

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF GROUND WARBLER FROM EASTERN MEXICO.

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THE VERY interesting addition to the avifauna of Mexico described below, was obtained by purchase from Mr. Frank B. Armstrong, of Brownsville, Texas, and was at first supposed to be the *Geothlypis cucullata* of Salvin and Godman,¹ but when compared with specimens of that species belonging to the division of ornithology and mammalogy of the Department of Agriculture, was found to be exceedingly distinct, *G. cucullata* being intimately related to *G. bairdi*, Nutting,² of Eastern Nicaragua and Costa Rica, while the new species from Tampico is more closely related to *G. beldingi*, Ridgway,³ of Lower California. This close relationship to a Lower Californian species is remarkable, since no form related to them occurs, so far as known, in the intervening territory.

The new species may be characterized as follows:

GEOTHTLYPIS FLAVOVELATUS, new species.

ALTA MIRA—YELLOW-THROAT.

Specific characters.—Similar to *G. beldingi*, Ridgway, of Lower California, but much smaller, with the broad yellow band, bordering the hinder edge of the black "mask," more sharply defined and deeper yellow, and the coloration throughout more intense. More like *G. melanops*, Baird, in size, but still smaller, and readily distinguished by the clear yellow instead of white postfrontal and postauricular band.

Geographic range.—Eastern Mexico (Alta Mira, near Tampico, State of Tamaulipas).

Type.—No. 135180, U. S. N. M.; adult male, from Alta Mira, near Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico, collected by F. B. Armstrong, December 5, 1894. A frontal band (about 0.27 of an inch wide), lores, orbits, malar region and auriculars black, forming a sharply defined "mask;" behind this a well-defined band (about 0.15–0.18 of an inch wide), of clear

¹ Ibis, April, 1889, p. 237. Type from Cofre de Perote, State of Vera Cruz.

² Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., VI, p. 398, 1883. Type from Los Sábalos, Nicaragua.

³ Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., V, p. 344, September 5, 1882.

canary-yellow, inclining to light chrome-yellow; rest of upper parts uniform olive-green, browner anteriorly, especially on occiput. Under parts intense yellow, paler, more lemon-yellow on belly and under tail-coverts, the sides and flanks yellowish olive-brown. Maxilla black, brownish on tomium; mandible blackish brown terminally, whitish basally; legs and feet rather dark horn-color. Length (skin), 4.90; wing, 2.10; tail, 2.08; exposed culmen, 0.50; tarsus, 0.83; middle toe, 0.55.



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