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A NEW RACE OF SAND GROUSE FROM LAKE N'GAMI

BY RODOLPHE MEYER DE SCHAUENSEE.

*Pterocles namaqua ngami*, subsp. nov.

*Type*, adult ♂, A.N.S.P. No. 93355, collected 25 miles northwest of Lake N'Gami, Bechuanaland Protectorate.

*Subspecific characters*: Differs from *P. namaqua namaqua* in the following respects:—

Crown and nape with a decided greenish wash, whereas in the typical form this area is brown, and contrasts with the greenish nuchal collar. Whole upper surface decidedly paler and of a more sandy color. Below paler, particularly in the region of the abdomen and under tail coverts which are pale buff, with a slight greenish wash, instead of rich buff. Tarsal feathers whitish instead of buff. Pectoral band decidedly broader, both the white and chocolate portions. Tips of rectrices very pale buff, almost white instead of rich buff, as in *namaqua*. Size similar. Wing, 170 mm.; tail, 120 mm.; culmen from anterior edge of nostril, 18½ mm.; tarsus, 31 mm.

*Range*: Lake N'Gami region, probably the north central part of the Kalahari desert.

*Material examined*: ♂ Lake N'Gami; 3 ♂ Zak R., Cape Province; ♂ Kalkveldt (near Daberas) Namaqualand.

*Remarks*: Of the material examined the topotypical specimen from Namaqualand appears somewhat intermediate between this new race and three specimens from the Zak River in the Cape Province. These southern birds are the darkest. However, the topotypical specimen is nearer geographically and in color to the Cape birds, and it seems best to consider the latter as typical *namaqua*.

I wish to thank Mr. W. W. Bowen, who is kindly assisting me in working up my S. W. African collection of birds.