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Dear Sirs:—Without wishing to throw discredit upon the much abused second edition of the A. O. U. Check-List of North American Birds, I nevertheless feel called upon to draw attention to some inconsistencies contained therein, which indicate the present tendency to depart from some of the Canons of Nomenclature originally adopted by the Union.

I refer to the nomenclature of island forms. The A. O. U. Code distinctly makes "*intergradation* the touchstone of trinomialism," and