

THE IDENTITY OF *FORPUS CYANOPYGIUS* (SOUANCÉ)

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OVER forty years ago, Salvin and Godman, in the 'Aves' section of their 'Biologia Centrali-Americana' (3: 581, 1897), stated very plainly that Souancé's cotypes of *Psittacula cyanopygia* in the British Museum were similar to their specimens from the Tres Marias Islands. Beyond this comment they took no action for the reason that they were somewhat over-conservative and rigorously refrained from recognizing geographic variations by name. From that time onward, no one seems to have given any weight to their comment and the Tres Marias race has continued to pass under the name of *insularis* Ridgway.

During a recent visit to the British Museum, the writer took occasion to investigate the matter and found the comment of Salvin and Godman to be justified. The male cotype, the chief basis of the description, is certainly a Tres Marias specimen. The female is, in all characters, an individual intermediate and may have come from almost anywhere on the adjacent mainland. The measurements of the male (59.11.22.38 British Museum) are: wing, 90 mm.; tail, 45; culmen from cere, 13.5; outer anterior toe, 13.5. The coloration is definitely of the darker, duller, and more bluish type which is characteristic of the Tres Marias race.

Under these circumstances there is no alternative but to include *Psittacula insularis* Ridgway in the synonymy of *Psittacula cyanopygia* Souancé and to rename the mainland race which formerly passed as *cyanopygia*. Therefore:

***Forpus cyanopygius lutescens* subsp. nov.**

Type.—Female adult, 89.4.30.475 British Museum, Manzanillo Bay, Colima, Mexico, February, 1863; collected by John Xantus.

Subspecific characters.—Similar to *Forpus cyanopygius cyanopygius* (Souancé) of the Tres Marias Islands but coloration lighter and more yellowish (less bluish) green; rump of males lighter and more greenish blue; feet and (especially) bill smaller.

Range.—Northwestern Mexico from Colima, north through Nayarit to southern Sinaloa (Mazatlan).

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