

G. H. H. Tate and accompanied by the museum's Ecuadorean collectors, A. and R. Olalla. It proceeded from Esmeralda to the table land of Duida; the period from October 1, 1928 to March 14, 1929 being occupied with the field work. A collection of 6748 birds was secured and in the present paper<sup>1</sup> Dr. Chapman describes 28 forms that prove to be new to science, and erects three new genera. The latter are: *Duidia* (p. 11) for a peculiar Swift shot on the summit of the mountain; *Roraimia* (p. 18) for the bird known as *Synallaxis adusta* Salv. & Godm., but which possesses characters different from those of *Synallaxis* or any allied genus; and *Waldronia* (p. 14) for a peculiar Hummingbird allied to *Polytmus*.

Dr. Chapman mentions that the upper life zone of Duida is almost purely Roraiman, showing a distinct relationship between these two remote mountain masses, but reserves a more detailed discussion for a future publication on the avifauna of the two regions.—W. S.

**Griscom on Guatemalan Birds.**—This paper<sup>2</sup> is based on a study of the collection of 8000 specimens obtained by A. W. Anthony for the late Dr. Jonathan Dwight and now, through the bequest of the latter, the property of the American Museum.

Several new forms are here described and other papers are to follow. The novelties are: *Chaemepelia minuta interrupta* (4); *Oreopeleia albifacies anthonyi* (p. 4); *Podilymbus gigas* (p. 5); *Pionus senilis decoloratus* (6); *Nyctidromus albicollis intercedens* (p. 8); *Caprimulgus ridgwayi minor* (p. 10); *Agyrtria candida pacifica* (p. 10); *Hylocharis leucotis borealis* (p. 10); *Piculus rubiginosus maximus* (p. 11); and *P. r. differens* (p. 11).—W. S.

**Murphy on *Pterodroma cookii*.**<sup>3</sup>—A study of the small Pacific petrels of the genus *Pterodroma* results in the discovery of a remarkable parallelism in their relationships to those shown by *Puffinus assimilis* as already explained by Dr. Murphy in a previous paper.

Two species are recognized, *P. cookii* (Gray) and *P. leucoptera* (Gould) the former divided into five and the latter into four subspecies, of which *P. c. orientalis* (p. 5) from 200 miles west of Callao, Peru, is described as new.—W. S.

**Murphy and Chapin on Birds from the Azores.**—A further collection of birds mainly from the islands of Fayal and Terceira, Azores, made by Jose G. Correia and sent to the American Museum of Natural History

<sup>1</sup> Descriptions of new Birds from Mt. Duida, Venezuela. By Frank M. Chapman. Amer. Mus. Novitates, No. 380. October 21, 1929, pp. 1-27.

<sup>2</sup> Studies from the Dwight Collection of Guatemala Birds. I. By Ludlow Griscom. Amer. Mus. Novitates. No. 379. October 17, 1929, pp. 1-13.

<sup>3</sup> Birds Collected During the Whitney South Sea Expedition. X. On *Pterodroma cookii* and its Allies. By Robert Cushman Murphy. Amer. Mus. Novitates No. 370. September 6, 1929, pp. 1-11.