

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW AFRICAN WEAVER-BIRD.

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Three specimens of *Philetaurus cabanisi* (Fischer and Reichenow),^a collected by Dr. A. Donaldson Smith in western Somali Land, differ so much from the typical form of this species that they seem to represent an unnamed geographical race, which may be called

PHILETAURUS CABANISI ENCHORUS, new subspecies.

Chars. subsp.—Similar to *Philetaurus cabanisi cabanisi*, but darker, less tawny brown above; and pure white instead of strongly tinged with flesh color below.

Description.—Type, adult male, No. 177921, United States National Museum; Dabulli, western Somali Land, Africa, September 16, 1894; Dr. A. Donaldson Smith. Top and sides of head down to the cheeks, black; remainder of upper parts, including the wings, broccoli brown, somewhat more tawny on the cervix, and rather darker on the upper tail-coverts; tail sepia brown, the edges of the feathers slightly paler; cheeks and lower surface pure white, the sides of the body broccoli brown with broad black streaks; center of lower breast and upper abdomen streaked with black and dark brown; axillars white; under wing-coverts brownish white; irides orange; bill silvery white; legs brownish flesh color.

The measurements (in millimeters) of our specimens are as follows:

Sex.	Date.	Locality.	Wing.	Tail.	Exposed culmen.	Tarsus.	Middle toe.
Male . . .	September 16, 1894	Dabulli, Somali Land ^a . . .	68	48	14	17	12.5
Male . . .	do	do	69.5	51	14	18	13
Female . . .	do	do	68	49	13.5	17.5	13
		Average	68.5	49.3	13.8	17.5	12.8

^aType.

These three examples were recorded by Doctor Sharpe in his account of Doctor Smith's whole collection,^b and are noteworthy as greatly extending the known northward range of the species.

^a*Nigrita cabanisi* FISCHER and REICHENOW, Journ. f. Ornith., 1884, p. 54 (Pare Mountains, Masailand, German East Africa).

^bProc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1895, p. 465.