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II.

NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS.

The following species are believed to be new:

1. *Ninox spilonotus* *sp. nov.*

Sexes alike. General color of upper surface fulvous brown. Feathers of head, nape, interscapulars and wing-coverts spotted with light rufous brown giving the parts in question a decidedly speckled appearance. Rump fulvous brown, upper tail-coverts faintly spotted with pale rufous brown. Tail nearly black with nine narrow transverse bands of light rufous brown. Quills like tail but spotted, instead of barred, with light rufous brown. Scapulars like back, some of them with large nearly white spots on outer webs. A few of greater series of wing-coverts also spotted with white on outer webs. Chin and throat whitish, almost pure white in one specimen, in others light rufous brown, the feathers always with black shaft stripes. Auriculars fulvous brown somewhat mixed with light rufous brown. Sides of neck like head. Breast, abdomen, flanks and thighs, under wing coverts and axillaries rufous brown, the depth of the color subject to great individual variation. Many feathers of breast and abdomen with fulvous brown spots and all with blackish bases. Under surface of wing fulvous brown. Inner webs of feathers, especially of secondaries, spotted and barred with light rufous brown. A spot of white on bend of wing. Tarsus feathered for rather more than half its length. Iris yellow, legs and feet pale yellow, bill black at tip, gray at base. Two females measure 9.50 inches in length. Culmen, .53. Tarsus, 1.21. Wing, 7.13. Tail, 4.00.

Habitat: Cebu, Sibuyan, Tablas, Mindoro.

A single specimen of this species was secured in Cebu by Mr. Worcester in 1898. Its curious mottled back and under surface were suggestive of immaturity, and Dr. Steere thought it to be the young of some undescribed species. We have altogether too much material now to make such a theory tenable.

2. *Phabotreron cinereiceps* *sp. nov.*

Top of head, nape and sides of neck clear ashy gray, slightly washed with rufous on forehead. Hind-neck amethystine as in *P.*