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Tecolote. A common resident of both the Upper Tropical Life-zone and the arid division of the Lower Tropical Life-zone, this owl rests by day in dense jungle, usually in the branches of trees about ten feet from the ground. A few were found in hollow trees. They begin to call shortly after dark. Most of the specimens taken were shot at night with the aid of a headlight. Two specimens from Piedras Negras are lighter and have more white spotting above than the light-phased examples from Potrero.

***Rhinoptynx clamator forbesi* new subspecies**

Striped Owl

Type.—Adult male; no. 233824, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; Presidio, Veracruz, México; May 3, 1925; collected by W. W. Brown.

Characters.—Similar to *Rhinoptynx clamator clamator* (Vieillot) of northern South America, but black streaks of upper parts and under parts, especially the latter, decidedly reduced in breadth. Resembles *R. c. midas* (Schlegel)

TABLE 1.—MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETERS OF THE RACES OF
RHINOPTYNX CLAMATOR

| <i>R. c. forbesi</i> | Wing | Tail | Culmen from cere |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 males from Presidio and Rfo Blanco, Veracruz..... | 222-230 (229) | 126-128 (127) | 20.2-20.3 (20.2) |
| 1 female from Rfo Blanco, Veracruz.. | 230 | 140 | 20.3 |
| 3 females from Chiapas..... | 242-257 (247.7) | 131-141 (135.7) | 19.5-21.5 (20.6) |
| 1 male from Costa Rica..... | 231 | 127 | 20.7 |
| 3 females from Panamá and Canal Zone..... | 233-234 (233.5) | 127-142 (133.6) | 20.7-23.1 (21.7) |
| Avg. of all females from México and Central America..... | 239 | 135.4 | 21.3 |
| <i>R. c. clamator</i> | | | |
| 2 males from Colombia and Venezuela..... | 230-241 (235.5) | 129 | 20.0-21.3 (20.7) |
| 2 females from Venezuela..... | 245-256 (250.5) | 142-150 (146) | 21.8-22.7 (22.3) |
| <i>R. c. midas</i> | | | |
| 1 male from Argentina..... | 267 | 139 | 22.2 |
| 3 females from Argentina and southern Brazil..... | 269-282 (272.7) | 145-159 (152) | 20.6-23.2 (22.2) |
| <i>R. c. oberi</i> (unique type) unsexed, Tobago..... | 276 | 151 | |

in general coloration, but size much smaller. Differs likewise from the unique type of *Rhinoptynx clamator oberi* E. H. Kelso by its much smaller size.

Measurements.—Type: wing, 230 mm.; tail, 128; culmen from cere, 20.2. For comparative measurements see Table I.

Distribution.—Southern México (Veracruz and Chiapas) southward through Central America to Panamá.

Remarks.—The name [*Asio*] *mexicana* Gmelin, 1788 (based on the *Mexican Eared Owl* Latham, Synop. Birds, 1, pt. 1, 123) is indeterminate and cannot justifiably be applied to any of the eared owls of México. If it represents a *Rhinoptynx*, it is an earlier name than *clamator*; if it represents a *Bubo*, it is an earlier name than *mayensis*; if it represents an *Asio*, it is an earlier name than either *wilsonianus* or *stygius*. Since there is no way of ascertaining to which owl Gmelin's name applies, we believe that it should continue to be regarded as unidentifiable.

This new geographical race of the Striped Owl is named for Mr. Dyfrig McH. Forbes, of Potrero Viejo, Veracruz, who, along with his family, has contributed greatly to scientific knowledge by making extensive collections of natural history objects and by assisting personnel connected with various museum expeditions. In the latter regard, the Hacienda Potrero has served as headquarters or temporary abode for numerous field parties of diverse zoological interest. There are indeed few zoologists who have worked in Veracruz in the last two decades who have not enjoyed the hospitality and helpful assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes.

Specimens examined.—Total number, 13, as follows:

México: Veracruz: 1 ♂ (MCZ 233824), Presidio; 1 ♂ and 1 ♀ (USNM 24519 and 24520), 20 km. WNW Piedras Negras. Chiapas: 2 ♀ (U. Mich. 94983 and 107656), Finca Esperanza; 1 ♀ (U. Mich. 101967), El Corozal. Costa Rica: San José: 1 ♂ (MCZ 117501), San José. Guanacoste: 1 juv. ♀ (MCZ 148164), Puntarenas, 1 unsexed, locality unspecified (USNM 90395). Panamá: Santos: 1 ♀ (USNM 400261), Parita. Panamá: 1 juv. ♂ and 1 ♀ (USNM 409353 and 409354), Cerro Azul. Canal Zone: 1 ♀ (U. Mich. 56266), Ancón.

Comparative material.—

RHINOPTYNX CLAMATOR CLAMATOR:

Venezuela: Anzoátegui: 1 ♂ (USNM 406478), Cantaura. Monagas: 2 ♀ (USNM 406474 and 406475), Caicara.

Colombia: Santander del Norte: 1 ♂ (USNM 372657), Petrolea.

RHINOPTYNX CLAMATOR MIDAS:

Argentina: Tucumán: 1 ♂ (USNM 400051), Tucumán; 1 ♀ (USNM 400050), San Pedro de Colalao. Buenos Aires: 1 ♀ (USNM 55877), Buenos Aires.

Brazil: Bahia: 1 ♀ (USNM 25841), locality unspecified.

RHINOPTYNX CLAMATOR OBERI (the type):

Brazil: Tobago Island (USNM 75112).