

# On the Ural Owl of Honshu, Japan.

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While I was examining many specimens of the Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) of Honshu (main island of Japan), I found that we can distinguish the Ural owl of the middle parts of Honshu from those of the northern parts.

The Ural owl of Honshu was already separated from those of Hokkaido and Kyushu, and northern Honshu bird named by Clark as *Strix uralensis hondoensis* (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XXXII. p. 472, 1907—Iwaki Province, Honshu) and Momiyama named<sup>\*</sup> those of the middle districts of Honshu as *Strix uralensis media* (Auk, XLV. p. 183, 1928—Kazusa Province, Honshu), and the Kyushu form, *Strix uralensis fuscescens* Temminck et Schlegel (Siebold's Fauna Jap. Aves, p. 30, 1847—Japan), which also occurs in the warmer coastal districts of Honshu, such Provinces as Kazusa, Izu, Suruga, Awaji and Aki.

I have examined the type specimen of *Strix uralensis media* of Momiyama, and I consider that the *Strix uralensis media* is the same species as my new form, but I found that the *Strix uralensis media* of Momiyama is not, but it is *Strix uralensis fuscescens* Temminck et Schlegel.

Accordingly the form which is found in the middle parts of Honshu has not received a name, so I am naming this form as

## *Strix uralensis momiyamae.*

Diagnosis. Similar to *Strix uralensis hondoensis* (Clark), but the brown part is darker, especially on the back and rump, the buff colour on the base of the margin of the feather is more extended, and the white markings on the feathers of the upper parts narrower and shorter. It differs also from the *Strix uralensis fuscescens* Temminck et Schlegel, by being larger in size and of paler colouration.

Size—as large as *Strix uralensis hondoensis* (Clark).

Distribution—Honshu from the middle to the southern parts.

vinces of Echizen, Etchu, Wakasa, Yamashiro, Inaba, Shinano, Iga, Mikawa, Tōtōmi and Kazusa (Tōgane district).

Type: ♂ Prov. Shinano, 2. XI. 1911, no. 212 in my collection.

## On the Migration of Certain Birds in Tokyo and the Vicinity. (I).

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### I. Introduction.

The aim of this paper is to report the result of observations on the migration of certain birds in Tokyo and the vicinity. Before describing my own researches a brief summary on this branch of knowledge in Japan will be given.

The first account of the migration of birds in Japan was that of Hutton and Pryer (1878, 1882), while Jouy (1883) wrote the habits of the birds in the country. Temminck and Schlegel give no field-notes. Jules Verreaux's paper (1889) contains some interesting notes on the birds of Japan and their migrations. Seebohm (1890) was the first to give more correct