

As compared with *Z. craticula* Goode and Bean (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1882, 433), the species now under consideration appears to differ in the following respects: The interorbital space is wider, the snout shorter, the caudal peduncle shorter, thus bringing the insertion of the dorsal relatively further back; there are rows of dots in the spaces between the longitudinal stripes, and the fish has orange, instead of "brilliant white," cheeks. It is possible, however, that *Z. craticula* will prove to be a synonym of *Z. nottii*.

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DESCRIPTION OF AN APPARENTLY NEW SPECIES OF DROMOCOCYX FROM BRITISH GUIANA.

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*Dromococcyx gracilis*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Smaller than *D. phasianellus* (Spix), with much slenderer bill, narrower rectrices, and different coloration. *Adult* (No. 81,853, U. S. Nat. Mus., Demerara, British Guiana; O. Lugger, coll.). Pileum dull ferruginous, the concealed central and basal portion of the feathers dusky, the lengthened occipital feathers brighter rusty at ends; auriculars dull ferruginous; rest of head, including superciliary stripe, and also the chin, throat, jugulum, and cheeks, deep ochraceous (paler on the chin and throat), wholly free from markings. Upper parts blackish, the feathers broadly margined with ash-gray, the terminal margin of the wing-coverts, broadly, dull buffy white; upper tail-coverts each with a terminal small rhomboidal spot of white. Rectrices dull brownish slate on upper surface, each broadly tipped (for about .30 of an inch) with dull white; under surface brownish gray, with white shafts, the white tip on each feather preceded by a subterminal bar of dull black, about .30 of an inch (more or less) in width. Lower parts (from jugulum back, including lining of wing) immaculate dull white. Wing, 5.50; tail, 6.80 (the intermediæ projecting 1.75 beyond tips of the longest upper coverts); culmen, .95; bill from frontal apices, .70; greatest depth, .20; tarsus, 1.10.

This species may possibly be the same as von Pelzeln's *D. pavoninus* (Orn. Bras., p. 270), from Southern Brazil; but the description of the latter is so meager as to render the name practically a *nomen nudum*.