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A NEW DRYONASTES FROM SZECHUAN, CHINA.

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In a small collection of birds, mostly from Mount Omei, central Szechuan, China, presented to the U. S. National Museum recently by the Reverend David C. Graham, the following very distinct species of *Dryonastes* was included. As it apparently agrees with no published description, I take great pleasure in naming it after the donor:

Dryonastes grahami, sp. nov.

Type, adult male, U. S. National Museum, No. 257,204, Shin Kai Si, Mount Omei, Szechuan, China, July 6, 1921. Collected by David C. Graham.

General color above and below, deep neutral gray, mouse gray on the throat and jugulum; forehead and a narrow line bordering the black mask, light neutral gray; feathers covering the nostril, supra-loral streak running back beyond the eye as a narrow line, lores, sub-orbital and malar regions to posterior border of the eye, and chin, black, forming a mask; ear-coverts and an irregular patch on sides of neck, overlapping slightly as a narrow streak the posterior extension of the black subra-loral streak, white, the ear-coverts tinged with grayish anteriorly; upper and under tail-coverts, mouse gray; wing-coverts similar to the back; remiges, chaetura black, edged on the outer web with deep mouse gray; tail, sooty black; narrow border of feathers surrounding anus, white. Wing, 130.5; tail, 140; culmen, 25; tarsus, 46; middle-toe, 27 mm.

Remarks.—In structure and size the present species agrees fairly well with *Dryonastes perspicillatus* (*Dryonastes* as at present constituted is not a very homogeneous genus), but not in color. The black mask of *Dryonastes grahami* only differs in detail from that of *Dryonastes perspicillatus*, but the white on the ear-coverts and sides of neck and gray plumage of the former make it very distinct and quite unlike any described species known to the author.

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