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SOME UNTENABLE NAMES IN THE OLD WORLD
FLYCATCHERS

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Hartert (Vögel der paläarktischen Fauna, vol. 1, hft. 4, 1907, pp. 473-494) first showed that the numerous Old World flycatchers placed by Bowdler Sharpe in the ill-defined "genera" *Hemichelidon*, *Alseonax*, *Ficedula*, *Siphia*, *Cyornis*, *Digenea*, *Poliomyias*, *Zanthopygia*, and *Cyanoptila* could not logically be kept separate from the Brissonian genus *Muscicapa*. Delacour and Mayr (Zoologica, vol. 30, No. 12, Nov. 15, 1945, p. 113), in full agreement with Hartert, added to the number *Muscicapula*, *Dendrobiastes*, and *Eumyias*. Delacour (Zoologica, vol. 31, No. 1, Apr. 29, 1946, p. 4) brought in also *Niltava* and *Oreicola*, and, in Birds of Malaysia, 1947, *Anthipes* and *Muscicapella*.

I am in complete accord as to the desirability of such widespread "lumping," which might well include *Ochromela*, and only regret that so many familiar names of generally accepted species and subspecies become invalid when employed with *Muscicapa*. Since the correction of nomenclature has not kept pace with the union of genera, I shall attempt in the following paragraphs to establish tenable names for at least a majority of the recognizable Asiatic forms affected.

1. *Hemichelidon sibirica fuliginosa* Hodgson (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 130) becomes *Muscicapa sibirica cacabata* Penard (Proc. New England Zool. Club, vol. 7, Oct. 31, 1919, p. 22), a substitute name for *H* [*emichelidon*]. *fuliginosa* Hodgson (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, pt. 13, Aug. 1845, p. 32: Nepal), not [*Muscicapa*] *fuliginosa* Gmelin, 1789, or *Muscicapa fuliginosa* Sparrman, 1787.

2. *Hemichelidon ferruginea* Hodgson (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 130) becomes *Muscicapa ruflata* (Swinhoe) with type locality Amoy, Fukien Province, China (*Ibis*, 1860, p. 57), since the name is otherwise preoccupied by *Muscicapa ferruginea* Merrem, 1784.

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3. *Siphia parva hyperythra* Cabanis (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 131) may be called

***Muscicapa migrator*, new name**

for *Siphia hyperythra* Cabanis (Journ. für Orn., vol. 14, Nov. 1866, p. 391: Ceylon), not *Muscicapa hyperythra* Blyth, 1842.

4. *Muscicapula concreta cyanea* Hume (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 132) becomes *Muscicapa concreta leucoprocta* (Tweeddale) with type locality Mount Mulayit, Tenasserim, since the name is otherwise preoccupied by *Muscicapa cyanea* Begbie, 1834, *Muscicapa cyanea* Vieillot, 1818, and *Muscicapa cyanea* P. L. S. Müller, 1776.

5. *Muscicapula hodgsonii* Verreaux (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 132) may be called

***Muscicapa amabilis*, new name**

for *Siphia hodgsonii* Verreaux (Nouv. Arch. Mus. [Paris], vol. 6, "1870" [= 1871], Bull., p. 34: Chinese Tibet), not *Nemura hodgsoni* Moore, 1854.

Siphia erithacus Blyth, 1861, is unavailable for this bird because preoccupied by *S* [*iphia*]. *erythaca* Blyth, 1847, and *Muscicapa erythaca* Swainson, 1838; *Cyornis brevirostris* Bingham, 1900, is unavailable because preoccupied by *M* [*uscicapa*]. *brevirostris* Wied, 1831.

6. *Dendrobiastes hyperythra malayana* Ogilvie-Grant (Chasen, Hand-list of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 169) may be called

***Muscicapa hyperythra oliga*, new name**

for *Muscicapula malayana* Ogilvie-Grant (Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, vol. 19, Oct. 29, 1906, p. 10: Gunong Tahan, Malaya), not *Digenea malayana* Bowdler Sharpe, 1879.

Dendrobiastes hyperythrus sumatranus Hachisuka, 1926, is unavailable for this bird because preoccupied by *Niltava sumatrana* Salvadori, 1879.

7. *Muscicapula hyperythra luzoniensis* Ogilvie Grant (Hachisuka, Birds of the Philippine Islands, pt. 4, 1935, p. 297) may be called

***Muscicapa hyperythra trinitatis*, new name**

for *Muscicapula luzoniensis* Ogilvie Grant (Ibis, ser. 6, vol. 6, Oct. 1894, p. 505: northern Luzón, Philippine Islands), not [*Muscicapa*] *luzoniensis* Gmelin, 1789.

Muscicapula hyperythra mindorensis Hachisuka, 1935, is unavailable for this bird because preoccupied by *Cyornis mindorensis* Mearns, 1907.

8. *Muscicapula tricolor tricolor* Hodgson (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 132) becomes *Muscicapa leucomelanura leucomelanura* (Hodgson) with type locality Nepal, since the name is otherwise preoccupied by *Muscicapa tricolor* Hartlaub, 1845, and *Muscicapa tricolor* Vieillot, 1818.

9. *Muscicapa melanoleuca melanoleuca* Blyth (Stuart Baker, Fauna of British India, Birds, ed. 2, vol. 7, 1930, p. 133) becomes *Muscicapa wes-*

termanni collini Rothschild, ex *Muscicapa collini* Rothschild (Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, vol. 45, Apr. 25, 1925, p. 90), a substitute name for *Muscicapa blythi* Rothschild (Nov. Zool., vol. 28, May 1921, p. 48), not *Muscicapa blythi* Giebel, 1875. *Muscicapa blythi* Rothschild was itself a substitute name for *M [uscicapula]. melanoleuca* Blyth (Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, vol. 12, 1843, p. 940: Nepal, Darjiling), not *Muscicapa Melanoleuca* Forster, 1817, or *Muscicapa Melanoleuca* Gldenstdt, 1775.

Muscicapa pusilla Tickell, 1860, is unavailable for this bird because preoccupied by *Muscicapa pusilla* Wilson, 1811.

10. *Stoporala indigo cerviniventris* Bowdler Sharpe (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 181) may be called

***Muscicapa indigo delicata*, new name**

for *Stoparola cerviniventris* Bowdler Sharpe (Ibis, ser. 5, vol. 5, Oct. 1887, p. 444: Mount Kinabalu, British North Borneo), not *Digenea cerviniventris* Bowdler Sharpe, 1879.

11. *Anthipes moniliger gularis* Blyth (Ticehurst, Journ. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc., vol. 36, No. 4, 1933, p. 926) may be called

***Muscicapa solitaris arakanensis*, new name**

for *A [nthipes]. gularis* Blyth (Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, vol. 16, pt. 1, 1847, p. 122: Arakan), not *Muscicapa gularis* Quoy and Gaimard, 1830, *Muscicapa gularis* Temminck, 1822, or *Muscicapa gularis* Stephens, 1817.

12. *Cyornis rufigastra longipennis* Chasen and Boden Kloss (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 166) may be called

***Muscicapa rufigastra lepidula*, new name**

for *Cyornis rufigastra longipennis* Chasen and Boden Kloss (Treubia, vol. 12, livr. 3-4, Dec. 1930, p. 271: Karimon-Java Island, Java Sea), not *Muscicapa longipennis* Lesson, 1830-1831.

13. [*Muscicapa rufigaster*] *simplex* (Delacour and Mayr, Birds of the Philippines, 1946, p. 211) may be called

***Muscicapa rufigastra simplicior*, new name**

for *Cyornis simplex* Blyth (Ibis, ser. 2, vol. 6, Apr. 1870, p. 165: no locality given = Luzn, Philippine Islands), not *M [uscicapa]. simplex* Lichtenstein, 1823.

14. *Cyornis banyumas cantatrix* Temminck (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 167) may be called

***Muscicapa banyumas liga*, new name**

for *Muscicapa cantatrix* Temminck (Nouveau recueil de planches colories d'oiseaux, livr. 38, Sept. 1823, pl. 226: Java), not *Muscicapa cantatrix* Wilson, 1810.

Temminck's name has been untenable since its first appearance.

15. *Cyornis caeruleata rufifrons* Wallace (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 167) becomes *Muscicapa caeruleata nigrogularis*

(Everett) with type locality Mount Penrisen, Sarawak, since the name is otherwise preoccupied by *M [uscicapa]. rufifrons* Latham, 1801.

16. *Cyornis caerulata albiventer* Junge (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 167) may be called

***Muscicapa caerulata deliensis*, new name**

for *Cyornis caerulata albiventer* Junge (*Ardea*, vol. 22, Dec. 1933, p. 105: Deli, northeastern Sumatra), not *Muscicapa albiventer* von Spix, 1825.

17. *Cyornis superba* Stresemann (Chasen, Handlist of Malaysian Birds, 1935, p. 167) may be called

***Muscicapa venusta*, new name**

for *Cyornis superba* Stresemann (*Orn. Monatsber.*, vol. 33, No. 2, Mar. 1, 1925, p. 52: Mount Penrisen, Sarawak), not *Muscicapa superba* Bechstein, 1794.



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