

6.70, tail 3.50, culmen .60, tarsus 1.15 (naked below, in front, for only .15), middle toe .87.

2. *Megascops hastatus*, sp. nov.

*Scops brasilianus* ♂. *guatemalae* (SHARPE) RIDGW., Pr. U. S. Nat. Mus., i, 1878, 99-102 (part; Mazatlan, Mexico).

SP. CHAR.—Most like *S. brasilianus* (GM.), but much lighter and grayer above, with the darker markings more distinct and less linear, those on the pileum and hind-neck in the form of irregularly rhomboid or hastate spots; lower parts much more delicately and less regularly barred, and with very little, if any, ochraceous on the underlying portion of the plumage; feet proportionally smaller.

*Adult* (type, No. 85673, U. S. Nat. Mus., "La Paz, Lower California, winter of 1877"\*).—Prevailing color above light grayish-brown, but this much broken by a coarse mottling of lighter (becoming nearly brownish-white on forehead and sides of crown), and very distinctly marked, especially on pileum, hind-neck, and back, with irregular spots of blackish, these sometimes approaching a rhomboid or hastate form; lowermost middle and greater wing-coverts with outer webs mostly white; primary-coverts banded with dusky and pale brownish-buffy (about four bands of each color); outer webs of primaries spotted with buffy-whitish (changing to pale buffy-brown on shorter quills); tail banded with grayish-dusky and grayish-buffy. Face dull grayish-white, narrowly and rather indistinctly barred with grayish-brown, the outer border tinged with pale brown, and, laterally, marked with an indistinct or broken bar or stripe of brownish-black across side of head. Lower parts dull white, narrowly and very irregularly barred or vermiculated with dusky-brown, two bars of the latter color often inclosing a broader one of pale brown, especially on flanks; most of the feathers of the under surface marked with irregular brownish-black mesial streaks, broadest and most conspicuous on the chest; legs dull whitish barred with dusky-brown. Wing 6.10, tail 3.40, culmen .45, tarsus 1.25, middle toe .75.

Another specimen (No. 23793, Mazatlan, John Xantus) is very similar to the type, but has the plumage pervaded by a more decided brownish tinge, but the difference is so slight as to be noticeable only on actual comparison. Wing 6.00, tail 3.50, culmen .45, tarsus 1.25, middle toe .75.†

\* Probably from Mazatlan. The specimen was purchased by Mr. E. W. Nelson in San Francisco from a collector who had recently returned from Lower California, and assured him that all the birds which Mr. Nelson purchased were from La Paz. Since, however, the lot included *Centurus elegans* (four specimens), and *Merula grayi*, species which occur abundantly at Mazatlan, on the opposite shore of the Gulf of California, but have not yet been recorded from the peninsula, there is a strong probability of error as to the locality.

† Specimen remeasured, some of the measurements previously recorded being incorrect.