

TWENTY-SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN
ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST
OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS¹

THE present supplement covers proposals for change in name or status, or for addition, that have been accepted by action of the Committee to the end of the year 1950. The Committee held sessions during the A.O.U. meetings in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and has conducted much additional business through the circulation of memoranda. The revision for the Fifth Edition of the Check-list is now well advanced into the final Order, the Passeriformes, though there is a considerable volume of work still ahead.

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12. *Fulmarus glacialis minor* (Kjaerbølling). SHORT-BILLED FULMAR. [86a.]. *Procellaria minor* Kjaerbølling, Danmarks Fugle, 1852, p. 324. (North Greenland.) Additional subspecies. Baffin Island, Davis Strait, and western and northern Greenland. See Salomonsen, Dansk Orn. For. Tidsskr., vol. 44, pt. 2, April, 1950, pp. 100-105; Birds of Greenland, pt. 1, 1950, pp. 40-41.
38. *Branta nigricans* again considered a species, distinct from *Branta bernicla*. Found breeding on Prince Patrick Island with *B. b. hrota*. See Handley, Wilson Bull., vol. 62, no. 3, 1950, pp. 128-132.
39. *Anser albifrons albifrons* (Scopoli) becomes *Anser albifrons frontalis* Baird, from *Anser frontalis* Baird, in Baird, Cassin and Lawrence, Rep. Expl. Surv. R. R. Pac., vol. 9, 1858, p. 762. (Selkirk Settlement and Fort Thorn = Fort Thorn, N. Mex.) See Todd, Condor, vol. 52, no. 2, March 15, 1950, pp. 63-68.
64. *Accipiter gentilis striatulus* (Ridgway) in part is synonymized with *A. g. atricapillus*, and in part becomes *Accipiter gentilis laingi* Taverner, from *Astur atricapillus laingi* Taverner, Condor, vol. 42, no. 3, May 15, 1940, p. 160. (Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia.) See Friedmann, U. S. Natl. Mus. Bull. 50, pt. 11, 1950, pp. 150, 162.
75. *Falco peregrinus calidus* Latham, becomes *Falco peregrinus harterti* Buturlin, Psov. i Ruzejn. Okhota, vol. 13, no. 7, 1907, p. 100. (Lower Kolyma.) See Friedmann, U. S. Natl. Mus. Bull. 50, pt. 11, 1950, p. 665; Stegmann, Journ. f. Orn., vol. 82, pt. 2, April, 1934, pp. 228-231.

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115. The genus *Rhyacophilus* is united with *Tringa*, since the slight differences are not considered of generic value. The species of our list therefore will stand as follows: *Tringa glareola* Linnaeus.
118. *Erolia maritima* becomes *Erolia maritima maritima* through recognition of the following subspecies.
118. *Erolia maritima groenlandica* (Løvenskiöld). GREENLAND PURPLE SAND-PIPER. [235e.] *Calidris maritima groenlandica* Løvenskiöld, Dansk Orn. For. Tidsskr., vol. 44, September, 1950, p. 166. (Godthaab, Greenland.) Additional subspecies. Greenland.
157. The genus *Oropeleia* is united with *Geotrygon*, as the slight differences are not considered of generic value. See Wetmore, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 63, December 29, 1950, p. 173. The forms of our list therefore will stand as follows:

Genus *Geotrygon* Gosse

Geotrygon Gosse, Birds Jamaica, 1847, p. 316. Type, by subsequent designation, *Geotrygon sylvatica* Gosse = *Columbigallina versicolor* Lafresnaye (Reichenbach, 1852).

Geotrygon chrysia Bonaparte.

Geotrygon montana montana (Linnaeus).

191. The genus *Balanosphyra* is reduced to a subgenus of *Melanerpes*. See Peters, Check-list Birds of the World, vol. 6, 1948, pp. 157-159. The races in our list therefore will stand as follows:

Melanerpes formicivorus formicivorus (Swainson).

Melanerpes formicivorus bairdi Ridgway.

Melanerpes formicivorus martirensis (Grinnell and Swarth).

Melanerpes formicivorus angustifrons Baird.

205. *Myiarchus tuberculifer tresmariae* Nelson. TRES MARÍAS OLIVACEOUS FLY-CATCHER. [455b]. *Myiarchus lawrencei tresmariae* Nelson, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 17, March 10, 1904, p. 49. (María Madre Island, Tres Marías Islands, México.) Additional form. Tres Marías Islands, west coast of Nayarit, México; casual in the Sierra Laguna, Baja California. See Phillips, Auk, vol. 66, no. 1, January, 1949, p. 92.
225. Genus *Cissilopha* Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., vol. 1, 1850 (February 3, 1851), p. 380. Type, by monotypy, *Garrulus sanblasianus* Lafresnaye = *Pica sanblasiana* Lafresnaye. Added for the following:
- Cissilopha sanblasiana nelsoni* Bangs and Penard. NORTHERN SAN BLAS JAY. [483.l.] *Cissilopha sanblasiana nelsoni* Bangs and Penard, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., vol. 63, June, 1919, p. 40. (Colima, México.) Nayarit to Colima, southwestern México; recorded near Tucson, Arizona. See Phillips, Condor, vol. 52, no. 2, March 15, 1950, p. 86.
234. *Parus inornatus murinus* (Ridgway), 1903, antedated by *Parus murinus* Brehm, 1855, takes the next available name, becoming *Parus inornatus affabilis* (Grinnell and Swarth), from *Baeolophus inornatus affabilis* Grinnell and Swarth, Univ. Calif. Publ. Zool., vol. 30, no. 5, September 16, 1926, p. 164. (Concepción, 6,000 feet altitude, Sierra San Pedro Mártir, Baja California.)
263. *Myadestes townsendi* becomes *Myadestes townsendi townsendi* because of recognition of an extralimital subspecies. See Moore, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 50, November 30, 1937, p. 201.

298. *Euthlypis lachrymosa tephra* Ridgway becomes *Euthlypis lachrymosa* (Bonaparte), since no subspecies are recognized. The reference for the name is *Basileuterus lachrymosa* Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., vol. 1, 1850 (February 3, 1851), p. 314. (Lagunas, Oaxaca.) See van Rossem, Occ. Papers Mus. Zool. Louisiana State Univ. no. 21, 1945, p. 233.
308. *Cassidix mexicanus nelsoni* (Ridgway). SONORAN BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE. [513c.] *Scaphidurus major nelsoni* Ridgway, Proc. Washington Acad. Sci., vol. 3, April 15, 1901, p. 151. (Álamos, Sonora.) Additional form. Sonora. Recently recorded from several localities in southern Arizona.
322. *Pinicola enucleator eschatosus* Oberholser. NEWFOUNDLAND PINE GROSBEAK. [515g.] *Pinicola enucleator eschatosus* Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., vol. 27, March 20, 1914, p. 51. (Harry's River, Newfoundland.) Additional form. Breeds from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia, northern Maine, and northern New Hampshire; south in winter to southern New England and New York; casually elsewhere. See Wetmore, Journ. Washington Acad. Sci., vol. 39, no. 7, July 15, 1949, pp. 245-247.
343. The first reference to the scientific name of the Eastern Bachman's Sparrow is *Fringilla bachmani* Audubon, Birds Amer., folio ed., vol. 2, 1833, plate 165. The following year, in Orn. Biogr., vol. 2, 1834, p. 366, the name was given as *Fringilla bachmanii*. The accepted form, from the earlier date, is *Aimophila aestivalis bachmani* (Audubon).
353. *Passerella iliaca zaboria* Oberholser. YUKON FOX SPARROW. [585 p.] *Passerella iliaca zaboria* Oberholser, Journ. Washington Acad. Sci., vol. 36, no. 11, November 15, 1946, p. 388. (Circle, Alaska.) Additional form. Breeding from Alaska and Hudson Bay south to Alberta and Manitoba; in winter to Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.