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DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPOSED NEW BIRDS FROM PANAMA, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, PERU AND BOLIVIA

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Chiefly as by-products of continued study of our collections from Ecuador, descriptions are presented herewith of proposed new species and subspecies from Panama (1), Venezuela (1), Ecuador (4), Peru (5), and Bolivia (1). The author would greatly appreciate any comments from his colleagues which would tend to throw additional light on the status of the forms here described.

Ciccaba albogularis meridensis, new subspecies

SUBSPECIFIC CHARACTERS.—Similar to *Ciccaba albogularis albogularis* Cassin, but crown and nape more heavily spotted, the spots larger and whiter and tending to form a nuchal band; ochraceous markings of the back and scapulars larger and more numerous; white spots on the underparts more pronounced, the spotted area extending to the abdomen.

TYPE.—No. 100,444, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.; ♀ ad.; Escorial (alt. 2300 m.), near Mérida, Venezuela; November 24, 1902; Gabaldon y Hijos.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED

Ciccaba albogularis meridensis.—VENEZUELA: Escorial, 1 ♂, 1 ♀; Culata, 1 ♂, 1 ♀.

Ciccaba albogularis albogularis.—"SOUTH AMERICA": the type. COLOMBIA: Choachi, 4; "Bogotá," 1; Sta. Elena, 1 ♀; Medellín, 1. ECUADOR: Mojanda Mts., 8400-9000 ft., 2 ♂, 1 ♀; "Ecuador," 2 ?

The extremes of variation in this species are shown by specimens from near Mérida on the one hand and from northern Ecuador on the other. In the former the development of white spots reaches its maximum, in the latter, its minimum. "Bogotá" specimens are intermediate but nearer the Ecuador birds, and comparison with Cassin's type, kindly loaned me by Dr. Stone, shows that it is to this more southern form the name *albogularis* belongs.

Chordeiles acutipennis equatorialis, new subspecies

SUBSPECIFIC CHARACTERS.—Nearest *Chordeiles acutipennis pruinosa* (Tschudi) of western Peru. The male with the ochraceous markings, particularly in the scapulars, more pronounced; the female with the ochraceous markings everywhere more pronounced and deeper, especially in the crown, back, wing-coverts, throat and abdomen.