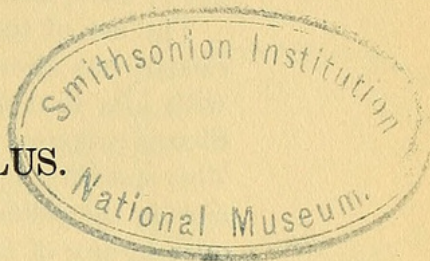


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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW ORIOLUS.

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Three specimens of *Oriolus indicus* from Korea seem to prove its breeding in that country, and to represent an undescribed race. As there seems to be no name available, the Korean bird may be known as

Oriolus indicus ochroxanthus.

Chars. subsp.—Similar to *Oriolus indicus indicus* from China and the Malay Peninsula, but male with the yellow less golden, and the black occipital patch decidedly wider, 21 to 25 (instead of 12 to 23) mm.; female with lower parts much paler.

Description.—Type, adult male, No. 114413, U. S. Nat. Mus.; near Seoul, Korea, June 17, 1883; P. L. Jouy; original number, 1104. Forehead and middle of crown, gamboge yellow; lores, orbital ring, and wide superciliary stripe, continuous with a broad occipital band, black; cervix and sides of neck between gamboge yellow and light cadmium; back, rump, and scapulars, gamboge yellow, overlaid with sulphine yellow; upper tail-coverts dull gamboge yellow; tail black, the four outer rectrices broadly, three of the four remaining feathers narrowly, tipped with rather dull lemon chrome, this occupying on the outermost feather a space of 37 mm.; wings black, but the inner margins of the quills brownish, the tips of the outer webs of the secondaries and broad terminal portion of the primary coverts, straw yellow, broad outer margins of secondaries, excepting the extreme unexposed basal portion, wax yellow, the greater wing-coverts of the same color, but somewhat brighter, the median and lesser coverts, gamboge yellow slightly washed with sulphine yellow; cheeks, chin, throat, and breast, between lemon chrome and gamboge yellow; abdomen, crissum, and lining of wing, lemon chrome; "iris, dark reddish brown."

Measurements.—Male: wing, 151 mm.; tail, 94; exposed culmen, 28.5; height of bill at base, 12.5; tarsus, 25; middle toe without claw, 20.5.

Female: wing, 147 mm.; tail, 97; exposed culmen, 29.5; height of bill at base, 12; tarsus, 23.5; middle toe without claw, 20.

Remarks.—The male in juvenal plumage shows the same differential characters as do the adult male and adult female, and compared with the juvenal plumage of *Oriolus indicus indicus* is much darker, more greenish

(less golden) above, and paler below. Birds from southeastern Manchuria, 180 miles up the Yalu River, seem to verge slightly toward the Korean race, but are certainly to be referred to *Oriolus indicus indicus*. The specimens examined besides the type come from near Chemulpo, September 8, 1883, and from 30 miles east of Seoul, August 12, 1883.

The use of the name *Oriolus indicus* Jerdon instead of *Oriolus diffusus* Sharpe has already been explained by Dr. E. Hartert.¹ We quite agree with him that there is no reason for the rejection of Jerdon's name as Sharpe proposed when instituting the name *Oriolus diffusus* for this species.² This species is apparently distinct from *Oriolus maculatus*, since the difference in the yellow areas on the tertials and inner secondaries is not bridged over in any of the specimens of the subspecies of *Oriolus maculatus* or of *Oriolus indicus* examined. Furthermore, there is a gap in the range of the two species.

¹Vögel paläarkt. Fauna, I, Heft I, November, 1903. p. 53.

²Cat. Birds Brit. Mus., III, 1877, p. 197.



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