

XLI.—*Third Contribution to the List of Birds collected by Mr. C. M. Woodford in the Solomon Archipelago.* By W. R. OGILVIE GRANT.

AMONGST a small collection of birds made at Guadalcanar and Rubiana by Mr. Woodford subsequent to the last collection, which was recorded in the 'Proceedings of the Zoological Society' for 1888 (pp. 185–204), is a very fine Rail, which is apparently quite new to science, and I propose to name it in honour of the collector

Rallina Woodfordi, sp. n.

Whole upper surface, cheeks, and suborbital region very dark brown, washed with rufous, especially on the scapulars, edges of the outer webs of the quills, rump, and tail. Inner webs of the bastard-wing and first two primary-quills with three or four transverse white spots; rest of primaries with one or two small white spots near their base. Postorbital region and under surface dark greyish black, becoming almost quite black towards the under tail-coverts and flanks. Chin and an indistinct stripe down the throat whitish. Under wing-coverts and under surface of bastard-wing and quills blackish, the former barred with white, while the two latter are spotted with the same colour as described above and edged with dull olive-brown. First digit with a well-developed hooked nail $\cdot 3$ of an inch long.

"Bill black; legs grey; iris red. Aola, Guadalcanar. 6. xii. 88."

	inches.
Wing	6·5
Tarsus	2·3
Middle toe (with nail)	2·3
Culmen	1·6
Total length.....	14·0

This species, so far as I can discover, is most nearly allied to *Rallina pœcilopectera*, Hartl. (Finsch and Hartlaub, Beitr. z. Fauna Centralpol. p. 156, pl. xii. fig. 1), which was discovered in Fiji, but is easily distinguished by being generally very much darker in the tone of the plumage, and by having the inner webs of the primaries spotted with white instead of rufous, the bill black, and the legs grey.



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