

Subspecific characters. — Most closely related to *H. c. occidentalis* from which it may be distinguished by its darker colors and smaller size.

Dimensions of type. — Wing, 105; tail, 115; culmen, 29; tarsus, 36.

General notes. — This is the darkest of all the races of *H. curvirostris* and has a heavy wash of brownish gray on the lower parts which becomes heaviest on the distinctly spotted breast. The abdomen and under tail-coverts are deep fulvous buffy washed with gray.

A NEW SUBSPECIES OF THE GENUS *HYLOCICHLA*.

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SINCE I published my paper on 'The Ranges of *Hylocichla fuscescens* and *Hylocichla fuscescens salicicola*' in 'The Auk' for January, 1900 (Vol. XVII, No. 1, pp. 18-25), I have had quite a number of additional specimens sent me for examination and identification. These have forced me to recognize that a subspecific difference exists between the *Hylocichla fuscescens salicicola* of the West and the bird inhabiting Newfoundland, which in my former paper I referred to this same race. I noticed at that time that a slight difference did exist, but did not deem it worthy of separation; not being in favor of describing slight variations. I am now, however, of the opinion that the Newfoundland bird is subspecifically distinct from the western *salicicola*, though nearer this race than to *Hylocichla fuscescens*. This difference, now apparent, proves the necessity of having, in describing species and subspecies, very large series with which to work. My former paper was based on the examination of far more specimens than a great many of our recognized subspecies have been described from, and yet the addition to that series has proved that if the western race *salicicola* is recognized the race inhabiting Newfoundland also must be, or in other words that the former series of thirty-six specimens only barely suggested what the addition of eleven more specimens proves.

Hylocichla fuscescens fuliginosa, subsp. nov.

Type, from Codroy, Newfoundland, No. 46260, adult. Coll. of William Brewster. Collected May 31, 1895, by Ernest Doane.

Geographical Range.—Newfoundland (also possibly Anticosti and Labrador).

Subspecific Characters.—Size slightly larger. Upper parts, especially on the head, distinctly *brownish*, much darker and not of the tawny shade of typical *fuscescens*, and *lacking* the greenish tinge of *salicicola*. Throat, lores, and upper breast suffused with *buff*, though perhaps less so than in *fuscescens* (in *salicicola* buff is practically absent), the upper breast and usually also the throat spotted *heavily* with *broad* arrow-shaped brown markings suggesting very strongly the throat and breast of *H. u. swainsonii*. The breast markings of both *fuscescens* and *salicicola* are narrow and more penciled and lighter in shade. Bill darker and heavier.¹

Remarks.—The two specimens already recorded from Rhode Island, and the ones from Ottawa, Ontario, are referable to this race, as is also a male kindly loaned me by Dr. Louis B. Bishop, taken at New Haven, Conn., on September 23, 1895. The specimen recorded from Chester, South Carolina, is probably referable to this new race, rather than to *salicicola*. Another specimen sent me by Dr. Bishop from the Magdalen Islands, taken June 13, 1887, is intermediate between *fuscescens* and *fuliginosa*, although difficult to determine on account of being in worn, breeding plumage. Dr. Bishop has also kindly sent me an adult male (No 4116) taken May 6, 1899, in New Haven County, Conn., and an adult female (No. 4950) taken May 16, 1900, in the same locality, both referable to *fuliginosa*, and the first spring specimens from New England I have seen.

¹ For measurements see Tables with former paper. Auk, Vol. XVII, No. 1, pp. 22, 33.



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