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**NINE NEW BIRDS FROM THE PERIJA MOUNTAINS AND  
ELEVEN EXTENSIONS OF RANGES TO VENEZUELA**

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Studies of recent accessions to the collections of Dr. Adolfo Pons, Maracaibo, and the Museo de Historia Natural La Salle, Caracas, show the following subspecies as apparently new. The specimens upon which the extensions of ranges are based are all recent accessions to the Phelps Collection.

A sketch map of the Perijá region with an annotated list of the species known from there at that time is given in "Las Aves de Perijá", by William H. Phelps, Boletin de la Sociedad Venezolana de Ciencias Naturales, No. 56, pp. 265-338, 1943. A bibliography of the birds of the region appears at the end of this paper.

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Specimens listed as examined are in the Phelps Collection, Caracas, unless otherwise specified. Names of colors are capitalized when direct comparison has been made with Ridgway's "Color Standards and Color Nomenclature", 1912. Wing measurements are of the chord.

*Premnornis guttuligera* (Sclater)

*Thripophaga guttuligera* Sclater, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p. 167, 1864.  
("in Nova Granada interiori" = "Bogotá".)

1 ♂, summit of Cerro Pejochaina, 2000 meters, upper Río Negro valley, Sierra de Perijá, Zulia.

This specimen constitutes an extension of range to Venezuela from the western slopes of the eastern Andes of Colombia; not recorded from Santa Marta.

*Anabacerthia striaticollis perijana*, new subspecies

*Type*: From Kunana, Río Negro, Sierra de Perijá, Zulia, Venezuela; 1500 meters. No. 599, Museo de Historia Natural La Salle, Caracas. Adult male collected December 30, 1950, by Brother Angel. (Type on deposit, with the Phelps Collection types, at the American Museum of Natural History.)

*Diagnosis*: Nearest to *A. s. striaticollis* Lafresnaye, of the Mérida region and Colombia, from which it differs by having a shorter wing; the back lighter, more yellowish olive, less rufous brown; under parts also lighter, more yellowish olive, less buffy brown. Differs from *A. s. venezuelana* (Hellmayr), of the Caracas region, by yellower, less grayish













eastern Panamá, by having a pure gray crown and nape instead of grayish brown; the chestnut on head is darker; back, uropygium and edgings of rectrices is a brighter, more yellowish green; edgings of remiges more yellowish, less grayish green; under parts from chin to vent more purely grayish white without the faint brown tinge on throat and breast and dull yellowish on abdomen; under tail-coverts pale sulphur instead of whitish.

*Range:* The Subtropical Zone in the upper Río Negro region, Sierra de Perijá, at altitudes from 1650 to 2000 meters.

*Description of type:* Top of head and nape Castor Gray, feathers of crown and forehead with dusky centers giving a faint striped appearance; back and rump Courge Green; upper tail-coverts whitish, the feathers faintly tipped with pale greenish, making a whitish band of 4 mm. in width; extreme edge of forehead, lores and superciliary stripes Burnt Sienna; base of feathers against nostrils conspicuously white; ear-coverts grayish and rufous; sides of head mixed grayish and dusky. Under parts grayish white, more grayish on sides of breast and flanks; lower flanks and under tail-coverts Sulphur Yellow; axillaries whitish. Wings Fuscous; remiges edged externally, except apically, with greenish gray, more yellowish and prominent on tertials; median and lesser wing coverts lightly edged with green, uniform with back; bend of wing white; under wing-coverts whitish. Tail Benzo Brown, paler on under surface; rectrices, except outer ones, edged, except apically, with Courge Green.

Bill (in life) "black"; feet "blackish gray"; iris "brown." Wing, 61 mm.; tail, 55; exposed culmen, 9; culmen from base, 12.5; tarsus, 17.

*Remarks:* Males have longer wings and tails. Size similar to *palloris* and *P. s. superciliaris* (Sclater and Salvin). Range of measurements: five adult males—wing, 56-61(58.4); tail, 54-55(54.8); culmen from base, 11-13(12.1); three adult females—wing, 50-52(51.1; tail, 48-49(48.3); culmen from base, 11-12(11.7). Measurements of the adult male type of *palloris*: wing, 60 mm.; tail, 57; culmen from base, 12; tarsus, 16. Measurements of *superciliaris* according to Hellmayr<sup>9</sup>: wing, 58; tail, 56; "bill", 9.8; tarsus, 16.

Outside of the Perijá specimens we know of only six others of the species *superciliaris*: two co-type females of the subspecies *superciliaris* in the British Museum from Chitra and Calovevora, Veragua, Panamá, and two from Costa Rica; and of *palloris* two specimens, the type from Tacarcuna, eastern Panamá and a "Bogotá" skin in the Paris Museum. Regarding the species, Griscom<sup>10</sup> says in his original description of *palloris* "One of the rarest and least known of the Tyrant Flycatchers in the world—". It was described as of the genus *Leptotriccus*. Hellmayr<sup>9</sup> placed it in *Mecocerculus* and de Schauensee<sup>11</sup> considers it *Phylloscartes*.

Apparently there has been a confusion as to the type locality of *palloris*. Griscom<sup>10</sup>, in his original description, gives the type locality as "Tapalisa, E. Panamá." de Schauensee<sup>11</sup> also says "Tapalisa, eastern Panamá." The senior author examined the type specimen in the American Museum of Natural History. The label says "Tacarcuna, E.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 21 Altamira (Barinas)       | 16 Culata, Páramo la   |
| 25 Anzoátegui (Lara)        | 26 Cubiro              |
| 10 Arauca, Río              | 28 Cumbre de Valencia  |
| 15 Aricagua, Páramo         | 7 Curimagua            |
| 35 Areatinga, Laguna        | 6 El Cerrón, Cerro     |
| 36 Asisa, Río               | 6 El Cogollal, Cerro   |
| 31 Avila, Cerro del         | 18 El Escorial, Páramo |
| 2 Ayapa, Tribu (=La Sabana) | 30 El Junquito         |
| 21 Barintas                 | 15 El Muerto           |
| 13 Boca de Monte            | 24 El Rincón           |
| 35 Boca de Río              | 14 El Vigía            |
| 24 Cendé                    | 2 "Frontera" (Zulia)   |
| 24 Cendé, Páramo            | 31 Galipán             |
| 27 Colonia Chirgua          | 33 Golfo Triste, Cerro |
| 30 Colonia Tovar            | 22 Guamito             |

25	Guarico (Lara)	Sabana)
32	Izearagua, Hacienda	2 Pejochaina, Cerro
24	Jabón, Páramo	3 Perijá, Distrito
2	Jamayaujaina, Cerro	13 Queniquea
2	Jeretaca, Cerro	18 Quintero
2	Jurustaco, Cerro	2 Quirinchi, Cerro
37	Kabadisocaña	36 Sabana (Río Asisa)
2	Kunana	16 San Antonio, Páramo
23	La Cristalina, Páramo	7 San Luis
20	La Cuchilla	29 Santa Clara, Hacienda
38	La Faisea, Mina	39 Santa Elena de Uairén
11	La Fría	19 Santo Domingo, Páramo
2	La Sabana	12 Seboruco
9	Las Bonitas	31 Silla de Caracas
8	Las Delicias	18 Tabay
17	Llano Rucio	8 Tamá, Páramo de
1	Maracaibo	2 Tamupejocha, Cerro (= Cerro Pejochaina)
5	Maracaibo, Lago	2 Tetarí, Cerro
18	Mérida	20 Timotes
19	Mesa de Lino	11 Ureña
23	Misisí, Páramo de	18 Valle
34	Negro, Cerro (Miranda)	18 Vallecito
4	Negro, Río (Zulia)	8 Villa Páez
19	Nevados	2 Yin-taina, Cerro
24	Niquitáz, Cerro	13 Zumbádor, Páramo
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