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This paper is the seventeenth dealing solely with the results of the Smithsonian African Expedition, under the direction of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The genus *Cisticola* is a very large one, and contains, among other groups of species, a very compact one, comprising four of the African species: *Cisticola hunteri* Shelley (1889), *C. lovati* Ogilvie-Grant (January, 1900), *C. prinioides* Neumann (July, 1900), and *C. harrisoni* Stone (1906). As three of the above-named species inhabit restricted areas no geographic races have been described; but of *C. prinioides* three tenable races are recognized, and a fourth is described below. The four subspecies of *C. prinioides* are represented in the collection before me by no less than 58 specimens.

CISTICOLA PRINIOIDES WAMBUGENSIS, new subspecies

Wambugu Grass-Warbler

Type-specimen.—Adult male, Cat. No. 215390, U. S. National Museum; collected at Wambugu, altitude 5,500 feet, British East Africa, October 24, 1909, by Edgar A. Mearns. (Original number 17303.)

Characters.—Similar in size to *Cisticola prinioides prinioides* and *C. p. kilimensis*, slightly smaller than *C. p. neumanni*. Color paler throughout than any of the above-named subspecies. It also differs from them in the following particulars: upperparts more rufescent and plainer in coloration, the slightly darker centers to the feathers of the crown and mantle not forming appreciable stripes; tail pale, rusty drab; underparts whitish, suffused with smoke gray on the sides.

Measurements of type (adult male).—Length (of skin), 135 millimeters; wing, 60; tail, 69; exposed culmen, 13; tarsus, 25.5.

Measurements of adult female.—Length (of skin), 125 millimeters; wing, 55; tail, 58; exposed culmen, 11.5; tarsus, 24.