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A NEW OWL FROM COSTA RICA.

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***Cryptoglaux ridgwayi* sp. nov.**

Type from La Candelaria Mountains, near Escasú, Costa Rica. No. 149,709, U. S. National Museum. March 29, 1903. Presented by Anastasio Alfaro.

Young male.—Similar to the corresponding stage of *C. acadicus* but latero-frontal region and general color of under wing-coverts wood brown instead of white, and without any white on outer surface of wings or on tail, and toes unfeathered (except basal half of the outer). Above plain warm sepia brown, or between sepia and seal brown, inclining on hindneck to vandyke or mummy brown, the tail darker (between clove brown and seal brown), the remiges grayer brown (between sepia and hair brown), narrowly edged with paler; no trace of white markings on outer surface of wings, except a narrow edging to outermost feather of alula, nor on tail; but inner webs of innermost secondaries with irregular spots of dull whitish near the margins; latero-frontal region wood brown; anterior portion of suborbital region similar but rather paler, deepening on auricular region into dark brown (rather darker than color of pileum); bristly feathers of loreal region blackish; throat deep brown, like pileum, with a band of dull buffy whitish immediately below; rest of underparts plain cinnamon-buff or clay color, deeper anteriorly, where passing into russet on sides of breast, decidedly paler on legs and under tail-coverts; under wing-coverts wood brown, tinged with deeper brown, especially on under primary-coverts; under surface of remiges plain deep hair brown, the innermost secondaries with irregular dull whitish spots toward edge of inner web; bill blackish; toes (except basal half of the outer) naked, light colored; claws dark horn color; length (skin), 185; wing, 143; tail, 64; culmen (from anterior edge of cere), 13; tarsus, 25; middle toe, 20.

High mountains of Costa Rica (Cerro de la Candelaria, near Escasú).

I name this small owl in honor of Professor Robert Ridgway, as a "souvenir" of his recent explorations in Costa Rica.