

America, and all are more or less strongly barred underneath. Specimens from eastern Costa Rica and the Caribbean slope of western Panama are intermediate, but nearer *chapmani*, which ranges south through western Colombia to west Ecuador. I here restrict the range of *saturata* to southern Mexico and northern Central America, south on the Pacific slope to Chiriqui.

LOPHOSTRIX CRISTATA WEDELI subsp. nov.

*Type*.—No. 155,180, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; ♀ ad., dark phase; Permé, Caribbean slope of Darien, eastern Panama, November 2, 1929; H. Wedel, No. 1,919.

*Characters*.—Appearing specifically distinct from typical *cristata* and very much darker than *stricklandi* Sclater and Salvin of Central America; pileum blackish; upperparts and wings blackish brown; the light freckling and spotting always darker buff, often with a distinct rufous tinge; chest and breast much darker, blackish brown, the mottling much coarser, giving a barred rather than a freckled effect; a greater or less patch of white in the center of the chest, lacking in the dark phase of the two other races, but present in the light phase; balance of underparts not differing from *stricklandi*, giving a far greater contrast between chest and abdomen.

*Material examined*

*cristata*.—Surinam, 1 ♂, dark phase; 2 ♀, light phase.

*wedeli*.—Eastern Panama, Permé, 2 ♂, 2 ♀; Obaldia, 1 ♀, all dark phase; Ranchon, 1 ♂, 1 ♀, dark phase.

*stricklandi*.—Costa Rica, 1 ♂, dark phase, 2 ♂, 1 ♀, light phase; Divalá, western Chiriqui, 1 ♀, dark phase.

This surprising discovery is named after the collector, probably the only man who ever secured six specimens of this rare Owl in one region in less than a year. In spite of its intermediate geographic position, it is more different from *stricklandi* than is that form from *cristata*. The literature is confused on the phases of this Owl, and I append a summary of the differences between the three races. Ridgway's key is misleading, there is no rufous or hepatic phase, and his suspicion that there were two races in Central America, the dark phase on the Caribbean slope and the light phase on the Pacific slope, proves to be incorrect. I have myself collected the dark phase in Veraguas, and have seen others in the dark phase from the Pacific slope.