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A NEW SPECIES OF FLYCATCHER FROM DAMARALAND

BY RODOLPHE MEYER DE SCHAUENSEE,

Further study of the collection recently made by us in South Africa has brought to light an hitherto unknown species of *Bradornis* for which I propose the name of:

Bradornis herero1 sp. nov.

Type, A.N.S.P. 93604, adult ♀, Karibib, Damaraland, South West Africa, June 29, 1930.

Specific characters: At once distinguishable from any other member of the genus by having the lores, cheeks, and ear coverts chocolate brown; a broad white superciliary stripe running from in front of the eye to the nape; the chest and underparts streaked, and the rump and upper tail coverts cinnamon rufous in contrast to the color of the back.

Description: Whole top of the head, nape, sides of neck, and upper back ashy brown, the feathers of the forehead and crown with dusky median streaks. Mantle similar but washed with cinnamon, the feathers with indistinct black shaft streaks. Rump, upper tail coverts, and outer web of retrices cinnamon rufous, the inner webs of the latter dusky. Primaries dusky with narrow buffish margins on the basal half of the outer web, and the five inner most narrowly tipped with whitish. Secondaries dusky with an olive tinge rather broadly margined with pale cinnamon. Bastard wing blackish, edged all around with white. Primary coverts dusky, margined with buff. Secondary and tertiary coverts buffish, rufescent towards the Bend of wing white. Lores blackish. A line below the eye, the cheeks and ear coverts chocolate brown. Feathers of the lower eyelid white. A broad white line from in front of the eye running back to the nape and forming a well-defined superciliary stripe. Chin, throat, and center of abdomen white, most the feathers with a few very narrow dusky shaft streaks. Remainder of the underparts ashy brown, heavily streaked on the chest with dusky. Flanks pale cinnamon, faintly streaked. Thighs ashy. Under tail coverts pinkish white, the shaft of each feather brownish black. Rictal bristles are very small and weak.

Measurements: Total length (skin) 160 mm.; wing $89\frac{1}{2}$ mm.; tail 69 mm.; culmen (exposed) 14 mm.; tarsus 21 mm.

Soft parts: Bill, feet, and legs black (in skin).

Range: S. W. Damaraland, S. W. A.

Remarks: The measurements of another specimen of undetermined sex (probably 3) collected at Omaruru, S.W.A., on July 4, 1930, are as follows:

¹ The Herero is the dominant tribe of Damaraland.

total length (skin) 170; wing 93; tail 72; culmen (exposed) 15; tarsus, 22. This bird only differs from the Q in size.

The relationship of this new species to the remaining members of the genus seems rather obscure, the color pattern not resembling that of any other *Bradornis*, all of which look much alike in their very drab coloration. It cannot be said that *Bradornis herero* is closely allied to any one particular species of the genus.

The type was collected on a rather high stoney kopje where it flitted from rock to rock, occasionally landing on the small bushes, which grew sparsely among the stones.

I am much obliged to Dr. James P. Chapin for examining these two specimens and comparing them with material in the American Museum of Natural History.