

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS OF BIRDS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

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SINCE 1882, when the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History received from George F. Gaumer a collection of birds taken in Yucatán, many additional specimens and written records in the journals of the collectors, providing new records of occurrence of Mexican birds, have accumulated in the museum. I wish to place on record some of these interesting occurrences.

The nomenclature used here is that of Friedmann, Griscom, and Moore (1950), and Miller et al. (1957), except where noted otherwise. Dr. Richard F. Johnston identified some of the specimens and critically read the manuscript. Prof. E. R. Hall also read the manuscript and made many helpful suggestions. Herbert G. Deignan and Thomas D. Burleigh kindly examined some of the specimens, and Emil K. Urban brought certain unreported specimens to my attention.

Catalogue numbers refer to The University of Kansas Museum of Natural History. Specimens and sight records that provide first occurrences in Mexican states are indicated by an asterisk (*).

**Mycteria americana*. Wood Ibis. ♀ (skel.) 30867. Laguna Rusias, 6,000 feet, San Luis Potosí, 10 August 1951 (Richard R. Graber).

**Cairina moschata*. Muscovy Duck. Sex ? (head, wing, tarsus saved) 28524. 5 miles S Purificación, Jalisco, 20 May 1949 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Coragyps atratus*. Black Vulture. ♂ (skel.) 36009. 1 mile SE Puerto Madera, Chiapas, 21 July 1955 (J. R. Alcorn). I also saw this species many times in Puebla along the road from Puebla to Orizaba in November and December 1959.

**Accipiter striatus velox*. Sharp-shinned Hawk. ♂ 4418, ♂ 4419. Cozumel Island, Quintana Roo (G. F. Gaumer). These specimens are both immature birds.

**Buteo albicaudatus hypospodius*. White-tailed Hawk. ♀ 29667, ♀ (skel.) 29668. 21 miles SW Guadalajara, Jalisco, 23 April 1950 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Buteo albonotatus*. Zone-tailed Hawk. ♂ (skel.) 30868. 10 miles E Paso del Carmen, 6,600 feet, San Luis Potosí, 16 August 1951 (Richard R. Graber).

Callipepla squamata squamata. Scaled Quail. ♀ 31598, 28 January 1954; ♀ 31599, 29 January 1954, 8 miles S Majoma, 7,700 feet, Zacatecas. Collected from a creosote-yucca-shrub association along a grassy savannah. This species has been reported previously from Zacatecas by Webster and Orr (1952:310).

Philortyx fasciatus. Barred Quail. ♂ 28250, ♂ 28251, ♀ 28252. 2.5 miles NNE Autlán, 3,000 feet, Jalisco. ♂ 29431, ♂ 29434, ♂ 29435, ♀ 29432, ♀ 29433. 5 miles S and 1 mile W Pihuamo, Jalisco, 20 March 1950 (J. R. Alcorn). This species has been previously reported from Autlán, Jalisco, by Zimmerman and Harry (1951:305).

**Limosa fedoa*. Marbled Godwit. ♀ 38042. San Blas, Nayarit, 10 December 1959 (Max C. Thompson).

**Capella gallinago*. Wilson Snipe. I observed two individuals at a marsh 1 mile E San Blas, Nayarit, 10 December 1959. No specimen.

**Larus delawarensis*. Ring-billed Gull. I observed this bird several times at San Blas, Nayarit, from 8-11 December 1959. No specimen.

**Hydroprogne caspia*. Caspian Tern. ♀ (skel.) 38045. San Blas, Nayarit, 11 December 1959 (Max. C. Thompson).

**Pionopsitta haematotis haematotis*. Red-eared Parrot. ♀ 32645, ♀ 32646. 2 miles S Tollocita, Oaxaca, 20 July 1955 (R. W. Dickerman). ♂ 38079, ♂ 38080. Vista Hermosa, 5,200 feet, Oaxaca (97 km W Ciudad Aleman, Veracruz) 3 December 1959 (R. F. Johnston). The first two specimens were collected in a rain forest association. Johnston's specimens were taken in dense cloud forest from two groups of parrots, each of about six birds, seen intermittently through the day. Blake (1953:196) states that Red-eared Parrots occur in tropical lowlands, but apparently they move also to higher slopes in the post-breeding season.

**Coccyzus americanus americanus*. Yellow-billed Cuckoo. ♀ 29988. 10 miles NE San Luis Potosí, 6,000 feet, San Luis Potosí, 28 July 1950 (J. R. Alcorn). This species has been previously reported from the State by Friedmann et al. (1950:132). Their record refers to the species only. ♀ 31435. 1 mile NNE Acatlán, Puebla, 15 August 1954 (R. W. Dickerman). This also is a new state record.

**Coccyzus minor continentalis*. Mangrove Cuckoo. ♀ 35067. Cantemo, Tabasco, 9 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Crotophaga sulcirostris sulcirostris*. Groove-billed Ani. ♀ 31436. 8 miles NE Durango, Durango, 3 June 1954 (R. W. Dickerman). The specimen was taken in a willow-mesquite association bordering a partially dry river.

Dromococcyx phasianellus rufigularis. Pheasant-Cuckoo. Sex ? 2281, 2282, 2283. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer). These three are mentioned only because of the scarcity of known specimens (Paynter, 1955:132).

**Otus barbarus*. Bearded Screech Owl (Ridgway, 1914:723). ♀ 35072. 8 miles E San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, 3 March 1955 (R. W. Dickerman). The ovary was enlarged and the oviduct evident, which indicate that this owl may breed in Chiapas. This species has been known previously only from the mountains of Guatemala.

**Ciccaba virgata centralis*. Squamulated Owl. Sex ? (both downy young) 35076, 35079. 5 miles SW Teapa, Tabasco, 24 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman). ♂ 35077. Macuspana, Tabasco, 3 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Caprimulgus ridgwayi ridgwayi*. Ridgway Whip-poor-will. ♀ 31448. 1.5 miles W Tehuiztzingo, 3,570 feet, Puebla, 15 August 1954 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Caprimulgus vociferus chiapensis*. Whip-poor-will. ♀ 28537. 12 miles W Ciudad Hidalgo, 9,150 feet, Michoacán, 28 April 1949 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Stellula calliope calliope*. Calliope Hummingbird. ♀ 35445. 2 miles S and 8 miles W San Francisco, Chihuahua, 28 June 1957 (P. Ogilvie). The largest ovum was 1 mm.

**Euptilotis neoxenus*. Eared Trogon. ♂ 28274. La Barranca de Agua, 9,200 feet, 19 miles S and 8 miles W Guadalajara, Jalisco, 14 February 1949 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Ramphastos sulfuratus*. Keel-billed Toucan. ♂ (skel.) 30893. Rancho Sabinal, San Luis Potosí, 16 November 1951 (Richard R. Graber).

Dryocopus lineatus similis. Tropical Pileated Woodpecker. ♂ 2126, ♀ 2128. Cozumel Island, Quintana Roo (G. F. Gaumer). This is the first known record for Cozumel Island.

Cotinga amabilis. Lovely Cotinga. ♀ 32714. 2 miles S Tollocita, Oaxaca, 20 July 1955 (R. W. Dickerman). There is one previous record for Oaxaca listed by Miller et al. (1957:59).

**Schiffornis turdinus verae-pacis*. Thrush-like Manakin. ♂ 32720. 2 miles S Tollocita, Oaxaca, 19 July 1955 (J. W. Hardy).

**Muscivora tyrannus*. Fork-tailed Flycatcher. Sex ? 5099. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
Megarhynchus pitangua caniceps. Boat-billed Flycatcher. ♀ 28562, ♀ 28563. 5 miles S Purificación, Jalisco, 20 May 1949 (J. R. Alcorn). These specimens are the third and fourth known skins of this subspecies. Comparison with the type specimen of *caniceps* in the United States National Museum suggests that the two specimens from 5 miles S Purificación are intergrades between *M. p. caniceps* and *M. p. mexicanus*.

**Tyrannus verticalis*. Western Kingbird. Sex ? 5003. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).

**Contopus sordidulus amplus*. Western Wood Pewee. ♂ 32743. 6.5 miles SW Izúcar de Matamoros, Puebla, 14 July 1955 (S. G. Van Hoose). This specimen was identified by Thomas D. Burleigh and his proposed nomenclature is used (1960).

Empidonax traillii brewsteri. Traill Flycatcher. ♂ 32749. 1 mile S and ½ mile W La Casita, 3,800 feet, Sonora, 17 June 1955 (J. W. Hardy). Blake (1953:353) mentions that this species breeds in northwestern México, but cites no records. Miller et al. (1957: 87) state that this species has been "erroneously reported as breeding in Sonora." This specimen, taken in cottonwood-willow vegetation, had testes (8 × 4 mm) of breeding size. This species nests in southern Arizona; the present record is not particularly surprising.

**Todirostrum cinereum finitimum*. Common Tody-Flycatcher. Sex ? 2078. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).

**Camptostoma imberbe imberbe*. Beardless Flycatcher. Sex ? 28306. 3 miles ENE Santa Cruz de los Flores, Jalisco, 31 January 1949 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Stelgidopteryx ruficollis serripennis*. Rough-winged Swallow. ♂ 28583. 27 miles S and 12 miles W Guadalajara, Jalisco, 29 April 1949 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Tachycineta thalassina lepida*. Violet-green Swallow. ♂ 1914. Port of Silam (= Dzilam Puerto), Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).

**Calocitta formosa formosa*. Magpie-Jay. ♀ 28586. 5 miles S Purificación, Jalisco, 20 May 1949 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Psaltriparus melanotis iulus*. Black-eared Bush-tit. ♂ 36124, ♀ 36125. Miquihuana, 6,700 feet, Tamaulipas, 19 July 1953 (G. R. Heinrich).

**Cistothorus platensis tinnulus*. Sedge wren. ♂ 31478, ♂ 31479, ♀ 31480. 1.5 miles S Valle de Bravo, 6,050 feet, México, 25 July 1954 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Cistothorus platensis elegans*. Sedge Wren. ♂ 35179, ♂ 35180, ♀ 35181, ♀ 35182, ♂ 35183. 3 miles E Macuspana, Tabasco, 3 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Melanotis caerulescens caerulescens*. Blue Mockingbird. ♀ 31615. 7 miles S Aramberri, 3,800 feet, Nuevo León, 22 February 1954 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Toxostoma dorsale dorsale*. Crissal Thrasher. ♂ 32837. Hda. Atotonilico, 6,680 feet, Durango, 1 July 1955 (S. G. Van Hoose).

**Turdus grayi*. Clay-colored Robin. ♀ (skel.) 36015. 3 miles WSW Mazamitla, Jalisco, 16 June 1955 (J. R. Alcorn).

**Hylocichla minima minima*. Gray-cheeked Thrush. ♀ 35201. 10 miles E and 19 miles N Macuspana, Tabasco, 5 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Catharus mexicanus*. Black-headed Nightingale-thrush. ♂ (skel.) 30947. 6 miles W Ahuacatlan, 6,000 feet, San Luis Potosí, 2 August 1951 (Richard R. Graber).

**Cyclarhis gujanensis*. Pepper-shrike. ♂ (skel.) 35215. Cantemo, Tabasco, 9 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

**Vermivora celata orestera*. Orange-crowned Warbler. Sex ? 1762. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).

**Vermivora ruficapilla ruficapilla*. Nashville Warbler. ♂ 1763. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).

- **Dendroica petechia sonora*. Yellow Warbler. ♂ 29451. 2 miles N Ciudad Guzman, 5,000 feet, Jalisco, 9 February 1950 (J. R. Alcorn).
- **Dendroica discolor discolor*. Prairie Warbler. ♀ 37905. 1 mile NW Ojinaga, 2,400 feet, Chihuahua, 20 June 1959 (C. E. Nelson).
- **Seiurus noveboracensis noveboracensis*. Northern Water-thrush. Sex ? 1799. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Wilsonia pusilla pileolata*. Pileolated Warbler. ♂ 1815, ♂ 1816, ♀ 1817, ♀ 1818. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Icterus galbula*. Baltimore Oriole. ♂ 1558. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Gymnostinops montezuma*. Montezuma Oropendola. ♂ 1314. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Piranga ludoviciana*. Western Tanager. ♂ 1748, ♀ 1747. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Pheucticus melanocephalus melanocephalus*. Black-headed Grosbeak. ♂ 1113, ♀ 1116. Yucatán (G. F. Gaumer).
- **Aimophila petenica petenica*. Petén Sparrow. ♂ 35318. 3 miles E Macuspana, Tabasco, 3 May 1955 (R. W. Dickerman).

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