

TWENTY-FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN  
ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST  
OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS<sup>1</sup>

THE present supplement covers proposals for change in name or status, or for addition, that have been accepted by the Committee as of the end of the year 1948. It is published in accordance with instructions from the Council of the Union.

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4. *Colymbus nigricollis* Brehm 1831 is antedated by *Colymbus caspicus* Hablzl, Neue Nordische Beyträge, vol. 4, 1783, p. 9. (Bay of Enzeli, Caspian Sea, Iran.) The Eared Grebe, therefore, will be known as *Colymbus caspicus californicus*. See Stresemann, Ibis, 1948, pp. 473-474.
10. *Puffinus pacificus cuneatus* Salvin becomes *Puffinus pacificus chlororhynchus* Lesson, as the breeding birds of San Benedicto Island are inseparable from those of the Australian region. *Puffinus chlororhynchus* Lesson, Traité d'Orn., livr. 8, June, 1831, p. 613. (No locality given; type from Shark's Bay, western Australia.) See Hellmayr and Conover, Cat. Birds Amer., Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., vol. 13, pt. 1, no. 2, August 18, 1948, pp. 66-67.
20. *Sula nebouxi* becomes *Sula nebouxii nebouxii*. Change in spelling conforms to original publication. Trinomial name is required because of an extralimital subspecies recognized from the Galápagos Islands. See Todd, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, April 30, 1948, p. 49.
37. *Branta canadensis parvipes* (Cassin). ATHABASKA CANADA GOOSE. [172 g.] *Anser parvipes* Cassin, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, vol. 6, no. 5, 1852, p. 187. (Vera Cruz.) Additional subspecies. Alaska to Baffin Island, south to northern British Columbia and Manitoba, in migration to California, México and Louisiana. See Aldrich, Wilson Bull., vol. 58, 1946, pp. 98, 101; Hellmayr and Conover, Cat. Birds Amer., Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., vol. 13, pt. 1, no. 2, 1948, pp. 302-303.
40. *Anser albifrons flavirostris* Dalgety and Scott. GREENLAND WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE. [171 b.] *Anser albifrons flavirostris* Dalgety and Scott, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, vol. 68, no. 6, May 7, 1948, p. 115. (North Slob, Wexford,

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- Eire.) Additional subspecies. Breeds on the western coast of Greenland; in migration to Ireland and Scotland. One banded in Greenland shot on the St. Lawrence River, Quebec.
47. *Anas crecca nimia* Friedmann. ALEUTIAN TEAL. [138 a.] *Anas crecca nimia* Friedmann, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, September 3, 1948, p. 157. (Kiska Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska.) Additional subspecies. Aleutian Islands from Akutan westward.
58. *Melanitta deglandi* (Bonaparte) again recognized as specifically distinct from *Melanitta fusca*. See W. DeW. Miller, Amer. Mus. Nov. no. 243, 1926, p. 2; Hellmayr and Conover, Cat. Birds Amer., Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., vol. 13, pt. 1, no. 2, August 18, 1948, p. 393.
60. *Mergus serrator* Linnaeus becomes *Mergus serrator serrator* through recognition of the following subspecies.
60. *Mergus serrator major* Schiøler. GREENLAND RED-BREASTED MERGANSER. [130 a.] *Mergus serrator major* Schiøler, Danske Orn. Tidsskr., vol. 19, no. 4, December, 1925, p. 115. (West Greenland.) Additional subspecies. Coasts of Greenland. See Hellmayr and Conover, Cat. Birds Amer., Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., vol. 13, pt. 1, no. 2, 1948, p. 408.
104. *Charadrius mongolus mongolus* Pallas becomes *Charadrius mongolus stegmanni*. Stresemann, Orn. Monatsb., vol. 48, no. 2, April 22, 1940, p. 55; new name for *Charadrius mongolus littoralis* Stegmann, Orn. Monatsb., vol. 45, no. 1, January 4, 1937, p. 25 (Bering Island), preoccupied by *Charadrius littoralis* Bechstein, Gem. Nat. Deutschl., vol. 4, 1809, p. 430, pl. 23.
117. *Calidris canutus rufus* becomes *Calidris canutus rufa* as the generic name is of feminine gender.
132. *Larus fuscus graellsii* Brehm restored to the list on basis of a specimen from Qôrnoq (near Godthaab), Greenland. See Hørring and Salomonsen, Medd. om Grønland, Bd. 131, no. 5, 1941, p. 52, footnote.
188. *Colaptes chrysoides* becomes *Colaptes chrysoides* to conform to original spelling. The forms, therefore, will be listed as follows:  
*Colaptes chrysoides mearnsi* Ridgway.  
*Colaptes chrysoides brunnescens* Anthony.  
*Colaptes chrysoides chrysoides* (Malherbe).
189. *Hylatomus* Baird becomes *Dryocopus* Boie, as the New World species are not separable generically from those of the Eastern Hemisphere. See Peters, Check-list Birds World, vol. 6, 1948, pp. 150-151, 154.  
*Dryocopus* Boie, Isis von Oken, Bd. 2, 1825, col. 977. Type, by monotypy, *Picus martius* Linnaeus. The forms will stand as follows:  
*Dryocopus pileatus abieticola* (Bangs).  
*Dryocopus pileatus pileatus* (Linnaeus).  
*Dryocopus pileatus floridanus* (Ridgway).  
*Dryocopus pileatus picinus* (Bangs).
190. *Centurus aurifrons incanescens* Todd. NORTHERN GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER. [410 a.] *Centurus aurifrons incanescens* Todd, Ann. Carnegie Mus., vol. 30, December 16, 1946, p. 298. (12 miles south of Marathon, Brewster County, Texas.) Additional subspecies. Western and central Texas to northeastern Chihuahua and northern Coahuila. See Wetmore, Wilson Bull., vol. 60, 1948, pp. 185-186.
197. *Dendrocopos pubescens glacialis* (Grinnell). VALDEZ DOWNY WOODPECKER. [394 f.] *Dryobates pubescens glacialis* Grinnell, Univ. California Publ.

- Zool., vol. 5, March 5, 1910, p. 390, fig. 7. (Valdez Narrows, Prince William Sound, Alaska.) Additional subspecies. Kenai Peninsula to Taku River, Alaska. See Peters, Check-list Birds World, vol. 6, 1948, pp. 209-210.
201. Subfamily *Jyninae*. WRYNECKS.  
Genus *Jynx* Linnaeus.  
*Jynx* Linnaeus, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, vol. 1, 1758, p. 112. Type, by monotypy, *Jynx torquilla* Linnaeus.  
*Jynx torquilla chinensis* Hesse. CHINESE WRYNECK. [415.1] *Jynx torquilla chinensis* Hesse, Orn. Monatsb., vol. 19, no. 11, November, 1911, p. 181. (Tsingtao, China.) Additional form (which adds a subfamily and a genus to the list as indicated above). Manchuria and Sakhalin to Kashmir and central China, in migration to Siam and Indo-China. Accidental at Wales, Alaska, September 8, 1945. See Bailey, Birds Arctic Alaska, Colorado Mus. Nat. Hist., Pop. Ser. no. 8, 1948, p. 270, where the bird is listed as *Jynx torquilla harterti*, which Wetmore and Friedmann find is a synonym of *chinensis*. See Condor, vol. 51, 1949, p. 103.
220. *Perisoreus canadensis sanfordi* Oberholser. NEWFOUNDLAND GRAY JAY. [484 h.] *Perisoreus canadensis sanfordi*. Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 27, March 20, 1914, p. 49. (Fox Island River, Newfoundland.) Additional subspecies. Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. See Burleigh and Peters, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, 1948, p. 114.
232. *Parus hudsonicus rabbitssi* Burleigh and Peters. NEWFOUNDLAND BROWN-CAPPED CHICKADEE. [740 d.] *Para* (sic) *hudsonicus rabbitssi* Burleigh and Peters, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, June 16, 1948, p. 115. (St. Andrews, Newfoundland.) Additional subspecies. Newfoundland.
250. *Catherpes mexicanus punctulatus* Ridgway, *C. m. griseus* Aldrich, and *C. a. polioptilus* Oberholser become synonyms of *Catherpes mexicanus conspersus* Ridgway, individual variation being such that the supposed separate forms may not be recognized. See Miller, Condor, vol. 50, 1948, pp. 83-85.
255. *Turdus musicus musicus* Linnaeus. EURASIAN RED-WINGED THRUSH. [760 a.] *Turdus musicus* Linnaeus, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, vol. 1, 1758, p. 169. (Europe = Sweden.) Additional subspecies. Europe and central Siberia, south to the Mediterranean and Iran; casual at Scoresby Sound, eastern Greenland, October 6, 1934. See Hørring and Salomonsen, Medd. om Grønland, Bd. 131, no. 5, 1941, p. 83.
259. *Hylocichla guttata crymophila* Burleigh and Peters. NEWFOUNDLAND HERMIT THRUSH. [759 g.] *Hylocichla guttata crymophila* Burleigh and Peters, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, June 16, 1948, p. 117. (Badger, Newfoundland.) Additional subspecies. Breeds in Newfoundland; range in migration and in winter at present not known.
271. *Phainopepla nitens nitens* (Swainson). SOUTHERN PHAINOPEPLA. [620 a.] *Ptilogonyx nitens* Swainson, Animals in Menageries, 1838 (1837), p. 285. (México.) Additional subspecies. Brewster County, Texas, south to Veracruz. See Van Tyne and Sutton, Univ. Michigan Mus. Zool., Misc. Publ. no. 37, 1937, p. 78.
285. *Peucedramus olivaceus arizonae* Miller and Griscom becomes *Peucedramus taeniatus arizonae*, as the specific name, based on *Sylvia olivacea* Giraud, published in 1841, is preoccupied by *Sylvia olivacea* Vieillot of 1817. The next available name is *Sylvia taeniata* Du Bus, Bull. Acad. Roy. Sci. Lettr.

- Belgique, vol. 14, pt. 2, 1847, p. 104. (México). See Zimmer, Auk, vol. 65, 1948, pp. 126-127.
294. *Seiurus noveboracensis limnaeus* McCabe and Miller. BRITISH COLUMBIA WATER-THRUSH. [675 b.] *Seiurus noveboracensis limnaeus* McCabe and A. H. Miller, Condor, vol. 35, no. 5, September 15, 1933, p. 196. (Indian-point Lake, Cariboo District, British Columbia.) Additional subspecies. Breeds in British Columbia, in migration to Panamá. See Grinnell and Miller, Pac. Coast Avif. no. 27, 1944, p. 409.
298. *Cardellina rubrifrons rubrifrons* again becomes *Cardellina rubrifrons* (Giraud) as the supposed Guatemalan race *bella* proves invalid. See Wetmore, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., vol. 89, 1941, p. 570; van Rossem, Occ. Papers Mus. Zool. Louisiana State Univ., no. 21, 1945, p. 232.
300. *Setophaga ruticilla* becomes *Setophaga ruticilla ruticilla* through addition of the following subspecies.
300. *Setophaga ruticilla tricolora* (Müller). NORTHERN REDSTART. [687 a.] *Motacilla tricolora* Müller, Vollst. Natur.-Syst. Suppl. Reg. Band, 1776, p. 175. (Cayenne.) Additional subspecies. Breeds from Mackenzie and Washington through central Ontario and Quebec to northern Maine and Newfoundland; in migration to northern South America. See Burleigh and Peters, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, June 16, 1948, p. 121.
306. *Icterus cucullatus californicus* (Lesson), added in the Nineteenth Supplement, Auk, vol. 61, July, 1944, pp. 459-460, is numbered 505 c.
306. *Icterus cucullatus cucullatus* Swainson. SWAINSON'S HOODED ORIOLE. [505 d.] *Icterus cucullatus* Swainson, Phil. Mag., n. s. vol. 1, no. 6, June, 1827, p. 436. (Temascáltepec, Estado de México.) Additional subspecies. Nuevo León south to Jalisco and Colima; taken near Marathon and Del Rio, Texas. See Van Tyne and Sutton, Univ. Michigan Mus. Zool., Misc. Publ. no. 37, 1937, p. 92; Burleigh and Lowery, Auk, vol. 58, 1941, p. 101.
320. *Carpodacus purpureus nesophilus* Burleigh and Peters. NEWFOUNDLAND PURPLE FINCH. [517 b.] *Carpodacus purpureus nesophilus* Burleigh and Peters, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 61, June 16, 1948, p. 122. (Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland.) Additional subspecies. Breeds in Newfoundland; range in migration and in winter at present not known.
333. *Pipilo aberti* Baird becomes *Pipilo aberti aberti* through recognition of a western race. See Twenty-second Supplement, Auk, vol. 64, 1947, p. 451.
336. *Passerculus sandwichensis halophilus* (McGregor) becomes a synonym of *Passerculus sandwichensis guttatus* Lawrence, which takes the common name Abreojos Savannah Sparrow, since the term San Lucas Savannah Sparrow used formerly is misleading, the bird being only casual in occurrence at Cape San Lucas. See van Rossem, Condor, vol. 49, 1947, pp. 101-102.
359. *Melospiza melodia gouldii* Baird. MARIN SONG SPARROW. [581 aa.] *Melospiza gouldii* Baird, Pac. R. R. Rep., vol. 9, 1858, p. 479. (California = 5 miles west of Inverness, toward Point Reyes.) Additional subspecies. Coastal and interior areas in central western California, from San Francisco Bay area (exclusive of salt marshes) to Sonoma, Mendocino, Colusa, Yolo and Contra Costa counties. For detailed range see Marshall, Condor, vol. 50, 1948, p. 255; see also Grinnell and Miller, Pac. Coast Avif. no. 27, 1944, pp. 547-548.

359. *Melospiza melodia inexpectata* Riley. YELLOWHEAD SONG SPARROW. [581 bb.] *Melospiza melodia inexpectata* Riley, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 24, November 28, 1911, p. 234. (3 miles east of Moose Lake, British Columbia.) Additional subspecies. British Columbia, breeding in the northern and central sections; in winter to the southern coast. See Munro and Cowan, Brit. Col. Prov. Mus., Spec. Publ. no. 2, Dec., 1947, pp. 234-235, 236.