

An Albinistic Townsend's Solitaire.—On November 2, 1937, an albinistic Townsend's Solitaire was taken in a banding trap at the Indian Wells Ranger Station, Lava Beds National Monument, Siskiyou County, California. The bird could not be skinned at the time, and was, therefore, banded (36-69698) and released. No color standards were available, so the following description is entirely subjective.

In general, the bird was a dirty white, darkest on the tail, the pigments appearing to be greatly but varyingly diluted, rather than anywhere absent. Beak pinkish gray; legs pinkish light brown, soles of feet yellowish; iris light chocolate, (normal, or only very slightly lighter); head brownish cream, ear coverts

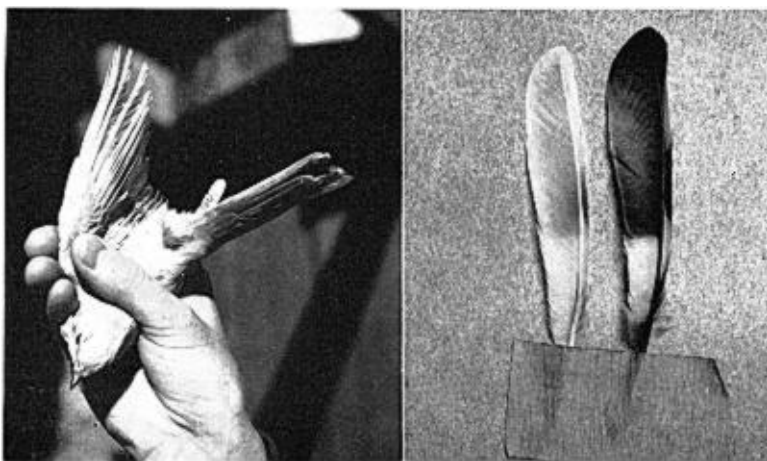


FIG. 22. Albinistic Townsend's Solitaire. The two feathers are the eighth primary of the albinistic bird (left), and the corresponding primary of a normal Solitaire (right).

and feathers below them slightly darker; underparts, back, scapulars, wing and tail coverts dirty white (extremely dilute brown); secondaries and five or six inner primaries dusky white, distal half darker than proximal; buffy wing bars about normal in color; outer primaries as light throughout as proximal part of inner primaries; tail (darkest part of bird) light dirty brown, except for normal distribution of white, and except for the left central rectrix, which was as light as the body and of less than normal length; downy parts of body feathers medium gray with slight buffy cast; quills of all large feathers practically pure white throughout.

This bird (except for the one tail feather) seems to fall within the first type of albinism defined by H. and J. R. Michener (*Condor*, 38(3): 102-109, bottom of p. 108).—RICHARD M. BOND, *U. S. National Park Service, Portland, Ore.*