DESCRIPTION OF TWO SUPPOSED NEW FORMS OF THAMNOPHILUS.

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1. Thamnophilus albicrissus, sp. nov.

Sp. char.: Resembling T. major, Vieill., but remiges entirely without white edgings, white bars on tail much smaller, black beneath eyes much broader, and bill much stouter.

Habitat: Trinidad? (Type, No. 85497, U. S. National Museum; from Southwick and Jencks.)

This is evidently a very distinct bird from T. major, and is represented in the collection by an adult male and two females, of uncertain locality, but all of the same "make," which conforms exactly to that of skins from Trinidad. The male is not quite in perfect plumage, the greater wing coverts, though deep black in color, being narrowly tipped with light fulvous. In the adult male of T. major these feathers are not only broadly tipped with pure white, but this color follows the edge of the feathers a considerable distance.

From T. melanocephalus Gould, which I have not seen, this species seems to differ in the spotted tail and smaller size, the wing especially being considerably shorter (3.40 instead of 3.80 inches).

2. Thamnophilus trinitatis, sp. nov.

Sp. char.: Most like T. cirrhatus (Gmel.), but back much deeper and darker brown, black of under parts much more extensive, sides and flanks much darker gray, and white edgings to rectrices much less distinct.

Habitat: Island of Trinidad. (Type, No. 32848, U. S. National Museum, Trinidad; Verreaux.)

In the color of the back this bird resembles T. pulchellus, Cab. and Heine, much more closely than T. cirrhatus, but the color is even a darker brown, which, however, does not extend over the rump as it does in T. pulchellus. It lacks the brown of the sides and flanks as well as the white head-markings, in these respects agreeing with T. pulchellus.