A NEW GENUS OF TYRANT-FLYCATCHERS.
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The genus Cnemotriccus Hellmayr (Empidochanes auct. nec Sclater) as currently understood is a far from homogeneous group. The genotype, C. fuscatus (Wied), is very close to the South American members of Empidonax Cabanis, and in fact the three species Cnemotriccus fuscatus, Empidonax euleri (Cabanis), and E. lawrencei Allen have been so thoroughly confused in the literature that an actual examination of specimens is often necessary in order to ascertain which form an author had in mind. Structurally fuscatus is separable from Empidonax only by longer tail and more rounded wing. These differences are practically bridged, however, by Empidonax griseipectus Lawrence, a species which more than once has been referred to Cnemotriccus.

On the other hand "Cnemotriccus" poecilurus (Sclater) is a very different bird with no close allies. Although by no means a believer in extreme generic refinement, still I feel that the relationships are obscured by the present arrangement and accordingly propose

Eumyiobius, gen. nov.

Type and only included species, Empidochanes poecilurus Sclater.

Differs from Cnemotriccus Hellmayr in less rounded wing (tenth primary equal to second, instead of shorter than secondaries; ninth primary longer, instead of shorter, than fifth; wing tip equal to, instead of 75% of, middle toe with claw); tail much shorter (80% of wing, instead of 95% and rounded (instead of slightly double-rounded); longer middle toe (60% of tarsus, instead of 50%); and more strongly curved claws.

Style of coloration quite different (no supraorbital stripe; tail bicolored).


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