SAY'S FLYCATCHER.

† MUSCICAPA SAYA, *Bonap.*

PLATE LIX.—MALE AND FEMALE.

This species was first discovered by TITIAN PEALE, Esq. of Philadelphia, and named after Mr. THOMAS SAY by BONAPARTE, who described and figured it in his continuation of WILSON'S American Ornithology. It appears to range over a very extensive portion of country, lying between Mexico and the settlements of the British Fur Companies, a pair having been procured at Carlton House, as mentioned by Dr. RICHARDSON. Little is yet known of the habits of this species, but it would seem, from Mr. NUTTALL'S remarks, to be a rupestrine Flycatcher, and not strictly arboreal, as supposed by Mr. SWAINSON.

"We first observed this bird," says Mr. NUTTALL, "in our route westward, about the 14th of June, within the first range of the Rocky Mountains called the Black Hills, and in the vicinity of that northern branch of the Platte known by the name of Larimie's Fork. At the time, we saw a pair perched as usual on masses of rocks, from which, like the Pewee, though occasionally alighted, they flew after passing insects, without uttering any note that we heard; and from their predilection, it is probable they inhabit among broken hills and barren rocks, where we have scarcely a doubt, from their behaviour, they had at this time a brood in a nest among these granite cliffs. They appeared very timorous on our approach, and seemed very limited in their range. Except among the Blue Mountains of the Columbia, we scarcely ever saw them again. Their manners appear to be very much like those of the Common Pewee; but they are much more silent and shy."

SAY'S FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa Saya*, Bonap. Amer. Orn., vol. i. p. 20.

MUSCICAPA SAYA, Bonap. Syn., p. 67.

TYRANNULA SAYA, Swains. and Rich. F. Bor. Amer., vol. ii. p. 142.

SAY'S FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa Saya*, Nutt. Man., vol. i. p. 277.

SAY'S FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa Saya*, Aud. Orn. Biog., vol. iv. p. 428.

Third quill longest, second and fourth scarcely shorter, first a little longer than sixth; tail very slightly emarginate; upper parts greyish-brown; upper tail-coverts and tail brownish-black; wings of a darker tint than the back, the feathers margined with brownish-white; a dusky spot before the eye;

fore part and sides of neck light greyish-brown, shaded with pale brownish-red on the breast and abdomen; lower wing-coverts reddish-white.

Male, 7, wing $4\frac{2}{12}$.

Arkansas. Columbia River. Fur Countries. Never seen along the Atlantic. Abundant. Migratory.

ROCKY-MOUNTAIN FLYCATCHER.

†MUSCICAPA NIGRICANS, *Swains.*

PLATE LX.—MALE.

The only specimen of this Flycatcher in my possession was given to me by my esteemed friend THOMAS NUTTALL, Esq., who procured it in North California, but was unable to give me any account of its habits. It has been briefly characterized by Mr. SWAINSON in his Synopsis of the Birds of Mexico.

TYRANNULA NIGRICANS, Swains. Syn. of Mex. Birds, Phil. Mag. N. S., vol. i. p. 367.

ROCKY-MOUNTAIN FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa nigricans*, Aud. Orn. Biog., vol. v. p. 302.

Third quill longest, second and fourth a little shorter, first and sixth about equal; tail very slightly emarginate; head, hind neck, fore part of back, fore neck, a portion of the head, and sides, dark sooty-brown; the rest of the upper parts greyish-brown; secondary coverts tipped, and secondaries margined with greyish-white, of which colour is the greater part of the outer web of the lateral tail-feathers; middle of breast, abdomen, and lower tail-coverts white; lower wing-coverts greyish-brown, edged with white.

Male, 7, wing $3\frac{7}{12}$.

Mexico and California. Rare. Migratory.

SWAMP OAK.

QUERCUS AQUATICA, WATER OAK, *Mich. Arb. Forest.*, vol. ii. p. 90, Pl. 17.—MONECIA POLYANDRIA, *Linn.*—AMENTACEÆ, *Juss.*

Leaves oblongo-cuneate, tapering at the base, rounded or apiculate, sometimes three-lobed.

Say's Flycatcher.

1. Male 2. Female.

Audubon, John James. 1840. "Say's Flycatcher, *Muscicapa saya*, Bonap. [Pl. 59]." *The birds of America : from drawings made in the United States and their territories* 1, 217–218. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.319172>.

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