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A NEW SUBSPECIES OF NUN BIRD FROM PANAMA.

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Study of the birds collected during 1912 in eastern Panama by E. A. Goldman, while engaged on the Smithsonian Biological Survey of the Canal Zone, continues to reveal forms previously unknown. I am indebted to Mr. Robert Ridgway, Curator of Birds of the U. S. National Museum, for directing my attention to the present subspecies.

Monasa pallescens minor subsp. nov.
MARRAGANTI NUN BIRD.

Type No. 232,915, adult male, U. S. National Museum (Biological Survey Collection) from Marraganti, eastern Panama, collected April 5, 1912, by E. A. Goldman.

Distribution.—Known only from type locality.

Subspecific characters.—Differs from typical *pallescens* in its smaller size and darker, more plumbeous color.

Measurements of type.—Wing, 131.5 millimeters; tail, 119.5; culmen, 36.5; tarsus, 22.5.

Remarks.—This form has the bend of the wing and the upper and under wing-coverts much paler than the back, but a little darker and more plumbeous than in typical *pallescens*. The dark area of head and neck, as in the latter, merges gradually into the color of the body, and has a mixture of dark gray feathers scattered through the dusky, especially on top of head and neck. Goldman collected two of these birds during a brief stop at Marraganti in the lowlands, on his way out from Mount Pirri.

