



FIGURE 2. Growth of young Collared Gnatwrens in weight and in length of longest primary (no. 6; measured on one young only).

have diverged in nest type owing to different habitats, even if they had had a common ancestor.

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FIRST RECORD OF LEACH'S STORM-PETREL IN COSTA RICA: A CORRECTION

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A male specimen of Leach's Storm-Petrel in the United States National Museum (USNM 483222), identified as *Oceanodroma leucorhoa socorroensis* by Alexander Wetmore, was collected 27 March 1962 off Cabo Velas, Costa Rica, by W. L. Klawe of the

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. Professor Klawe informs me that nocturnal collecting of marine organisms was in progress while the vessel, the M/V "Independence," drifted from Cabo Velas on 26 March. Apparently, the bird flew aboard during the night, having been attracted no doubt by the ship's lights. When the bird was found in the morning, the ship's approximate position was 10°20'N, 85°59'W, some 10 km off the cape. The bird was retrieved from the crow's-nest and placed in the freezer. The measurements in mm are: wing, (arc) 148 or (chord) 141; tail, 75; fork of tail, 24; exposed culmen, 14.5; tarsus, 21.5; middle toe and claw, 22.5. A sketch of the testes on the collecting

tag measures about 2 mm, and a notation reads "skull clear, single." This specimen antedates 1975 sightings in the same Costa Rican waters, reported by Stiles and Smith (*Condor* 79:92, 1977) as the first for the country.

In measurements and appearance the specimen belongs to the "socorroensis" group of dark-rumped individuals found among breeding populations of *beali* on the Coronados Islands off northern Baja California, practically all of *chapmani* on the San Benito Islands off central Baja California and, farther out in the Pacific, among summer-breeding *socorroensis* (Crossin, in King, *Smithson. Contrib. Zool.* 158:170-174, 1974) at Guadalupe Island (including the islets Negro and Afuera). Except for the depth of the fork of the tail (see Loomis, *Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci.*, 2:167-169, 1918), the measurements lie near the bottom of the range of those for *beali* and *chapmani* and at the middle of the range for *socorroensis*

(Loomis 1918; Austin, *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard* 107:399, 1952; Crossin 1974:204-205). The assumption (based on the above authors and specimens in the USNM) that in this species all the small measurements are hardly ever likely to be present in the same individual, rather than distributed through a collection, helps to eliminate *beali* and places the specimen with either *chapmani* or *socorroensis*. The only distinguishing feature of *socorroensis* agreed upon in the literature is its smaller and more slender bill (excepting dark-rumped, extralimital *monorhis* of the western Pacific). This character, however, is duplicated mensurally and visually by a number of USNM examples of *chapmani* from the San Benito Islands.

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