

II.—On a peculiar form of Flycatcher from Sarawak, Borneo. By ERNEST HARTERT.

On Mount Poi (also called Poe) to the west of the town of Kuching Dr. E. Mjöberg collected a pair of Flycatchers, which offer an interesting puzzle.

They are adult birds and were shot in October at elevations of 5200 and 5300 feet. The male agrees with the males of *Dendrobiastes hyperythrus pallidipectus* (Hart.) from the island of Batjan; at least I cannot see a difference, though possibly some slight difference might become obvious if a series could be compared. The female, however, is on the upperside blue-grey, while the females of *D. h. pallidipectus* are brown. The female from Mount Poi is very much like that of *D. h. alifurus* Stres. from Buru, but the throat and breast are lighter, not so brownish; there is more white on the abdomen, and the upperside is slightly paler blue-grey. The male of *D. h. malayana* is much darker on the underside, and the female has a brownish upperside. This Flycatcher was previously found on Mt. Poi by the late Alfred Everett, and there is a young bird in the Tring Museum. I propose to call the Poi subspecies:—

DENDROBIASTES HYPERYTHRUS mjobergi subsp. nov.

Type female ad. Mt. Poi 5300 feet, 30th September, 1923, in the Sarawak Museum.

The occurrence on Mt. Poi of a different form is very interesting, as *D. hyperythrus malayanus* (Ogilvie Grant) is common on Kinabalu; the range of this latter extends from Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula to S. Celebes (Bonthain Peak), but specimens from the latter locality have as a rule longer wings, male 63-65.5, female 60, 61 mm. while in *malayana* from other islands they are in the males only exceptionally longer than 61, mostly under 60, females under 60 mm. A better series from S. Celebes must, however, be compared, to confirm these differences.

[The above birds were submitted to me by Dr. Mjöberg, but having no material for comparison I sent them to Dr. Hartert. Subsequently Dr. Mjöberg sent me three more specimens, all males, taken at the same place in October and November. Two of them resemble the male paratype, but in the third the apex of the pale area of the foreneck, or throat, is partly white. This, together with the colour of the female, seems to indicate that this race may belong to the same section of the subspecies of *D. hyperythrus* as *Dendrobiastes (Muscicapula) nigrorum* (Whitehead) from Canloan Volcano, 6000 feet, Negros, Philippine Islands (which I know from the original description only). The wings of these three males measure 60, 61, 63 mm.—C Boden Kloss].



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