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FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND
ADJACENT ISLANDS

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Wing, 175; tail, 80; tarsus, 48; culmen, 17 mm.

This new race may be distinguished at a glance from *S. c. cunicularia* by its more rufous brown coloration and less whitish marking, but it approaches nearer to it than it does to the northern Brazilian form, which I assume to be *S. c. grallaria* Temm. (as according to Spix the type locality may have been Para). Brazilian specimens from the Rio Branco region and lower Amazon agree fairly well with Temminck's description and plate, certainly much more so than do Bahia specimens. Birds from the Rio Branco, however, are very similar to those from Margarita Island (*S. c. brachyptera* Richmond), although they average slightly darker and four out of five of the Rio Branco specimens show a few inconspicuous spots and irregular bars on the rump and upper tail coverts, which are apparently wanting in Margarita birds.

***Speotyto cunicularia intermedia* subsp. nov.**

Type from Pacasmayo, Peru. Female, No. 44132, Field Museum of Natural History. Collected by W. H. Osgood and M. P. Anderson, April 2, 1912.

Intermediate between *S. c. nanodes* and *S. c. puensis*; approaching *puensis* in the coloration and markings of the upper parts and nearest *nanodes* in the markings of the under parts. From *nanodes* it differs in having the upper parts paler brown and a much more whitish streaked appearance (approaching *puensis*), the whitish marking being much purer and less buffy and the secondaries being broadly tipped with white. The under parts more nearly resemble *nanodes*, being strongly marked with brown, but in *intermedia* the irregular brown markings are somewhat heavier and extend lower down on the flanks. From *S. c. puensis* it differs in the heavy and more extensive brown markings on the under parts (which in *puensis* are very much paler and narrower and become almost obsolete on the lower abdomen). The upper parts are similar in coloration and general marking with the noticeably large amount of white on the feathers, except on the crown, which is darker brown and the white markings much less numerous.

Wing, 165; tail, 89; tarsus, 39 mm.

***Podager nacunda minor* subsp. nov.**

Type from Boa Vista, Rio Branco, Brazil. Adult male, No. 45060, Field Museum of Natural History. Collected by M. P. Anderson and R. H. Becker, February 2, 1913.

Similar to *Podager nacunda* but smaller, and the black markings on crown and scapulars much smaller.