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New Races of Pink-footed Puff-back and Brown-chested Alethe and a new Species of Bush-Warbler from Eastern Africa.

Mr. R. E. Moreau sent the three following descriptions of two new races and one new species from Eastern Africa:—

(1) Dryoscopus angolensis kungwensis, subsp. nov.

Description.—Upper parts as in D. a. nandensis and D. a. adolfi-friederici (i. e., with head slate, not black), but with crown and hind-neck still greyer; back and wings with practically no olive wash at all. The grey on the underparts is not confined to the flanks, but extends throughout, darker on the flanks, and paling to greyish-white on the throat and vent.

Distribution.—Known only from evergreen forest at 3000 ft. at Nganja, Kungwe Mt., western Tanganyika Territory.

Type.—Breeding male, Nganja, Kungwe Mt.; collected by Salimu Asmani for R. E. Moreau on August 27, 1940. Collector's number 5250.

Measurements of type.—Wing 87, culmen 18, tail 71 mm.

Remarks.—An unexpected occurrence, for the species had not been recorded between Angola on one side and north-eastern Belgian Congo and Uganda on the other. I am much indebted to Dr. van Someren for comparing my specimen with the other East African forms, and to Dr. J. P. Chapin for verifying this description in the light of the material at his disposal.

(2) Alethe poliocephala kungwensis, subsp. nov.

Description.—Distinguished from other forms of the species by having the forehead, crown, and nape dusky olive, not ashy or blackish. It is also the largest, greatly exceeding in size the geographically nearest form, A. p. carruthersi.

Distribution.—Known only from the mountain forests of Kungwe Mt. at 6900–8000 ft., western Tanganyika Territory.

Type.—Male, forest above Ujamba, Kungwe Mt., 6900 ft., August 13, 1940; collected by Salimu Asmani for R. E. Moreau. Collector's number 5252.

Measurements of type.—Wing 101, tail 68 mm.

Remarks.—It is remarkable that no Alethe of this species has been recorded from the Kivu highlands, and hence A. p. kungwensis is very isolated. I am greatly indebted to Dr. van Someren for comparing my specimens with material of A. p. carruthersi and A. p. akeleyæ. From the former he notes that the Kungwe birds, apart from being much larger, are "quite different in tone and shade"; and A. p. akeleyæ, he notes, lacks any tinge of greenish on the head, has the eye-stripe more distinct, the lores less black, the mantle, coverts, and rump less rufous-chestnut, and the wings and tail less dark. Dr. J. P. Chapin has also kindly reviewed the description of A. p. kungwensis in the light of the material at his disposal. Two other males, wings 100, 96, females 97, 96, 94 mm. Tails 66, 64, 65, 60, 61 mm. respectively. The wing measurements

compare with those of A. p. carruthersi, males 85 to 88 mm., females 80 to 85 mm.; A. p. akeleyæ, males 94 to 98 mm. Jackson & Sclater, Bds. Kenya & Ug. 1938, p. 994), females down to 90 (van Someren in litt.); A. p. poliocephala, males 87 to 95, females 86 to 91 mm. (Bannerman, Bds. Trop. W. Afr. iv. 1936, p. 419).

(3) Apalis argentea, sp. nov.

Description.—Crown, forehead, sides of head to below eye, mantle, wing-coverts, and rump dark grey, with a slight olive wash. Remiges sepia, all except the outer four primaries with narrow silvery edges. Underparts pale silvery-grey, nearly white on the throat and centre of the belly, darkening to blue-grey on the flanks and sides of the breast. Under wing-coverts pale silvery-grey. Tail: outermost three pairs pure white, next pair white with a narrow sooty outer edging, not extending to the tip, nor inwards quite to the shaft, next pair with a narrow white tip extending about 5 mm. up the shaft, middle pair all sooty-brown. (The pattern of the tail is shown more clearly in the second specimen, the tail of which is imperfect but is less worn than the type.)

The tail is exceptionally steeply graduated on the outside; the innermost pair is 49 mm. long and the tips of the next four pairs all lie within 10 mm. of this, while the outermost feathers are only 25 mm. long, 15 mm. shorter than their neighbours.

Distribution.—Kungwe Mt., western Tanganyika Territory.

Type.—A male in worn plumage, but with somewhat enlarged testes; mountain forest above Ujamba, Kungwe Mt., Tanganyika Territory; collected by Salimu Asmani for R. E. Moreau, August 3, 1940. Collector's number 5254.

Measurements of type.—Wing 49, tail 49 mm.

Remarks.—Thanks are due to Dr. V. G. L. van Someren and to Dr. J. P. Chapin for examining this specimen for me. The new species differs from other members of the genus in the relatively more abrupt gradation of its outer tail-feathers. It would be interesting to discover its female.

Another male measures; wing 49, tail 49 mm.