

Plumage soft and blended, the feathers somewhat distinct on the back and wings. Wing long, pointed, the second quill longest, the first nearly equal; the second, third, and fourth primaries attenuated on the outer web toward the end. Tail rather long, deeply emarginate.

Bill dusky, lower mandible yellow toward the base. Feet and claws reddish-brown. The upper part and sides of the head are deep black, with three bands of white on each side, one extending from the base of the upper mandible, over the eye, and along the side of the neck; another passing under the eye and over the ear; the third bordering the throat. There is also a brownish-white patch on the nape. A band across the hind neck and fore part of the back and all the lower parts buffy-orange. The feathers on the upper parts of the body blackish-brown, edged with light brown; the quills and their coverts brownish-black, edged with pale brownish-red; the first row of large coverts black, margined with white, the next two rows white, the rest of the small coverts brownish-black. The tail-feathers are brownish-black, margined with pale greyish-brown, excepting the two outer on each side, which are white, margined externally towards the tips and along the inner webs with brown.

Length to end of tail $6\frac{2}{12}$ inches; bill along the ridge $\frac{5\frac{1}{2}}{12}$; wing from flexure $3\frac{1}{4}$; tail $2\frac{1}{4}$; tarsus $\frac{10\frac{1}{2}}{12}$; hind toe $\frac{3\frac{1}{2}}{12}$, its claw $\frac{6}{12}$; middle toe $\frac{7}{12}$, its claw $\frac{3}{12}$.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LARK-BUNTING.

† PLECTROPHANES ORNATUS, *Towns.*

PLATE CLIV.—MALE.

Mr. TOWNSEND procured a single male of this new species, respecting which he has sent me the following notice. "It is by no means a common bird; keeps in pairs, and appears to live exclusively upon the ground; is remarkably shy, and although I saw the female several times, I was unable to procure it."

PLECTROPHANES ORNATA, *Chestnut-collared Lark-Finch*, Towns., Jour. Acad. Nat. Sc. Philadelphia, vol. vii. p. 189.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LARK-BUNTING, *Emberiza ornata*, Aud. Orn. Biog., vol. v. p. 44.

Adult Male in spring.

Bill short, conical, pointed; upper mandible with the dorsal line almost straight, the sides convex, the edges a little inflected, the tip slightly declinate; lower mandible with the angle short and rounded, the dorsal line ascending and very slightly convex, the edges inflected, the tip acute; the gape-line ascends a short way at first, and is afterwards nearly straight, and there is a small narrow prominence on the palate.

Head of moderate size, ovate; neck short; body full. Feet of moderate size; tarsus compressed, covered anteriorly with seven scutella, behind with two longitudinal plates meeting so as to form a very thin edge; hind toe stout, lateral toes nearly equal; claws long, slender, compressed, little curved, that of the hind toe elongated.

Plumage soft, full, blended, on the back somewhat compact. Wings rather long and pointed, the first quill longest; tail rather long, nearly even.

Bill yellow, with the tips dusky. Feet and claws yellowish flesh-colour. The upper part of the head, a streak and some spots behind the ear, and the breast, black; a broad band over the eye, the throat and sides of the neck, the abdomen, lower tail-coverts, and three lateral tail-feathers white, the latter edged externally with dusky. There is a broad transverse band of yellowish-red on the hind neck; the upper parts are yellowish-grey, the feathers dusky in the centre; the quills and larger coverts dusky, with yellowish-grey margins, as are the four middle tail-feathers.

Length to end of tail $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches; bill along the ridge $\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{12}$; wing from flexure $3\frac{2}{12}$; tail $1\frac{10}{12}$; tarsus $\frac{11}{12}$; hind toe $\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{12}$, its claw $\frac{5}{12}$.



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Chesnut-collared Lark-Bunting.

Male.



Audubon, John James. 1841. "Chestnut-Collared Lark-Bunting, *Plectrophanes ornatus*, Towns. [Pl. 154]." *The birds of America : from drawings made in the United States and their territories* 3, 53–54. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.319267>.

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