

bands nearly as broad as the brown interspaces. *Male*: Wing, 4.25; tail, 2.20; culmen, .35; tarsus, .75. *Female*: Wing, 4.05; tail, 1.90; culmen, .35; tarsus, .70. (Types, Nos. 49,678, "♂," and 50,765, "♀," U. S. Nat. Mus., Socorro I.; Col. A. J. Grayson, collector.)

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## DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS OF OCEANITIDÆ.

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*Pealea*, gen. nov.

**CHAR.**—Similar to *Oceanites* Keys. & Blas., but claws very broad, flat, and blunt (as in *Pelagodroma* Reich.), the tarsus exceeding the middle toe with claw by the length of the culmen (to nasal tube), and the first quill equal to or longer than the third.

Type, *Thalassidroma lineata* Peale.

The type-species is colored above much like *Oceanites oceanicus*, but very differently beneath, the belly and flanks being white marked with wedge-shaped stripes of dusky. Some of the under wing-coverts are likewise white, as is also the basal portion of the rectrices. The webs of the feet are wholly dusky. The tarsi are booted, as in *Oceanites*.

The genus is named in honor of Mr. Titian R. Peale, the very accomplished naturalist of the United States Exploring Expedition under Commodore Wilkes.

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## DESCRIPTION OF FOUR NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS FROM THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.\*

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1. *Geothlypis coryi*, sp. nov.

**SP. CHAR.**—In plumage much resembling *G. beldingi*, nobis (from Lower California), but yellow of lower parts with less of an orange tint, the sides and upper parts without any olive-brown tinge, the flanks bright greenish yellow, and the yellow posterior border to the black 'mask' much narrower, and less purely yellow. Form very different, the bill about twice as large, and of different shape. *Female* very different from that of any other known species, being bright olive-green above and entirely pure

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