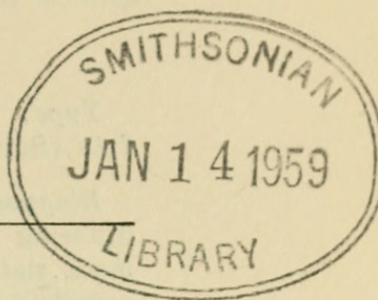


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TWO NEW BIRDS FROM EASTERN ASIA

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I.

Peters (Check-list of Birds of the World, vol. 4, 1940, p. 252) records the Malayan house swift, *Apus affinis subfurcatus*, as "casual in the Philippines, Formosa and the Borodino Islands." Hachisuka (Quarterly Journal of the Taiwan Museum, vol. 4, Nos. 1 & 2, June 1951, p. 76) emendates Peters's statement, saying "A small number of this House-Swift [*subfurcatus*] is resident in Formosa, breeding probably in high mountains and descending to the low plains in winter."

I have recently obtained from Dr. Robert E. Kuntz, Head of the Parasitology Department, U. S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, based in Formosa, a series of 29 adult house swifts (many of them captured on their nests) from the suburbs of Taipei. They prove to represent on undescribed subspecies, which may be called

***Apus affinis kuntzi*, subsp. nov.**

Type: U. S. National Museum No. 469354, unsexed adult, collected at Shih Lin (a northern suburb of Taipei), Taipei Hsien, Formosa, on 26 June 1958, by C. Cheng; original number PF 5007 d.

Diagnosis: Nearest *Apus affinis subfurcatus* (Blyth) of Malaya, but easily separable by having the general coloration an almost matt black, and so far as it is glossed at all, glossed with greenish blue rather than steel blue; the throat patch and rump band ashy white, not snow white, and thus less sharply defined from the adjacent dark areas of the plumage.

Range: Northern Formosa. (Reports of the occurrence of *A. a. subfurcatus* in the Borodino Islands, the northern Philippines, and on the coast of Fukien should be reconsidered.)

II.

In course of study of the Timaliinae for a forthcoming volume of Peters's Check-list of Birds of the World, I find it necessary to name a hitherto unreported population of the blue-winged siva from the lowlands of Szechwan. I shall call it

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***Minla cyanouroptera croizati*, subsp. nov.**

Type: U. S. National Museum No. 310764, adult male, collected at Ipin [Suiful], Szechwan, on 2 April 1928, by David C. Graham.

Diagnosis: Nearest *Minla cyanouroptera wingatei* of Yunnan, but differing by having the ground color of the crown and nape a darker, more slaty (less vinaceous), violet-gray; the mantle and upper tail coverts a deeper, richer, less fulvous, brown; the under parts (especially anteriorly) a deep vinaceous gray, rather than vinaceous-washed white.

Range: Known by 15 specimens from the type locality, taken at elevations between 1,000 and 3,000 feet.

Remarks: This race is named in honor of my friend Léon Croizat of Caracas, Venezuela.



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