

## DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF BIRD OF THE GENUS CATHARUS, FROM ECUADOR.

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## CATHARUS BERLEPSCHI.

*Catharus fuscater* Berl. nec Lafr.

*Male*.—The crown is of a deep brown color; the rest of the upper plumage is blackish cinereous; the tail is dark brown, a little lighter in color than the crown; the quills are dark brown, of a lighter shade than the tail; the throat is ashy white; the breast is of a pale ash color; the abdomen and under tail-coverts are whitish; the sides of the breast and the flanks are blackish cinereous; the bill is of a pale yellowish white; the culmen blackish; "iris pale white;" tarsi and toes of a very pale brown.

Length, 6 inches; wing, 3; tail, 2.75; bill, 0.63; tarsus, 1.38.

*Habitat*.—Western Ecuador, Cayandede.

Type in the collection formerly belonging to me, now at the American Museum of Natural History.

*Remarks*. This specimen was presented to me by Count Hans von Berlepsch as *Catharus fuscater* Lafr. It differs strikingly from specimens of *C. fuscater* from Central America, of which Mr. Ridgway has kindly sent me three examples. Of these he writes me: "I have compared them with Lafresnaye's type and found them to be the same."

It differs in dimensions from *C. fuscater*, being smaller, the wing shorter and the tail longer; the bill is straighter, narrower, and a little longer; the tarsi are very decidedly more slender and darker in color.

*C. fuscater* is much stouter in appearance, and the general coloring is much darker; its upper plumage is entirely black; the throat, the upper part of the breast, and the sides are blackish cinereous; the white of the abdomen is much more restricted than in the new species.

It is with much pleasure that I confer upon it the name of my friend, Count Berlepsch.