GENUS III.—PTILOGONYS, *Swains.* PTILOGONYS.

Bill short, rather strong, somewhat triangular, depressed at the base, a little compressed at the end; upper mandible with the dorsal line convex at the end, the nasal groove wide, the sides convex toward the end, with a distinct notch, the tip short, rather obtuse; lower mandible with the angle rather long and wide, the dorsal line ascending and convex, the sides convex toward the end, the tip small, with a slight notch behind. Nostrils linear, oblong, partially concealed by the feathers. Head ovato-oblong; neck rather short; body slender. Feet short, and rather slender; tarsus shorter than the middle toe with its claw, compressed, covered anteriorly with a long plate and three inferior scutella; toes free, the outer only adherent at the base; hind toe rather large, stouter, outer a little longer than inner; claws moderate, arched, much compressed, laterally grooved, acute. Plumage soft and blended; slight bristles at the base of the upper mandible, and the feathers in the angle of the lower jaw bristle-tipped and curved forward. Wings long, rounded; first quill very small, fourth longest. Tail very long, straight, emarginate, and rounded, of twelve feathers.

This genus seems to connect the Thrushes with the Flycatchers.

TOWNSEND'S PTILOGONYS.

+PTILOGONYS TOWNSENDI, *Aud.*

PLATE LXIX.—FEMALE.

The only individual of this species that I have ever seen is a female, which was shot near the Columbia River, and kindly transmitted to me by my friend Mr. TOWNSEND, after whom, not finding any description of it, I have named it. The genus, which was instituted by Mr. SWAINSON, is very remarkable, combining, as it appears to me, the characters of some of the Flycatchers and Thrushes.

TOWNSEND'S PTILOGONYS, *Ptilogonys Townsendi*, Aud. Orn. Biog., vol. v. p. 206.

General colour dull brownish-grey; quills and coverts dusky brown; edge of wing dull white; basal part of primaries pale yellow, of secondaries ochre-

yellow; edges of all the quills dull greyish-white; secondaries with a faint patch of light brownish-grey on the outer web toward the end; middle tail-feathers greyish-brown, the rest blackish-brown, the outer with an oblique white space, including, from the tip, a considerable portion of the inner web, and more than two-thirds of the outer; the next with a white patch at the end; lower parts paler than the upper; lower tail and wing-coverts broadly tipped with dull white, some of the inner wing-coverts white.

Female, $8\frac{1}{4}$, wing, $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Columbia River.

GENUS IV.—CULICIVORA, *Swains.* GNAT-CATCHER.

Bill of moderate length, depressed at the base, rapidly attenuated, becoming very slender toward the end; upper mandible with the ridge distinct, the tip extremely narrow and deflected, the edges overlapping, the notch distinct, but very small; lower mandible with the angle of moderate length, the ridge narrowed toward the end, the edges inclinate, the tip acute. Nostrils oblong, exposed. Head ovate; neck short; body slender. Feet of moderate length, tarsus longer than the middle toe, extremely slender, with the upper scutella indistinct; toes very small, extremely compressed; hind toe proportionally very large; outer adherent at the base. Claws well arched, extremely compressed, laterally grooved, acute. Plumage very soft and blended. Wings of moderate length, concave; the first quill about a third of the length of the second, fourth longest, third and fifth little shorter. Tail long, slender, much rounded.

THE BLUE-GREY FLYCATCHER.

† CULICIVORA CERULEA, *Lath.*

PLATE LXX.—MALE AND FEMALE.

This diminutive lively bird is rendered peculiarly conspicuous by its being frequently the nurse or foster-parent of the young Cow Bunting, the real mother of which drops her egg in its nest. A few individuals of this species remain in Louisiana during spring and summer, and breed there; but the

Townsend's Ptilogenys.
Female.

Audubon, John James. 1840. "Townsend's Ptilogonys, Ptilogonys townsendi, Aud. [Pl. 69]." *The birds of America : from drawings made in the United States and their territories* 1, 243–244. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.319182>.

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