

tag measures about 2 mm, and a notation reads "skull clear, single." This specimen antedates 1975 sightings in the same Costa Rican waters, reported by Stiles and Smith (*Condor* 79:92, 1977) as the first for the country.

In measurements and appearance the specimen belongs to the "socorroensis" group of dark-rumped individuals found among breeding populations of *beali* on the Coronados Islands off northern Baja California, practically all of *chapmani* on the San Benito Islands off central Baja California and, farther out in the Pacific, among summer-breeding *socorroensis* (Crossin, in King, *Smithson. Contrib. Zool.* 158:170-174, 1974) at Guadalupe Island (including the islets Negro and Afuera). Except for the depth of the fork of the tail (see Loomis, *Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci.*, 2:167-169, 1918), the measurements lie near the bottom of the range of those for *beali* and *chapmani* and at the middle of the range for *socorroensis*

(Loomis 1918; Austin, *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard* 107:399, 1952; Crossin 1974:204-205). The assumption (based on the above authors and specimens in the USNM) that in this species all the small measurements are hardly ever likely to be present in the same individual, rather than distributed through a collection, helps to eliminate *beali* and places the specimen with either *chapmani* or *socorroensis*. The only distinguishing feature of *socorroensis* agreed upon in the literature is its smaller and more slender bill (excepting dark-rumped, extralimital *monorhis* of the western Pacific). This character, however, is duplicated mensurally and visually by a number of USNM examples of *chapmani* from the San Benito Islands.

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