

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW MUSCISAXICOLA, FROM LAKE TITICACA, PERU.

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*Muscisaxicola occipitalis*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *M. rufivertex* D'Orb., but much browner gray above, upper tail-coverts and tail deep grayish brown instead of brownish black, and chest much more tinged with grayish.

*Adult* (type, No. 99571, Lake Titicaca, Peru; collector unknown): Occiput and posterior half of crown chestnut; rest of upper parts brownish gray, deeper on wings, upper tail-coverts, and tail; a conspicuous supraloral stripe of white, involving upper eyelid, but scarcely passing back of the eye; sides of head and neck light brownish gray, passing into dull grayish white on chin and throat, the chest, sides, and flanks more decidedly grayish, the belly and under tail-coverts nearly pure white. Bill, legs, and feet entirely black. Length (skin) about 6.50, wing 4.30, tail 2.85, exposed culmen .60, tarsus 1.20, middle toe .55.

A specimen from Ocos, Acayueho, Peru (No. 39917, Oct. 19, 1864), collected by Walter S. Chureh, is similar in plumage, and measures as follows: Wing 4.50, tail 3.00, exposed culmen .60, tarsus 1.20, middle toe, .52.

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