NOTE ON THE GENERIC NAME UROPSILA, SCL. & SALV.

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The name Uropsila, proposed in 1873 by Messrs. Schater and Salvin as the name of a genus having for its type the Troglodytes leucogastra of Gould, being preoccupied, it becomes necessary to rename the genus. Accordingly, I propose, as a substitute, the name Hemiura, with the same species as type. The synonymy of the genus would therefore be as follows:

Uropsila Scl. & Salv., Nom. Neotr. 1873, 155 (nec Uropsilus Edw., 1872. mammals). Type, Troglodytes leucogastra Gould. (Cf. Salv. & Godm. Biol. Centr. Am., Aves, i, 1879, 77; Sharpe, Cat. B, Brit. Mus. vi, 1881, 284.)

Hemiura RIDGW., MS. Same type.

To this genus (which I am inclined to rank as merely a subgenus of Troglodytes) I would also refer the Troglodytes brachyurus LAWR. (Ann. N. Y. Ac. Sci. iv, No. 2, June, 1887, 67), as a near ally of the type; Troglodytes solstitialis Scl.: (P. Z. S. 1858, 550), from Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, and Troglodytes (?) ochraceus RIDGW. (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. iv. 1882, 334), from Costa Rica. The latter has been referred by Messrs. Salvin and Godman and Mr. Sharpe to T. solstitialis; but the type is certainly a very different bird from the specimens of T. solstitialis from Guayaquil, Ecuador, in the National Museum collection.