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GENERAL NOTES.

Note on the name *Rhopocichla*.

Rhopocichla was first used by Oates in 1889 (Fauna Brit. India, Birds, I, 159) for an Indian Timeline bird. Two years later Dr. Allen employed the same term (Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., III, 199, 1891) for a South American Ant Thrush. As the use of the same name in two families of birds is liable to lead to some confusion it is proposed to replace Dr. Allen's *Rhopocichla* by *Rhopornis* (type *Myiothera ardesiaca* Wied).—Charles W. Richmond.

**The technical names of two Dogbanes from the
District of Columbia.**

In his recently published Manual of the Flora of the Northern States and Canada, Dr. N. L. Britton transfers the name *Apocynum medium* Greene to the Dogbane which, in my paper on the species occurring in the District of Columbia,* I described as *A. speciosum*. For the *Apocynum medium* as there defined, he proposes the new name *A. milleri*. Beyond the brief citation of synonyms no reason is given for these alterations; and after a careful examination of the facts I am forced to regard the change as quite unwarranted.

At the time of my revision of the species Professor Greene informed me that he had based the name *medium* on a plant growing at a well-known locality in Brookland, D. C. At this station there is found only one species of *Apocynum*, living and fresh specimens of which furnished the material for my description. Since the publication of Doctor

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