

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

THIS supplement covers actions of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature relative to changes in name and status, as well as additions, which have been accepted to the end of the year 1952. The Committee held sessions during the meeting of the A.O.U. in Baton Rouge, and has conducted much additional business through the circulation of memoranda. The revision of ranges for the fifth edition of the Check-List has now advanced into the final family, the Fringillidae. There remains a considerable volume of work to be done on the many corrections received from collaborators.

We record with sadness the death on April 19, 1952, of James Lee Peters, whose work as a member of our committee had always been of immeasurable value.

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3. *Colymbus auritus* becomes *Colymbus auritus cornutus* Gmelin, through recognition of an American race distinct from the Old World race. American Eared Grebe. *Colymbus cornutus* Gmelin, Syst. Nat., vol. 1, pt. 2, 1789, p. 591. (Hudson Bay.) See Parkes, Condor, vol. 54, no. 5, September 22, 1952, pp. 314-315.
6. *Diomedea cauta cauta* Gould. Tasmanian White-capped Albatross. [83.1.] *Diomedea cauta* Gould, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1840 [July, 1841], p. 177. (Bass Strait, Australia.) Additional species. Seas near Australia; breeding on Albatross Island, Bass Strait, and wandering in the southern Pacific Ocean. Accidental at sea, about 39 miles off the mouth of the Quillayute River, Washington. See Slipp, Auk, vol. 69, no. 4, October, 1952, pp. 458-459, pl. 16.
13. *Oceanodroma tethys tethys* (Bonaparte). Galápagos Storm Petrel. [106.3.] *Thalassidroma tethys* Bonaparte, Tagebl. Deutsch. Naturf. Aerzte (Wiesbaden), Beilage no. 7, 1852, p. 89. (Galápagos Islands.) Additional species. Breeds in the Galápagos Islands, ranging at sea south to the latitude of northern Perú, and north to that of southern Baja California. Accidental at Melpomene Cove, southern end of Guadalupe Island, Baja California. See Huey, Auk, vol. 69, no. 4, October, 1952, pp. 460-461.

<sup>1</sup> The Twenty-seventh Supplement was published in The Auk, Vol. 69, No. 3, July, 1952, pp. 308-312.

31. *Botaurus lentiginosus*, formerly accepted as based on *Ardea lentiginosa* Montagu, Suppl. Orn. Dict., 1813 (preface dated June), not paged, is now taken from the earlier description by Rackett of the same specimen: *Ardea lentiginosa*, in Pulteney, Cat. Birds, Shells, and some of the more rare Plants of Dorsetshire, second edition (enlarged), May, 1813, p. 14. (Parish of Piddleton, Dorsetshire, England.) The name will be cited as *Botaurus lentiginosus* (Rackett), with the reference as given above. See Macdonald and Grant, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, vol. 71, no. 5, June 22, 1951, p. 30.
60. *Mergus serrator major* Schiøler, accepted in the Twenty-fourth Supplement, Auk, vol. 66, no. 3, July, 1949, p. 282, is renamed *Mergus serrator schiøleri* by Salomonsen, Dansk. Orn. For. Tidsskr., vol. 43, pt. 2, June, 1949, p. 186, since *M. s. major* Schiøler, 1925, is antedated by *Mergus major* Sprüngli, 1784, and *Mergus major* Dubois, 1860.
83. *Lagopus lagopus muriei* Gabrielson and Lincoln. Shumagin Willow Ptarmigan. [301f.] *Lagopus lagopus muriei* Gabrielson and Lincoln, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 62, December 22, 1949, p. 175. (Nagai Island, Shumagin Islands, Alaska.) Additional subspecies. Aleutian Islands from Atka to Unimak; the Shumagin Islands; and Kodiak.
87. *Alectoris graeca* (Meisner). Chukor Partridge. [288.2.] *Perdix graeca* Meisner, Syst. Verz. Vög., 1804, p. 41. (Greece.) Introduced species. Now established in Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada, Arizona, and Colorado and introduced elsewhere. Found native as a species from southern Switzerland, Hungary, the Caucasus, Transcaspia, Tibet, Mongolia, and Manchuria south to Italy, Greece, Asia Minor, Iran, Chinese Turkistan, and Nepal. (Several subspecies have been included in the introduced stock in different localities.)
117. *Totanus totanus robustus* Schiøler, Iceland Redshank, becomes *Totanus totanus totanus* Linnaeus. Continental Redshank. *Scolopax totanus* Linnaeus, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, vol. 1, 1758, p. 145. (Europa = Sweden.) See Salomonsen, Grønlands Fugle, pt. 3, 1951, p. 567, where a specimen of the typical form is recorded. The record of *T. t. robustus* was based on two specimens reported by Helms but not subspecifically identified and apparently not preserved.
146. *Cepphus grylle mandti* becomes *Cepphus grylle mandtii* to conform with the original spelling.
197. *Dendrocopos pubescens gairdneri* becomes *Dendrocopos pubescens gairdnerii* to conform with the original spelling.
209. *Empidonax griseus* Brewster becomes *Empidonax wrightii* Baird, since the type specimen of the latter proves to be an example of the Gray Flycatcher. See Phillips, Auk, vol. 56, no. 3, July, 1939, p. 311.
209. *Empidonax wrightii* of the fourth edition of the Check-List becomes *Empidonax oberholseri* Phillips. Wright's Flycatcher. *Empidonax oberholseri* A. R. Phillips, Auk, vol. 56, no. 3, July, 1939, p. 311. (Hart Prairie, San Francisco Mountain, Arizona.)
230. *Parus carolinensis atricapilloides* Lunk. Northwestern Carolina Chickadee. [736d.] *Parus carolinensis atricapilloides* W. A. Lunk, Wilson Bull., vol. 64, no. 1, March 15, 1952, p. 19. (10 miles south of Arnett, Ellis County, Oklahoma.) Additional subspecies. Southern Kansas through Oklahoma to central Texas.
259. *Hylocichla ustulata almae* Oberholser, accepted in the Nineteenth Supplement, Auk, vol. 61, no. 3, 1944, p. 457, is found to be inseparable from *H. u.*

- swainsoni* (Tschudi), and is now relegated to synonymy. See Godfrey, Canadian Field-Nat., vol. 65, no. 5, September-October, 1951, pp. 172-174.
259. *Hylocichla ustulata incana* Godfrey. Yukon Olive-backed Thrush. [758c.] *Hylocichla ustulata incana* W. E. Godfrey, Canadian Field-Nat., vol. 65, no. 5, September-October, 1951, p. 173. (Lapie River, Canol Road mile 132, Yukon Territory.) Additional subspecies. Breeds in eastern Alaska, southern Yukon Territory, northern British Columbia, and north-central Alberta. Migration and winter range not recorded.
273. *Sturnus vulgaris zelandicus*, recently accepted as accidental in eastern Greenland, is dropped from the list, since the specimen in the British Museum (Natural History) proves to be *Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris*. See Salomonsen, Grønlands Fugle, pt. 3, 1951, p. 575.
319. The reference to the original description of *Hesperiphona vespertina montana*, listed from Ridgway, 1874, is corrected to read R. Ridgway, Bull. Essex Inst., vol. 5, November, 1873, p. 189. The type locality remains Mirador, near Vera Cruz, México. See Zimmer, Auk, vol. 70, no. 2, April, 1953, p. 213.
330. *Pipilo erythrophthalmus rileyi* Koelz. Riley's Eastern Towhee. [587c.] *Pipilo alleni rileyi* W. Koelz, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 52, July 22, 1939, p. 121. (Brunswick, Georgia.) Additional subspecies. Southeastern North Carolina, along the coast to northern Florida, and west through southern Georgia to southeastern Alabama. See Dickinson, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., vol. 107, October, 1952, pp. 299-303.
332. The number for *Pipilo fuscus mesatus*, omitted inadvertently in Supplement Twenty-seven, is 591*á*.
353. *Passerella iliaca swarthi* Behle and Selander. Utah Fox Sparrow. [585q.] *Passerella iliaca swarthi* W. H. Behle and R. K. Selander, Journ. Washington Acad. Sci., vol. 41, no. 11, November 14, 1951, p. 364. (2 miles west of Eden, at 5,200 feet elevation, on North Fork of Ogden River, Utah.) Additional subspecies. Breeds in mountains from Owyhee, Bannock, and Bear Lake counties, southern Idaho, to Juab, Sanpete, and Wasatch counties, northern Utah; winter range not known.
374. *Spinus notatus* (DuBus), of the hypothetical list, is identified as *Spinus magellanicus ictericus* (Lichtenstein). Brazilian Siskin. *Fringilla ictERICA* Lichtenstein, Verz. Doubl. Berliner Mus., 1823, p. 26. (São Paulo, Brazil.) The bird is native in southeastern Brazil, eastern Paraguay, and north-eastern Argentina. The specimen, collected by Audubon at Henderson, Kentucky, is supposed to be an escape from captivity, so that the species remains in the hypothetical list. See Todd, Ann. Carnegie Mus., vol. 17, June 9, 1926, pp. 57-58.