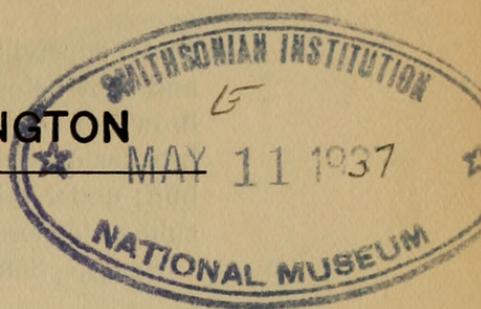


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A NEW RACE OF DACTYLORTYX FROM HONDURAS.

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Recently the author had occasion to check over the different races of *Dactylortyx thoracicus*. In so doing he was surprised to discover that specimens from southern Honduras did not belong to either of the relatively light colored Salvadorean races, but were even darker than *D. t. chiapensis*.

The Honduran birds, therefore, may be known as

***Dactylortyx thoracicus fuscus*, new subspecies.**

Type.—From Alto Cantoral, Dept. Tegucigalpa, Honduras; No. 11,470, adult male in the Conover Collection, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; collected January 24, 1934, by C. F. Underwood.

Characters.—Closest to *Dactylortyx thoracicus chiapensis*. The males differ from that race by being much darker on the breast, flanks, crown of the head, lower back, rump, upper wing coverts and secondaries; the white shaft streaks on the feathers of the under parts are slightly narrower. Females in comparison with *chiapensis* have the breast slightly brighter red, the abdomen more buffy and the mantle redder; the lower back, rump, upper wing coverts and secondaries have a rich golden ochraceous tinge instead of a grayish buff one. From its nearest neighbor geographically, the race *taylori*, it differs by the same characters, but to a greater degree, as *taylori* is lighter than *chiapensis*.

Description of type.—Top of the head dark brown, the feathers washed on the edges with deep rusty; feathers of the back of the neck brown with wide buff centers; mantle grayish brown; lower back, rump, and upper tail coverts olive gray, indistinctly vermiculated with buff, the upper tail coverts irregularly blotched with small spots of the same color; tail dark brown barred irregularly with buff; tertials, wing coverts and secondaries dark brown finely vermiculated with sandy brown, the tertials and wing coverts blotched with black near the extremities of the inner webs; wing coverts with pale buff shaft streaks, and the tertials with the inner webs broadly margined with golden buff; primaries brown, lightly mottled with buff on the outer web and with a small buffy white spot at the tip of the

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shaft; superciliary stripe, cheeks and throat reddish chestnut; ear coverts and spot before the eye dark brown; chest, breast and flanks dark olive brown, each feather with a very narrow white shaft line, which become broader on the flanks; abdomen white; feathers of the thighs tipped with buff; under tail coverts golden buff with black centers. Wing (flat) 137; culmen (exposed) 15.5; tarsus 35; middle toe (without claw) 32.5 mm.

Range.—Southern Honduras.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED.

Dactylortyx thoracicus chiapensis.—Mexico, Chiapas, San Cristobal, 2 ♂ (including type), 1 ♀; Guatemala, Quezaltenango, 1 ♂, Volcan Santa Maria, 1 ♀.

Dactylortyx thoracicus salvadoranus.—El Salvador, Volcan San Miguel, 2 ♂ (including type), 1 ♀.

Dactylortyx thoracicus taylori.—El Salvador, Mt. Cacaguatique, 3 ♂ (including type), 3 ♀.

Dactylortyx thoracicus fuscus.—Honduras, Dept. Tegucigalpa, Alto Cantoral, 1 ♂, Cantoral, 1 ♂; Rancho Quemado, 1 ♀, San Juancito, 2 ♀.

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