

GROTEINAE A NEW SUBFAMILY.

When I raised Labena and allies to family rank, Ent. News, **31** (16), 1920, I made no provision for the genus *Grotea* for which I now create the subfamily Groteinae. In my "Families and Subfamilies of Ichneumon-flies," Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, **31**, 1918, Groteinae will replace Labeninae on page 73 and on page 71 Labenidae should be inserted between Trigonalidae and Ichneumonidae.

—Henry L. Viereck.

CHLORONERPES SWAINSON VERSUS PICULUS SPIX.

Ornithologists have apparently quite lost sight of the generic name *Piculus* so far as current use is concerned. However, it seems necessary to revive it as a generic designation for some group of the woodpeckers that its author included. It was originally instituted by Spix in his great work on South American birds (Avium Species Novae Brasiliam, I, 1824, p. [vii] = Index, p. [3]), to include six species, in the following fashion:

" <i>Piculus Macrocephalus</i>	[Pagina]	60	[Tabula]	53.2
<i>guttatus</i>	"	61	"	53.1
<i>Rubrifrons</i> M. F.	"	61	"	55
<i>Icterocephalus</i> M. F.	"	62	"	54
<i>Maculifrons</i>	"	62	"	56.1
<i>Ruficeps</i> M. F.	"	63	"	56.1.2"

These with their modern equivalents are as follows:

Piculus macrocephalus Spix = *Chloronerpes chrysochloros braziliensis* (Swainson).

Piculus guttatus Spix = *Chrysomitris punctigulus guttatus* (Spix).

Piculus rubrifrons Spix = *Tripsurus rubrifrons* (Spix).

Piculus icterocephalus (Latham) = *Chloronerpes flavigulus* (Boddaert).

Piculus maculifrons Spix = *Veniliornis maculifrons* (Spix).

Piculus ruficeps Spix = *Veniliornis ruficeps ruficeps* (Spix).

It will thus be seen that the generic name *Piculus* must replace either *Chloronerpes* Swainson, *Chrysomitris* Swainson, *Tripsurus* Swainson, or *Veniliornis* Bonaparte, all of which it antedates by many years; since *Piculus* Geoffroy 1832, *Piculus* Hodgson 1841, and *Piculus* Brehm 1842, are all of later date, all refer to entirely different groups, and are thus virtually different generic names. In order definitely to settle the question, we hereby designate as the type of *Piculus* Spix the first species listed, which is *Piculus macrocephalus* Spix. This, as above shown, will therefore make necessary the use of the generic name *Piculus* for the group hitherto known as *Chloronerpes*, and the various forms of this genus should now stand as follows:

Piculus simplex simplex (Salvin).

Piculus simplex allophylus (Bangs).

Piculus callopterus (Lawrence).

Piculus chrysochloros chrysochloros (Vieillot).

Piculus chrysochloros braziliensis (Swainson).

- Piculus chrysochloros aurosus* (Nelson).
- Piculus paraensis* (Snethlage).
- Piculus xanthochlorus* (Sclater and Salvin).
- Piculus capistratus* (Malherbe).
- Piculus erythropis* (Vieillot).
- Piculus leucolaemus* (Malherbe).
- Piculus litae* (Rothschild).
- Piculus flavigulus flavigulus* (Boddaert).
- Piculus flavigulus magnus* (Cherrie and Reichenberger).
- Piculus aurulentus* (Temminck).
- Piculus chrysogaster* (Berlepsch and Stolzmann).
- Piculus rubiginosus rubiginosus* (Swainson).
- Piculus rubiginosus gularis* (Hargitt).
- Piculus rubiginosus coloratus* (Chapman).
- Piculus rubiginosus rubripileus* (Salvadori and Festa).
- Piculus rubiginosus trinitatis* (Ridgway).
- Piculus rubiginosus tobagensis* (Ridgway).
- Piculus rubiginosus yucatanensis* (Cabot).
- Piculus rubiginosus canipileus* (d'Orbigny).
- Piculus rubiginosus uropygialis* (Cabanis).
- Piculus rubiginosus meridensis* (Ridgway).
- Piculus rubiginosus buenavistae* (Chapman).
- Piculus rubiginosus alleni* (Bangs).
- Piculus rubiginosus tucumanus* (Cabanis).
- Piculus aeruginosus* (Malherbe).
- Piculus auricularis* (Salvin and Godman).

—Harry C. Oberholser.



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