

Supplementary Note on J. P. Giraud.—Dr. C. W. Richmond has called my attention to another new species proposed in Giraud's 'Birds of Long Island,' namely *Picus bairdii* on page 178. It is mentioned incidentally under the Downy Woodpecker from which it differs in having the upper part of the head red — undoubtedly the young of that species. Dr. Richmond further informs me that Baird refers to this species in the manuscript catalogue of his collection crediting it to Bell. The latter probably intended to publish it but never did so and Giraud in mentioning it merely referred to a name no doubt in circulation among contemporary ornithologists. Unwittingly, however, Giraud has added enough description to remove the name from the class of nomina nuda and as it has seventeen years priority over *Picus bairdi* Malherbe which is current as the subspecific name of the Texas Woodpecker, *Dryobates scalaris bairdi*, it precludes the use of the latter.

As Dr. Oberholser (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 41, pp. 139-159, 1911) has separated the Texas Woodpecker into several races one of his names will be applicable to this bird if we follow the A. O. U. Check-List in regarding his several races as identical and as *cactophilus* comes first, the Texas Woodpecker will be known as *Dryobates scalaris cactophilus*. Should we regard all of Dr. Oberholser's races as tenable as has been done by Mr. Ridgway in his 'Birds of North and Middle America,' then the Mexican form to which he restricted *bairdi* is without a name and we should suggest that it be called *Dryobates scalaris giraudi* nom. nov. in commemoration of his valuable contribution to Mexican ornithology, it being now satisfactorily proven that most if not all of his "new birds" really came from that country.

Dr. Richmond states in reference to the types of Giraud's species that they are all in the U. S. National Museum. Those that were supposed to be lost a few years ago had been twice catalogued and their identity temporarily concealed.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia*.