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A NEW VANGA
FROM SOUTHWESTERN MADAGASCAR

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IN my paper on the birds collected by Mr. F. R. Wulsin in western Madagascar (Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., Vol. LXI, 1918, p. 509) I referred the one Vanga in the collection to *V. curvirostris*, without comment. At the time I had no skins from eastern Madagascar for comparison. Lately the Museum has received three examples from the east coast, all similar and all agreeing with Planches Enluminées, no. 228, upon which the species was founded.

The single specimen from southwestern Madagascar is so different from these that I now do not hesitate to describe it as a new form, as

***Vanga curvirostris cetera* subsp. nov.**

Type, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, no. 78,133, sex unknown, collected by F. R. Wulsin, twenty kilometers northeast of Tulear, southwestern Madagascar, August, 1915. "Killed in woods growing on a sandy soil."

Characters.—Similar to *Vanga curvirostris curvirostris* (Gmelin) of eastern Madagascar, and of about the same size. Bill longer and decidedly more slender; the anterior crown with much less of white—the whole region above and between the eyes solid black, the black reaching forward in the centre almost to the base of the culmen; gray basal band on tail paler gray and longer, the black subapical band consequently shorter. Wing, 108; tail, 102; tarsus, 28; bill to base of forehead, 36; exposed culmen, 29 mm.