

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW FORM OF SPINDALIS FROM THE BAHAMAS.

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Spindalis zena townsendi, subsp. nov.

DIAGNOSIS.—Similar to *S. zena* (LINN.),* but with the back either entirely olive or much mixed with this color, instead of being uniform deep black. *Hab.* Abaco Island, Bahamas. (Dedicated to Mr. Chas. W. Townsend, collector of the type specimen, No. 108525, U. S. Nat. Mus.; Abaco, March 26, 1886.)

Five adult males from Abaco differ in the character pointed out above from every specimen in a series of twenty from other islands (New Providence, Eleuthera, and Cat Island), obtained at the same season, showing the difference to be local, and not dependent on age or season.

* *Fringilla zena* LINN. S. N., ed. 10, i., 1758, 181. *Spindalis zena* Sel. P. Z. S., 1856, 321.