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ON THE NAME AND SYNONYMY OF THE ANTIL-  
LEAN SHARP-SHINNED HAWK.

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In 1827, Vigors described a small sharp-shinned hawk taken near Havana, Cuba, by MacLeay, as *Accipiter fringilloides*, under which name it has always appeared in print, but if Haitian and Cuban birds are the same, as they have been considered by those who have had an opportunity of handling specimens from the two islands, then *Accipiter striatus* of Vieillot has twenty years priority and must be adopted until the birds of the two islands are proved distinct.

I am not aware that any direct comparison has been made between birds of the two islands; in fact the rarity of specimens in collections would preclude this. Lawrence, in 1860, described the adult male, adult female, young male, and two young females from Cuban specimens and Cherrie has described the adult female, adult male, and young male from Haitian specimens. Judging from descriptions, the birds of the two islands are similar or identical. I would like to add, however, that in the only specimen of the adult male handled by me the feathers of the nape have concealed white bases and the inner webs of the flight feathers externally, except the tertials, have dark cross bars, a feature not mentioned by either Lawrence or Cherrie. The following synonymy has been worked out by me and may prove useful to future investigators:

- Accipiter striatus* VIEILLOT, Ois. Am. Sept. I, 1807, 42, pl. 14 (Santo Domingo).—SRICKLAND, Orn. Syn., 1855, 109 (part).  
*Falco Vieillotinus* SHAW, Gen. Zool. VII, part 1, 1809, 204 (Santo Domingo).

- Sparvius striatus* VIEILLOT, Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. X, 1817, 325.
- S*[*parvius*] *striatus* VIEILLOT, Tab. Enc. Meth., III, 1823, 1265.
- Accipiter fringilloides* VIGORS, Zool. Journ. III, 1827, 434 (near Havana, Cuba).—DENNY, P. Z. S. Lond., 1847, 38.—LAWRENCE, Ann. New York Lyc. Nat. Hist., VII, 1860, 255 (Cuba; desc. plumages).—GUNDLACH, J. f. O., 1871, 368 (Cuba); Contr. Orn. Cubana, 1876, 44; Orn. Cubana, 1895, 25 (habits, plumages).—SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus., I, 1874, 135 (foot-note).—CORY, Bds. Haiti and St. Domingo, 1885, 120 (desc. and plate ♀ juv.); Auk, IV, 1887, 41 (desc.; syn.; crit.); Bds. W. I., 1889, 199; Cat. Bds. W. I., 1892, 98.
- Nisus fringilloides* D'ORBIGNY, La Sagra's Hist. Fis. Pol. Nat. Cuba, Aves, 1839, 31; French ed., p. 18.—RIDGWAY, Bull. U. S. Geol. and Geog. Surv. Terr. II, 1876, 117 (desc. plumages and syn.).
- A*[*stur*] *fringilloides* LEMBEYE, Aves de Cuba, 1850, 128.
- A*[*stur*] *fuscus* LEMBEYE, Aves de Cuba, 1850, 128.
- Nisus fuscus* CABANIS, J. f. O., II, Suppl. 1855, p. lxxxiii (Cuba).—CORY, Bull. NUTTALL Orn. Club, VI, 1881, 154 (Haiti).
- Accipiter fuscus* BREWER, Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., VII, 1860, 306 (Cuba).
- [*Accipiter*] *fringilloides* BREWER, Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., VII, 1860, 306 (Cuba).—GUNDLACH, J. f. O., 1861, 322 (Cuba); J. f. O., 1862, 188; Repertorio fis.-nat. Cuba, I, 1865-66, 224.—GRAY, Handl. Bds. I, 1869, 32 (Cuba).—SCLATER and SALVIN, Nom. Avium Neotr. 1873, 120 (Cuba).—CORY, List Bds. W. I. 1885, 22.—GURNEY, List Diurnal Bds. Prey, 1884, 42.—SHARPE, Handl. Bds., I, 1889, 252.
- Acc*[*ipiter*] *fringilloides* GUNDLACH, Anales Hist. Nat. Madrid, II, 1873, 100 (Cuba).
- N*[*isus*] *fuscus* var. *fringilloides* BAIRD, BREWER and RIDGWAY, Hist. N. Am. Bds., III, 1874, 223.
- N*[*isus*] *fringilloides* RIDGWAY, Bull. U. S. Geol. and Geog. Surv. Terr. II, 1876, 95 (Cuba).