

Ridgway on New Species of American Birds.—Mr. Ridgway separates as a new subspecies the Warbler from Santa Lucia, W. I.,* hitherto known as *Dendræca adalaidæ*, under the name *Dendræca adalaidæ delicata*, the Santa Lucia form differing quite markedly in coloration from Porto Rico examples, on which the species was originally based. He also describes a supposed new Plover (*Ægialites albidipectus*, sp. nov.) based on a single example from Chili, † and a new Petrel (*Æstrelata fisheri*, sp. nov.) from Alaska, ‡ a species most nearly allied to *Æ. defillipiana*. Mr. Ridgway is inclined to refer also the Petrel taken in Livingston County, N. Y., identified by Mr. Brewster (Bull. N. O. Club. VI, 1881, pp. 91-97) as *Æ. gularis*, to *Æ. fisheri*.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on the Genus Tantalus.§ — The genus *Tantalus* Linn. is restricted to *T. loculator*, while *T. leucocephalus* of India, *T. longimembris* of Southern China, and *T. lacteus* of Java and Sumatra, together with *T. ibis*, are separated under the new generic name *Pseudotantalus*.—J. A. A.

Belding on Birds of Lower California.—These collections || were made at several different points, as follows: (1) Coronados Islands, about 20 miles south and west of San Diego, 3 species. (2) San Quentin Bay, west coast of Lower California, lat. 39° 23', 17 species. (3) Santa Rosalia Bay, two degrees further south, on the same coast, 7 species. (4) Cerros Islands, some thirty miles further south, 20 species. (5) La Paz and San José del Cabo, southern extremity of the peninsula, about 130 species. Mr. Ridgway has added (chiefly to the second paper here noticed) various technical notes, the more important relating to (1) *Polioptila cærulea*, the darker western race of which is provisionally named *P. cærulea obscura*, (2) *Siurus nævius notabilis*, (3) *Passerculus rostratus*, giving extensive tables of measurements and comparisons of the latter with *P. guttatus* and *P. sanctorum* (Coues, MS.). Very little field work having been done in the region reported upon in Belding's second paper since the well known explorations of Mr. John Xantus in 1859, Mr. Ridgway has collated therewith the results of Mr. Xantus's work, by giving a list of those species found by Mr. Xantus (derived mainly from the record books of the Na-

* Description of a New Warbler, from the Island of Santa Lucia, West Indies. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1882, pp. 525, 526. Feb. 28, 1883.

† Description of a supposed New Plover, from Chili. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1882, pp. 526, 527. Feb. 28, 1883.

‡ Description of a New Petrel from Alaska. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1882, pp. 656-658. June 26, 1883.

§ On the Genus *Tantalus*, Linn., and its allies. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1882, pp. 550, 551. March 21, 1883.

|| 1. Catalogue of a Collection of Birds made at various points along the Western Coast of Lower California, north of Cape St. Eugenio. By L. Belding. Edited by R. Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1883, pp. 527-532. March 21, 1883.

2. Catalogue of a Collection of Birds made near the Southern Extremity of the Peninsula of Lower California. By L. Belding. Edited by Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1883, pp. 532-550. March 21, 1883.