

GENERAL NOTES

A new wren from the State of Washington.—

Thryomanes bewickii hurleyi, new subspecies

YAKIMA WREN

Type.—Adult ♂, No. 373010, U. S. National Museum (Biological Survey Collection); Parker, Yakima County, Washington; John B. Hurley, collector; March 28, 1943.

Subspecific characters.—Similar to *Thryomanes bewickii calophonus*, but larger and coloration distinctly more dusky—olive brown rather than the Prout's brown of *calophonus* or the cinamon brown of *ariboreus*; feet, tarsi, and bill heavier and more bulky than in any of the other northwestern races of *Thryomanes*, even the large *ariboreus*.

Measurements.—Adult male (type): wing, 52.5 mm.; tail, 52.5; exposed culmen, 15.5; tarsus, 20.5; middle toe without claw, 13. Average of four adult males from the type locality: wing, 53.8; tail, 52.3; exposed culmen, 15.6; tarsus, 21.1; middle toe without claw, 13.6.

Geographic distribution.—Known only from a very limited area within the riparian belt along the Yakima River on the Yakima Indian Reservation, near Parker, Yakima County, Washington, where it breeds and is probably resident in the dense willow, rose, and cottonwood thickets.

Discussion.—The most interesting fact about this well-marked new wren is its isolation from its relatives, its heavier and stronger bill, tarsi, and feet, and its extreme duskiness in coloration. The four specimens available, adult males from the type locality, all agree in size and color. In comparison with *calophonus* and *ariboreus*, found west of the Cascade Mountains, *hurleyi*, besides averaging larger, has no trace of the reddish tinge found in these two races. In comparison with the small, pale grayish *atrestus*, east of the Cascades in southern Oregon, the difference of *hurleyi* in greater size and dusky coloration is very pronounced.

Forty-six skins of *Thryomanes* from the U. S. National Museum, and sixty from the writer's private collection, a total of 106, were used in this study.

In slight recognition of the good work on the distribution and nesting habits of birds accomplished by John B. Hurley in eastern Washington, and especially in the Yakima Valley area, the name *Thryomanes bewickii hurleyi* is proposed for this new wren.—STANLEY G. JEWETT, *Portland, Oregon*.

A hitherto unnamed Glossy Starling from East Africa.—

Spreo hildebrandti kelloggorum, new subspecies

Type.—No. 95458, Chicago Natural History Museum; adult ♂, Benagi Hill, Zerengeti, Mwanza District, Tanganyika Territory, November 29, 1932; John Payne and Louise Kellogg, collectors.

Diagnosis.—Similar to *S. h. hildebrandti* (Cabanis), but at once distinguished from it by the breast being far lighter, almost white, strongly suffused with ochraceous yellow. The under side is thus composed of three different color zones—*viz.*, the dark purple throat, the light ochraceous yellow breast, and the dark cinnamon belly and under tail-coverts. The secondaries are perhaps a trifle more bluish than in *S. h. hildebrandti*, tending slightly toward the blue-green of *S. shelleyi*. This race is somewhat larger than *S. h. hildebrandti*. Wing, ♂, 121–126 mm. as against 115–123 in ♂ of *S. h. hildebrandti*.