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P R E F A C E .

THE present Atlas has been prepared for the two-fold purpose of completing the series of illustrations of the Birds of North America, and to give accurate and easily recognized figures of the numerous hitherto unknown birds described in the first volume. It contains figures of all birds inhabiting the United States which have not been given by former American authors, in connexion with whose works it continues and concludes, as far as possible, to the present time the pictorial representation of all North American birds. In the accompanying volume of text will be found descriptions of all the known birds of the United States; their arrangement in the genera and families of modern zoologists; their geographical distribution; and, it is believed, everything necessary to a complete and thorough knowledge of this favorite department of the natural history of our country.

In 1843 the distinguished ornithologist, Mr. Audubon, brought to a completion the second and last edition of his great work on the Birds of North America, in which are given faithful and accurate representations of nearly five hundred species. This elaborate work included all the birds known to that celebrated author as inhabiting the continent of America north of Mexico.

In 1853 Mr. Cassin commenced the publication of a work entitled "Illustrations of the Birds of California, Texas, Oregon, and British and Russian America: intended to contain descriptions and figures of all North American birds not given by former American authors, and a general synopsis of North American Ornithology." Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. The first series, containing plates of fifty species not given by Audubon, was completed in 1855, and has not been extended, having been superseded by the present work.

Many of the birds of the United States, not included in the works of the preceding or other American authors, having been collected by the several parties for the Survey of a Railroad Route to the Pacific Ocean, and of the Boundary between the United States and Mexico, as mentioned in the preface to volume I of this work, they were figured in the reports of these expeditions published by Congress under the direction of the War and Interior Departments. All of these birds appear in the present volume, but, in almost every instance, redrawn from better and more characteristic specimens. Of the one hun-

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As already stated, the work of Mr. Audubon contains figures of somewhat less than five hundred species of North American birds; that of Mr. Cassin contains fifty species. In the present volume will be found one hundred and forty-eight species, nearly all of which are now represented for the first time in any work on American ornithology. The three works together include illustrations of very nearly all the known birds of North America. A few species only are wanting, chiefly of Russian America and other remote localities, of which no specimens are preserved in American museums. All are carefully described, however, in the preceding volume.

The original specimens of a large majority of the species figured in the present volume are in the museum of the Smithsonian Institution, and have been described and figured by permission of the Secretary. The collections of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and of the Boston Natural History Society, have also furnished valuable and interesting types for the same purpose, kindly placed at our disposal.

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General appearance that of *S. nebulosum*. Prevailing color light liver brown, each short feather with two transverse bars of white, the basal one tinged with rufous yellow; the subterminal pure white and not generally extending to the edges of the feathers. These bars have a marginal suffusion of brown darker than the ground color. On the top of the head and neck the subterminal bar exhibits a tendency to contraction into rounded or cordate spots, and in other places to a median

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Length of male 18 inches; extent 40; wing 13; tail $8\frac{1}{2}$; tarsus about 2.

This species, with a general resemblance to the *Syrnium nebulosum*, is of rather smaller size, and readily distinguished by the entire absence of any of the longitudinal brown stripes so conspicuous on the belly, flanks, and lower tail coverts of the latter species; these regions being barred transversely with white and brown. The white bars on the feathers are much less continuous and regular, and on the neck and head are restricted to rounded spots instead of forming regular zones. The under wing coverts are banded transversely instead of being uniform yellowish white. The bill is less pure yellow.

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† *Ibis guaranae*, SHAW.—This species differs from *Ibis ordii*, in longer legs, and an entire absence of chestnut red, which is replaced by bronzed green. No specimens in the Smithsonian collection show any gloss on the head and neck.

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PODICEPS OCCIDENTALIS.

SCREECH OWL

1. TROGON MEXICANUS (Male) Under View of a Tail of different Specimen

1 PICUS SCALARIS 2 PICUS LUTICAPILLATUS

Fig 1

Fig 2.

1. ♂ THE LANCEBOWED PLATYGEROUS 2. Female
3. PROTHINUS ALEXANDRI Male

CHORDEILES TEXENSIS.

CERYLE AMERICANA — 1 Adult — 2. Young

MOMOTUS COERULEICEPS.

1	PACHYRHAMPHUS ACAIAN	Male
2	BATIMIDIURUS MAJOR	Female
3	MACHUS LAWRENCII	Female

TYRANNUS VOCIFERANS.

1. TYRANNUS COUCHII. 2. TYRANNUS MELANCHOLICUS, Tail.
3. EMPIDONAX OBSCURUS.

TOZOSTOMA FLAVIVENTRIS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Vieillot.

TELSTOMA CURVIROSTRIS

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TOXOSTOMA LONGIROSTRIS.

1 LOPHOPHANES WOLLWEBERI 2 AEGITHALUS FLAVICEPS 3 PSALTRIAPUS MELANOTIC

1 SPIZELLA ATRIGULARIS
2 EMBERNAGRA RUFIVIRGATA

SP. CYANOLIXIA. PARVIFRONS. Male. * SP. CYANOLIXIA. PARVIFRONS. Male.

FIG. 1

FIG. 2

TICTERUS PARISORUM. 2 TICTERUS WAGLERI.

QUISCALUS MACROURUS.

MYANOCITTA WOODHOUSEI

1 CYANOCITTA SORDIDA — 2 CYANOCITTA ULTRAMARINA, a Bill, b. Tail

COLUMBA FLAVIROSTRIS

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1. DENDROCYGNA FULVA. 2. D. AUTUMNALIS.

ASTURINA NITIDA 1. Adult 2. Young

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2. 3/4 in.

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GRACULUS MEXICANUS.

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