-297.)
- †**Passerella iliaca canescens** Swarth. New subspecies. Swarth, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, Dec. 30, 1918, p. 163 (Wyman Creek, White Mts., Inyo Co., Calif.). Range: White Mountains, California, south in winter to southern California.
- †**Passerella iliaca fulva** Swarth. New subspecies. Swarth, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, Dec. 30, 1918, p. 162 (Warner Mts., Calif.). Range: Warner Mountains, California.
- †**Passerella iliaca mariposæ** Swarth. New subspecies. Swarth, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, Dec. 30, 1918, p. 161 (near Chinquapin, Yosemite Park, Calif.). Range: central and northern Sierra Nevada, California; south in winter to southwestern California.
- †**Passerella iliaca brevicauda** Mailliard. New subspecies. Mailliard, Condor, XX, No. 4, July 22, 1918, p. 139 (one-half mile south of South Yolla Bolly Mountain, Trinity Co., Calif.). Range: Yolla Bolly Mountains, California; south in winter to southern California.
- †**Lanius ludovicianus nelsoni** Oberholser. New subspecies. Oberholser, Condor, XX, No. 6, December 12, 1918, p. 209 (Todos Santos, Lower Calif., Mexico). Range: southern two-thirds of Lower California, including adjacent islands.
- †**Dendroica æstiva amnicola** Batchelder. New subspecies. Batchelder, Proc. New Engl. Zoöl. Club, VI, Feb. 6, 1918, p. 82 (Curslet, Newfoundland). Range: Newfoundland.
- †**Dendroica virens waynei** Bangs. New subspecies. Bangs, Proc.

- New Engl. Zoöl. Club, VI, Oct. 31, 1918, p. 94 (near Mount Pleasant, South Carolina). Range: eastern South Carolina.
- †**Seiurus aurocapillus furvior** Batchelder. New subspecies. Batchelder, Proc. New Engl. Zoöl. Club, VI, Feb. 6, 1918, p. 81 (Deer Pond, Newfoundland). Range: Newfoundland.
- †**Toxostoma redivivum helvum** Thayer and Bangs. *Toxostoma rediviva helva* Thayer and Bangs, Proc. New Engl. Zoöl. Club, IV, April 30, 1907, p. 17 (Rosario, Lower Calif.). Revived as a subspecies. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 1, Jan., 1918, p. 60.) Range: northwestern Lower California.
- †**Sitta carolinensis tenuissima** Grinnell. New subspecies. Grinnell, Condor, XX, No. 2, March 20, 1918, p. 88 (Hanaupah Canyon, Panamint Mts., Inyo Co., Calif.). Range: Panamint Mountains and White Mountains, California.
- †**Penthestes gambeli abbreviatus** Grinnell. New subspecies. Grinnell, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., XVII, No. 17, May 4, 1918, p. 510 (Horse Creek, Siskiyou Mts., Calif.). Range: central California to southern Oregon and northwestern Nevada.
- †**Penthestes gambeli inyoensis** Grinnell. New subspecies. Grinnell, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., XVII, No. 17, May 4, 1918, p. 509 (three miles east of Jackass Spring, Panamint Mts., Inyo Co., Calif.) Range: mountains of southeastern California, from Mono County to Inyo County.
- †**Hylocichla guttata polionota** Grinnell. New subspecies. Grinnell, Condor, XX, No. 2, March 20, 1918, p. 89 (Wyman Creek, White Mts., Inyo Co., Calif.). Range: White Mountains, California.

REJECTIONS AND ELIMINATIONS.¹

- Gavia arctica** (Linnaeus) vs. **Gavia arctica suschkini** Sarudny (cf. Hersey, 'The Auk,' XXXIV, No. 3, July, 1917, pp. 289-290). Change of name rejected. (Cf. Dwight, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 2, April, 1918, pp. 196-199.)
- ***Fulmarus glacialis glupischa** Stejneger = **Fulmarus glacialis rogersii** Cassin, because the latter is merely a color phase of the species. (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, pp. 87-90.)
- ***Æstrelata scalaris** Brewster = **Pterodroma inexpectata** (Forster). (Cf. Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, p. 106.)
- ***Æstrelata fisheri** Ridgway = **Pterodroma inexpectata** (Forster).

¹ Eliminations of forms already in the A. O. U. Check-List, the Sixteenth Supplement, the First, Second or Third Annual Lists, are designated by an asterisk (*).

* See above footnote.

- (*Cf.* Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., ser. 4, II, pt. II, No. 12, April 22, 1918, p. 106.)
- ***Buteo platypterus iowensis** Bailey = *Buteo platypterus platypterus* (Vieillot). (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 478.)
- Thrasaëtos harpyia** (Linnæus). The recent Colorado record (*cf.* Lowe, 'The Auk,' XXXIV, No. 4, Oct., 1917, p. 454) proves to be a misidentification of *Haliaëetus leucocephalus*. (*Cf.* Lincoln, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 1, Jan., 1918, pp. 78-79.)
- Tyto alba pratincola** (Bonaparte) vs. **Tyto perlata pratincola** (Bonaparte). Proposed change (*cf.* Ridgway, Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus., No. 50, pt. VI, 1914, pp. 601, 605) rejected. (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 464.)
- Streptoceryle alcyon caurina** (Grinnell) vs. **Streptoceryle alcyon** (Linnæus). Proposed elimination (*cf.* Taverner, Summary Rep. Geol. Surv. Dept. Mines Canada for 1916 [1917], p. 361) rejected. (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 463.)
- Aphelocoma californica woodhouseii** (Baird) vs. **Aphelocoma woodhouseii** (Baird). Proposed change to full species (*cf.* Swarth, Univ. Calif. Pub. Zool., XVII, No. 13, Feb. 23, 1918, pp. 406-408, 416-418) rejected. *Cf.* Oberholser, Science, N. S., XLVIII, No. 1233, Aug. 16, 1918, pp. 165-167.)
- Aphelocoma californica hypoleuca** Ridgway vs. **Aphelocoma hypoleuca** Ridgway (*cf.* Swarth, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., XVII, No. 13, Feb. 23, 1918, pp. 420-421). Change rejected. (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 481.)
- Aphelocoma californica obscura** Anthony vs. **Aphelocoma californica californica** (Vigors). (*Cf.* Swarth, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., XVII, No. 13, Feb. 23, 1918, p. 412.) Proposed elimination rejected. (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 481.)
- Acanthis hornemanni exilipes** (Coues) vs. **Acanthis linaria exilipes** (Coues). Proposed change (*cf.* Brooks, 'The Auk,' XXXIV, No. 1, Jan., 1917, p. 44) rejected. (*Cf.* Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, pp. 466-467.)
- Spizella monticola** (Gmelin) vs. **Spizella canadensis** (Boddaert). Proposed change of name (*cf.* Mathews and Iredale, Austral Avian Record, III, No. 2, Nov. 19, 1915, p. 41) rejected because *Spizella canadensis* (Boddaert) (*Fringilla canadensis* Boddaert, Tabl. Planch. Enlum., 783, p. 13) is a synonym of *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. (*Cf.* Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXI, June 29, 1918, p. 98.)
- ***Junco oreganus montanus** Ridgway. Regarded as a hybrid between *Junco oreganus* and *Junco mearnsi*. (*Cf.* Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, p. 295; 297-298.)
- ***Junco oreganus annectens** Baird. Regarded as a hybrid between *Junco mearnsi* and *Junco caniceps*. (*Cf.* Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, p. 298.)

- ***Junco phænotus dorsalis** Henry. Regarded as a hybrid between *Junco caniceps* and *Junco phænotus*. (Cf. Dwight, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXVIII, June 1, 1918, pp. 299-300.)
- Dendroica coronata hooveri** McGregor vs. **Dendroica coronata coronata** (Linnæus). Proposed elimination as a subspecies (cf. Riley, Canadian Alpine Journal, Special Number, 1912 [February 17, 1913] pp. 70-71) rejected. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, pp. 465-466.)
- Certhia familiaris americana** Bonaparte vs. **Certhia brachydactyla americana** Bonaparte. Change of status (cf. Hellmayr, Genera Avium, XV, 1911, p. 8) rejected. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, pp. 464-465.)
- Penthestes carolinensis** (Audubon) vs. **Penthestes atricapillus carolinensis** (Audubon). Proposed change (cf. Hellmayr, Genera Avium, XVIII, 1911, p. 34) rejected. (Cf. Oberholser, 'The Auk,' XXXV, No. 4, Oct., 1918, p. 465.)

NEW FORMS OF SOUTH AMERICAN BIRDS AND PROPOSED NEW SUBGENERA.¹

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Xenicopsoides subgenus nov.

Characters.—Similar to *Xenicopsis* Cabanis, but with much less graduated and relatively shorter tail (tail less than $\frac{5}{8}$ of wing), relatively shorter tarsus and plain under parts. (Type *Anabazenops variegaticeps* Sclater.)

This new subgenus includes the following: *Anabazenops variegaticeps* Sclater; *Anabates temporalis* Sclater; *Philydor montanus* Tschudi; *Anabates striaticollis* Sclater; *Xenicopsis anxius* Bangs and *Philydor venezuelensis* Hellmayr.

Euphilydor subgenus nov.

Characters.—Similar to *Philydor* Spix, but shape of bill different, the terminal half of under mandible (gonys) being decidedly elevated (nearly as in *Xenicopsis*) and the end of the culmen more curved. (Type *Philydor lichtensteini* Cabanis and Heine).

¹ The writer does not sympathize with the increasing tendency to elevate subgenera (which are often based largely on color characters) to genera, unless diagnostic structural characters are also indicated. A well-marked and useful subgenus may represent a questionable genus.