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by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, representing the following species: California Quail, Arkansas Kingbird, California Jay, Brewer's Blackbird, Bullock's Oriole, and Green-backed Goldfinch.— J. A. A.

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