

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS OF DENDROCOLAPTINE BIRD
FROM THE LOWER AMAZON.

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Berlepschia, gen. nov.

GENERIC CHARACTERS.—Most like *Pseudocolaptes* REICHENBACH,* but with wing more pointed (first quill longer than fifth instead of shorter than tenth), feet much weaker (tarsus not longer than bill from frontal feathers), tail-feathers narrower and more pointed at tips, and coloration very different (type species with lower parts streaked and spotted with black and white, top of head and hind-neck black streaked with white, back scapulars, greater portion of wings, rump, upper tail-coverts, and tail plain cinnamon-rufous or rusty).

Type, *Picolaptes rikeri* RIDGW.†

The type species of this new genus was at first referred to *Picolaptes*, but Count von Berlepsch, to whom it was sent for examination, has kindly pointed out its radical differences from that genus and its relationship to *Pseudocolaptes*, facts which are at once obvious when the proper comparison is made. In selecting a name for this new genus, I can think of none more fitting than that given at the head of this article as a slight recognition of Count von Berlepsch's eminent services in the careful elucidation of Neotropical ornithology.

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* *Pseudocolaptes* REICH., Handb. Orn., i, 1853, 209. Type, *P. semicinnamomeus* REICH., = *Anabates boissonieautii* LAFF.

† *Picolaptes rikeri* RIDGW., Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., ix, November 26, 1886, 523.